

Westminster Abbey



A Service of Thanksgiving
to mark over £100 million raised
for good causes by the
BENEFACT family



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Wednesday 8th June
3.00 pm

A MESSAGE FROM MARK HEWS, BENEFACT GROUP CEO

MANY thanks for joining us at this very special Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate our collective achievement of giving over £100 million to charities all over the world. A special thank you to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales for kindly attending today's service, here representing his Foundation, a fantastic cause we are delighted to have supported over the years.

If you are sharing this time with us, it is because you have, in some way, contributed to our success, either directly (perhaps as a customer, business partner or colleague) or indirectly (as someone who has nominated a charity, given time as a volunteer, or supported a family member of one of our businesses or colleagues). In doing so, *you* have played a part in helping us reach our giving target, and thereby helped improve the lives of so many in need.

For a venue to mark this occasion, we could think of no better place than Westminster Abbey, one of our most precious and prestigious clients, right at the heart of our Nation's story. We were founded in 1887, the year of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee and in some small way, we have played our part in great Abbey events over the years, including insuring the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, now celebrating her Platinum Jubilee. Indeed we open our service today with Parry's glorious anthem "I Was Glad", the first piece to be played at the Coronation itself!

As well as hearing uplifting music from the Kingdom Choir, Psalm 100 will be sung by the Abbey Special Services Choir and we hope you will enjoy a light-hearted interlude celebrating the wonderful Cathedrals which we are proud to protect, along with most parish churches in the UK.

A Reflection : "When" and "Why"

Many of you know the thought-provoking quote: "There are two critical days in your life. The first is *when* you were born. The second is when you find out *why*." For Ecclesiastical, our original "when" occurred 135 years ago, and we have recently launched our new Group brand, Benefact, to reflect the breadth of our current-day business and to provide new life and momentum into our activities.

Our “why” is altogether more interesting.

For many financial service companies, the “why” is to make as much money as possible.

In contrast, the Benefact family, thanks to its clergy founders, has a very different culture and values. We are not driven by *making as much money as possible*. We are driven by *how much money we can give away*.

This gives us real purpose. It is a clear and compelling “why”. It is something that motivates each of us to give of our best, to provide outstanding, trusted service, to truly care for our customers, to support each other, and to grow our Group family so we can give back even more.

In today’s Service, you will hear from just *two of over ten thousand* charities that have been supported over recent years by the Benefact Group and our wonderful owners, the Benefact Trust. Hearing how we are making such a difference, makes us feel humbled, moved and inspired.

On behalf of our many beneficiaries, I say a heartfelt “thank you” to everyone who has supported us and made this extraordinary achievement possible. You are amazing, brilliant, kind and caring and put simply, you have, and are, transforming lives.

Looking Forward

With your support, the Benefact Group has now grown to become one of the largest corporate donors to charity in the UK. But having seen first-hand the life-changing work of the charities around us, and taking inspiration from the *Parable of the Good Samaritan*, we would like to go further and hold out a hand to many, many more.

As we celebrate and give thanks today, we therefore invite others to join us on our journey. We invite you to spread the word, join our Movement for Good and, in doing so, help change lives for the better.

Let us go forward together with that “why”, that purpose, firmly anchored in our hearts and minds. Individually, we can all make a difference. Together, we can make miracles.

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

The service is conducted by The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle MBE, Dean of Westminster.

The service is sung by the Westminster Abbey Special Service Choir, conducted by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Peter Holder, Sub-Organist.

The Kingdom Choir is directed by Karen Gibson MBE.

The Seraphim Trumpets are directed by Oliver Preece.

Before the service, Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist plays

Prelude and Fugue in G major BWV 541 *Johann Sebastian Bach*
(1685–1750)

Andante espressivo *Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*
from Sonata in G Op 28

Rhosymedre *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

Andante allegro *George Frideric Handel*
from Organ Concerto Op 4 no 6 (1685–1759)

The band plays

Four Dances *Paul Peuerl (1570–1625)*

Providebam Dominum *Orlando de Lassus (1532–94)*

Three Dances *Claude Gervaise (1525–83)*

The organist plays

Crown Imperial *William Walton (1902–83)*
arranged by Herbert Murrill (1909–52)

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Flags of Member Companies of the Benefact Group are processed through the Abbey and placed in the Sacrarium:

