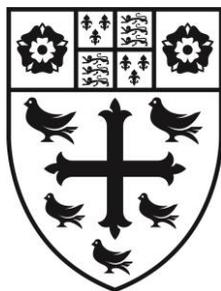


Westminster Abbey



A Service of Thanksgiving
to celebrate the 300th anniversary
of Westminster Hospital



Chelsea and Westminster Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust

Thursday 23rd May 2019
Noon

HISTORICAL NOTE

On 14th January 1716, four men met at St Dunstan's Coffee House on Fleet Street. It was at this momentous meeting that the Charitable Proposal for Relieving the Sick and Needy and Other Distressed Persons was drawn up, setting in motion a series of events that lead to the creation of the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital as we know it today.

These four men were Mr Henry Hoare, a banker, Mr William Wogan, a writer on religious subjects, Mr Robert Witham, a wine merchant, and The Reverend Patrick Cockburn, Curate Emeritus of St Dunstan's Church. Mr Hoare and his fellow founders contributed their own money to provide relief, care, necessities, and company for the sick poor.

In 1719 the Trustees and Managers of the Charity for Relieving the Sick and Needy, a new incarnation of the society comprised of twelve men, met at the same St Dunstan's Coffee House. In the coming years, the trustees rented a house in Petty France, Pimlico, which became the Society's first infirmary: the first hospital to be formed since the Reformation and the first charitable funded hospital in the world. By 1724, the 18-bed infirmary had become inadequate and a larger property was found in Chappell Street, which later became The Broadway.

The hospital relocated to Castle Lane in 1735, creating the Establishment for Incurables. The opening of Westminster Bridge in 1750 saw an increase in injuries resulting from road accidents which led to an early form of Accident and Emergency being created. In 1770 a new sign designated the hospital Westminster Hospital for Sick and Lame Patients, and by 1767 proposals were put forward to build a dedicated operating room.

By 1833 the first new-build Westminster Hospital was completed, described as a dignified building in the centre of Westminster. The hospital admitted more than 1,000 in-patients each year and eventually incorporated the Medical School and an operating 'theatre' where students and visitors could watch procedures.

In 1847, the infamous surgeon, Hale Thompson, performed the first operation under general anaesthetic.

Westminster surgeons performed the first operations using new antiseptic methods in 1877.

During the First World War, Westminster Hospital offered beds, trained nurses, and pathologists, but by the end of the war, much of the hospital building was dilapidated. In 1939, a new site on both sides of St John's Gardens in Westminster was eventually opened. Unfortunately, there was little time for the hospital to settle into its new home, as the Second World War called upon its services. Some 600 major injuries and 600 less severely injured patients were treated between September 1940 and May 1941. The hospital was hit by three bombs during the war but, remarkably, there were no resulting casualties.

In 1946 the Infants' Hospital became part of Westminster Hospital, renamed The Westminster Children's Hospital. The passing of the National Health Service Act in 1948, making healthcare free at the point of entry from cradle to the grave, led to the creation of the Westminster group of hospitals.

In 1960 the Westminster Governors acquired Queen Mary's Hospital, famous for its treatment of injured and limbless soldiers in the First World War, which became a centre for burns treatment, limb-fitting, and plastic surgery before it closed at the beginning of the Millennium.

The last Westminster Hospital closed its doors in 1992, and the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital we know today opened on Fulham Road in 1993, bringing together the services of Westminster Hospital, Westminster Children's Hospital, St Stephen's Hospital, and St Mary Abbot's Hospital. The new space was designed to incorporate art installations, with a large atrium to remove the enclosed corridors of traditional hospitals. In 2014 the Chelsea Children's Hospital was officially opened, and in 2015, the West Middlesex University Hospital joined to create the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. Today, the

hospital employs 6,000 staff caring for nearly one million people, has some of the best facilities in the country, and was consistently ranked the top performing Trust in the UK throughout 2018.

Gifts from generous donors continue to play an important role in helping our hospitals and clinics provide better care and experience for our patients and their families. CW+, the Trust's charity, is fortunate and grateful to have an active and engaged community of charitable supporters, many of whom have a personal connection to our services. It is thanks to this help and generosity that the Trust is able to deliver a wide range of programmes that are above and beyond what might otherwise be possible in an NHS setting. Find out more at www.cwplus.org.uk.

adapted from A Brief History of Westminster Hospital Tercentenary 1719–2019
Professor Paul Aichroth
Alumnus of Westminster Medical School,
University of London, and Imperial College

A NOTE ABOUT THE MUSIC

In the latter part of the 18th century, subscriptions and receipts to the Westminster Hospital for Sick and Lame Patients began to decrease. The popular appeal of Handel's music at this time, coinciding with the centenary of his birth, meant the hospital was able to arrange musical concerts in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, and received one third of the concert's proceeds, raising much-needed funds to continue to treat patients. To mark the popularity of these concerts, some of Handel's music has been included in today's service.

Performing arts are an integral part of the patient experience at the Trust hospitals today, creating a healing environment which can improve patient experience and clinical outcomes. The Trust's charity, CW+, brings live music, dance, theatre performances, and workshops to the wards every day, to help improve social inclusion, auditory and verbal memory, mood, and visual awareness.



*Westminster Hospital in 1840 in Broad Sanctuary,
opposite Westminster Abbey*



Chelsea and Westminster Hospital today, on Fulham Road



A staff nurse and two student nurses, Westminster Hospital, 1963

The church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn the hearing aid to the setting marked T.

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to refrain from using private cameras, video, or sound recording equipment. Please ensure that mobile telephones and other electronic devices are switched off.

The service is conducted by The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster.

The service is sung by the Special Service Choir of Westminster Abbey, directed by Peter Holder, Sub-Organist.

The organ is played by Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist.

Before the service, Alexander Hamilton, Organ Scholar, plays

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| <i>from Venus and Adonis</i> | <i>John Blow (1649–1708)</i> |
| i. Overture | <i>arranged by Alexander Hamilton</i> |
| ii. The Act Tune (Act II) | <i>(b 1996)</i> |
| iii. A Dance of Cupids | |
| iv. The Graces' Dance | |

Ensemble Hesperii plays

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| <i>Concerto Grosso Op 3 no 4 HWV 315</i> | <i>George Frideric Handel</i> |
| <i>Concerto Grosso Op 3 no 3 HWV 314</i> | <i>(1685–1759)</i> |

The Singing Staff of Chelwest, directed by Jonathan Eyre, sings

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| <i>Sing</i> | <i>Andrew Lloyd Webber (b 1948)</i> |
| | <i>Gary Barlow (b 1971)</i> |

The Organ Scholar plays

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| <i>Allegretto and Folk tune</i> | <i>Percy Whitlock (1903–46)</i> |
| <i>from Five Short Pieces</i> | |

The Deputy Lieutenant for Westminster, Dr Paul Knapman DL, representing Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and he is conducted to his seat.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand. The choir sings

THE INTROIT

O TASTE and see how gracious the Lord is;
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Psalm 34: 8

All sing

THE HYMN



PRAISE to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew
all the Almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease,
turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

Lobe den Herren 440 NEH
Praxis pietatis melica 1668

Joachim Neander (1650–80)
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–78)

THE PROCESSION

*during the Hymn, the following are brought forward
and presented to the Dean at the High Altar*

The Westminster Hospital banner

one side of the banner, signifying Westminster Hospital, incorporates the City of Westminster and Westminster Abbey coats of arms, and the other side shows the Bambino emblem of a baby wrapped in cloth, signifying the Westminster Children's Hospital.

carried by Martin Lewis, Former Senior Nurse Manager and Lead Governor, Westminster Hospital Westminster Children's Hospital and Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, accompanied by Mary Neiland, former Directorate Manager of Anaesthetics and Imaging, Westminster Hospital and Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, and Dr D J Richard Morgan, Consultant Physician, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, and Lecturer, Westminster Medical School 1984, Senior Lecturer Charing Cross, and Westminster Medical School, Imperial College, 1988 until present

The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust banner

hand-embroidered to mark the 300th anniversary of the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, incorporating elements of the original Westminster Hospital banner and the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust logo.

carried by Dr Gary Davies, Clinical Director of Acute Services, Consultant Respiratory and Acute Medicine Physician, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, and Wing Commander, Royal Air Force, accompanied by Vanessa Sloane, Degree Nurse Student 1987–1991, Westminster Hospital and Director of Nursing, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, and Sam Dalton, founding member of the Youth Forum, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

The Bowl of Oranges

signifying Kelly's Orange, which was wrapped in commemorative paper and given to every in-patient at Westminster Hospital in 1970, to honour the 250th anniversary of the admission of the first in-patient, John Kelly. Mr Kelly was admitted in 1720 with 'Evil in his joints and scurvy' and one month later was cured by the Society's first physician, ex-mariner Dr Alexander Stuart.

carried by Sandra Easton, Chief Financial Officer, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, accompanied by Julia Anderson, Former Administrator, Westminster Medical School, Anne Dede, Ward Sister, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, and Jencil Austin, Maternity Support Worker, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

The Dean gives

THE BIDDING

WE gather here in Westminster Abbey, near to the site of the former Westminster Hospital, to celebrate the first hospital to be formed since the Reformation and the first voluntary hospital in the world.

We give thanks for the original founders and benefactors and for the constant change and development over the past three hundred years that has led to the formation of the current Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in the Fulham Road.

We pray for the continuous discovery of new and better ways of promoting health and healing and for all who suffer illness or disability of any kind.

We have placed on the altar symbols of the history of the hospital and of its current reality. With them, we offer to almighty God our prayers for the hospital, for its nursing and medical staff, and for all who support the work of healing and caring.