EdenTree, carried by Leonora Rae and escorted by Jayheen Patel and Kourosh Eslami

Ansvar Australia, carried by Warren Hutcheon and escorted by Nick Brierley and Mark Bennett

Ansvar UK, carried by Adam Tier, escorted by Sarah Cox and Duncan Tuffrey

Lloyd & Whyte, carried by Julie Comer, escorted by Matthew Pyke and Claire Harris

Ecclesiastical UK, carried by Kevin Thomas, escorted by Neil Woodhead and Paul Humphris

Lycetts, carried by Michael Spoelma, escorted by Jessica Grimble and Bailey Pittaway

SEIB, carried by Kerry Lindsay, escorted by Janine Doherty and Paul Wilson

EFAS, carried by Carol Gilbert, escorted by Kate Taylor and Wayne Townsend

EPSL, carried by Sophie Morris, escorted by Sarah Turner and Chris Clark

Ecclesiastical Ireland, carried by Scott Haynes, escorted by David Lane and Paul Collins

Ecclesiastical Canada, carried by Colin Robertson, escorted by David Huebel and Dave Smiley

MIC, carried by Marcus Booth, escorted by Dave Simms and Maria Hopkins

BIC, carried by Anne Bishop, escorted by Toni Lawson and James Entwisle

Attending Bishops and Deans process to places in the Sacrarium

The choir processes to places in Quire. All remain seated.

The High Sheriff of Greater London, Mrs Heather Phillips, is received by the Dean and Chapter. Presentations are made and she is conducted to her seat.

A fanfare is sounded. All stand.

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales is received by the Dean and Chapter.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The choir sings the Introit, during which the procession, together with HRH The Prince of Wales, moves to their places in the Sacrarium.

I WAS glad when they said unto me :
We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city : that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem :
they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy
palaces.

Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

Psalm 122: 1–3, 6–7

All 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.

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.

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

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.

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

Henry Lyte (1793–1847)
arranged Christopher Robinson (b 1936)

All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle, Dean of Westminster, gives the Bidding

WELCOME to Westminster Abbey; a sure place in a changing world, a place where communities gather to affirm their faith and their hope. Here, in confidence and celebration, we gather to celebrate the work of the Benefact Group and Trust and to honour their commitment to generous giving.

We gather after long months of living with a pandemic and conscious of aggression and suffering in Ukraine. We meet to affirm a common commitment to find a better ground for common action and reassert our determination to offer support where it is needed and compassion wherever there is need. In the midst of great challenges, gaining confidence from past achievement, we look with hope to all that lies ahead, seeking grace and wisdom as we work together for God's Kingdom.

Flags of the Benefact Group and Benefact Trust are processed through the Abbey, carried by Rachael Hall and Iain Hearn, accompanied by David Henderson, Chairman of the Benefact Group, and Tim Carroll, Chairman of the Benefact Trust, and are placed either side of the High Altar.

During the Procession of Flags, the Seraphim Trumpeters play

Heilig ist Gott, der Herr from Elijah Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)
arranged by Stanley Wolff (1916–2004)

The Dean says

Let us pray.

All remain standing

OLORD God, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same unto the end, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory; through him who for the finishing of thy work laid down his life, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer of Sir Francis Drake (1540–96)

All sit. Sally Randall, CEO and Founder of Abby's Heroes, a charity offering help and support to children and their families suffering from the impact of cancer, supported by the Benefact Group, gives a Testimonial

The Kingdom Choir sings Stand By Me

Jay Blades MBE, furniture restorer, sustainability advocate, ambassador for The Prince's Foundation and supporter of Read Easy UK, supported by the Benefact Group, gives a Testimonial

The Kingdom Choir sings Wonderful World

Ffion Jolly and Jon Edgley Bond, Fitzrovia Productions, perform Cathedral Builders, by John Ormond

The choir sings

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence
with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :

it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanks-giving,
and into his courts with praise :

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

*Jubilate Deo
Benjamin Britten (1913–76) in C*

Psalms 100

Dr Anna Keay OBE, historian, curator, author, broadcaster, and Director of The Landmark Trust, supported by the Benefact Group, reads

A CERTAIN lawyer stood up, and tempted Jesus, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Luke 10: 25–37

Thanks be to God

All stand to sing the Hymn



LOVE Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

All sit. The Very Reverend Jane Hedges, Acting Dean of Canterbury, gives the Address

The choir sings

FOR the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light,

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,

For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

John Rutter (b 1945)

Folliott Pierpoint (1835–1917)

The Reverend Mark Birch, Precentor, leads the Prayers

Let us pray to God our Creator, the giver of every perfect gift.