All sit for

THE TESTIMONIES

by

Dr Thomas Newsom-Davis

Consultant in Medical Oncology

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

and

Angela Henderson

Patient Governor, patient, and supporter

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Alexander Hoare, descendent of Mr Henry Hoare, founder of Westminster Hospital, reads

THE FIRST READING

HONOUR physicians for their services,
for the Lord created them;
for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,
and they are rewarded by the king.
The skill of physicians makes them distinguished,
and in the presence of the great they are admired.
The Lord created medicines out of the earth,
and the sensible will not despise them.
Was not water made sweet with a tree
in order that its power might be known?
And he gave skill to human beings
that he might be glorified in his marvellous works.
By them the physician heals and takes away pain;
the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.
God's works will never be finished;
and from him health spreads over all the earth.

Ecclesiasticus 38: 1–8

The choir sings

THE PSALM

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul :
and all that is within me praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul :
and forget not all his benefits.
Who forgiveth all thy sin :
and healeth all thine infirmities.
Who saveth thy life from destruction :
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
who satisfieth thy mouth with good things :
making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement :
for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
He shewed his ways unto Moses :
his works unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy :
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
He will not always be chiding :
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
He hath not dealt with us after our sins :
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth :
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
Look how wide also the east is from the west :
so far hath he set our sins from us.
Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children :
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
For he knoweth whereof we are made :
he remembereth that we are but dust.
The days of man are but as grass :
for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone :
and the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord
endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him :
and his righteousness upon children's children;
even upon such as keep his covenant :
and think upon his commandments to do them.
The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven :
and his kingdom ruleth over all.
O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength :
ye that fulfil his commandment,
and hearken unto the voice of his words.
O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts :
ye servants of his that do his pleasure.
O speak good of the Lord,
all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion :
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Lesley Watts, Chief Executive, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, reads

THE SECOND READING

ON another sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come and stand here.' He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, 'I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?' After looking around at all of them, he said to him, 'Stretch out your hand.' He did so, and his hand was restored.

St Luke 6: 6–10

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



I VOW to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

*Thaxted 295 AMNS
from Jupiter in The Planets
Gustav Holst (1874–1934)*

Cecil Spring-Rice (1859–1918)

All sit for

THE ADDRESS

by

The Dean

The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

HIS yoke is easy,
and his burden is light.

*George Frideric Handel
from Messiah*

St Matthew 11: 30

The Reverend Christopher Stoltz, Minor Canon and Precentor, introduces

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray.

All kneel or remain seated.

*Zoe Penn, Medical Director, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS
Foundation Trust, says*

FOR the gifts of life, love, and service, and for their flourishing
within the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital over the past
300 years; for the vision and inspiration of those who founded the
hospital; and for all who continue faithfully to serve it;

let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Rob Hodgkiss, Chief Operating Officer, Chelsea and Westminster
Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, says*

FOR the National Health Service and for its commitment to
improving the well-being of all people; for all who lead and
support it; for those within government and industry who work
to strengthen its care; and for those whose skill, patience, and
loyalty bring healing and wellness to many;

let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Dr Sophia Cavill, Acute Medical Registrar, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, says

FOR all who are unwell; for those living with chronic illness and those nearing death; for all suffering in mind, body, or spirit, for their families, carers, and all who provide emotional support; and for the work of chaplains and all who offer pastoral care to patients and staff;

let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Reverend Jane Sinclair, Canon in Residence, says

FOR the life and health of our nation; for Her Majesty The Queen and her government; for the work of Parliament and all public servants; and for the prosperity and peace of the many nations from which we who are gathered here today have come;

let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Reverend Bernard Hughes, former Chaplain at St Stephen's Hospital, St Mary Abbot's Hospital, Westminster Hospital, and Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, says

ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all kinds of sickness and disease among the people: continue, we beseech thee, this his gracious work among us, especially within the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital; cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick; grant to our physicians, surgeons, nurses, and staff, both wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing on all who labour to prevent suffering and to forward thy purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ward Prayer, Westminster Hospital

Professor Paul Aichroth, alumnus of Westminster Medical School, reads

WITHIN these walls, Pity will war with Death,
Conquer, and fail, and conquer yet again.

Here many a broken life will fight for breath.

Grave eyes will watch, and hearts grow numb with pain;
Till the new hope that makes the eyes grow blind

Breathes, and the long suspense breaks down in tears;
And quiet skill, content to serve its kind,

Turn to new conflicts, through uncounted years.

Here Knowledge like a heavenly lamp shall shine;

And wondering children's faces, peaked and wise,
Look up at kindly faces, and divine

The unchanging love that looks through changing eyes.
For Love that left high heaven to dwell with men

Looks, through men's eyes, on His own children, then.

Westminster Hospital, 1923

Alfred Noyes (1880–1958)

The Precentor concludes

Confident of the time when all things shall be made new in Christ,
let us pray in the words he has given us:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

All sit for

A REFLECTION

by

Sir Thomas Hughes-Hallett DL

Chairman, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Praise, my soul 436 NEH
John Goss (1800–80)

Henry Lyte (1793–1847)
after Psalm 103

The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

GO forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no-one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

All remain standing as the choir and clergy move to the west end of the church.

Music after the service

Overture *George Frideric Handel*
from Music for the Royal Fireworks

The bells of the Abbey Church are rung

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to remain in their seats until directed to move by the Honorary Stewards