All kneel or sit.

Jacinta Whyte, Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer, Benefact Group says

LET us give thanks to God for his abundant grace, by which we celebrate all that has been achieved, and the goals that have been surpassed. Let us give thanks for the work of all beneficiaries over the years, and for every life that has been changed for the better.

Let us bless the Lord
hear our prayer.

The Venerable Karen Lund, Archdeacon of Manchester, and Benefact Trust Board Member, says

LET us pray for the Church and for her mission; for all churches represented among us today; for all that builds up our faith and inspires us to work for the common good; that, by faith, we may become the Good News we proclaim.

Lord, in your mercy
Thanks be to God.

The Reverend Paul Davis, Deputy Chairman, Methodist Insurance, and Benefact Trust Board Member, says

LET us pray for the life of this and every nation; for Her Majesty The Queen in her platinum jubilee year, and for all in authority; for all whose work brings hope to the marginalized, to those who suffer, and to all in need; that they may abound in hope, and be strengthened in their service.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Sir Stephen Lamport GCVO, Deputy High Bailiff, and Benefact Trust Board Member, says

LET us pray for our work, and in particular the work of the Benefact Group and Trust; that in our business and in our communities we may be guided by the royal law of love, and seek the good of our neighbours, both near and far.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Mark Hews, Group Chief Executive Officer, Benefact Group, says

LET us pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit; for wisdom, courage, and understanding; that we may be inspired and strengthened for the work ahead; to strive, by God's grace, for even greater good works, in the service of God's people and God's Kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The Venerable Tricia Hillas, Canon-in-Residence, concludes

Let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom, in the words our Saviour taught 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 stand to sing



NOW thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the One eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore. Amen.

Nun danket 413 NEH

Nun danket alle Gott Martin Rinkart (1586–1649)

in Johann Crüger's Praxis pietatis melica 1647 translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–78)

arranged Christopher Robinson

All remain standing. 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 sing

GOD save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save The Queen.

arranged by Gordon Jacob (1895–1984)

All remain standing as the procession, together with The Prince of Wales, moves to the west end of the church.

Music after the service

Grand chœur dialogué

Eugène Gigout (1844–1925)

arranged by Michel Rondeau (b 1948)

Toccata from Douze Pièces pour orgue

Théodore Dubois (1837–1924)

The bells of the Abbey are rung by the Westminster Abbey Company of Ringers, including Becca Meyer from the Benefact Group

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

ABOUT THE BENEFACT FAMILY

For us, life began in 1887 when our founders created a completely different type of business to protect parish churches from fire, hence our original name, Ecclesiastical.

From those modest beginnings, Ecclesiastical Insurance has grown to protect many of the community buildings around us – our homes, schools, churches, charities, places of work and more. Indeed, we are now trusted to protect the majority of the nation's iconic Grade I heritage buildings including Royal Palaces, World Heritage Sites, cathedrals, castles, theatres, museums, stately homes and fine art collections.

More recently, we have expanded further still. Today, as the newly branded Benefact Group, our portfolio covers over 30 award-winning, financial service companies including responsible and sustainable asset management and trusted broking and advisory services. Each business in our Group is a specialist in its field and we now have operations in the UK, Canada, Australia, and Ireland.

We stand apart from the crowd because we are owned by a charity, the Benefact Trust (previously known as Allchurches Trust). In effect, we see ourselves as a company held in trust for the good of society. It means that we have no need to make returns for corporate shareholders but instead, we can give away all available profits to good causes.

Our charitable ownership drives our values and culture in a way that many find difficult to grasp. It means we see our customers, clients, and investors as family, and we aim to care for them as such, by providing an outstanding service.

We're built on the idea that better business can better lives, and we are united by a shared ambition to have a lasting, positive impact on the communities we support. This has made the Benefact Group the fourth largest corporate donor in the UK, out of some 5.6 million businesses and, with your continuing support, we aim to be number one!

Together, we are building a Movement for Good.



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