

Westminster Abbey



A NATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE
SERVICE OF
CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING



Saturday 5th November 2016
Noon

THE CENTENARY OF THE CUB SCOUTS

The Cub section of the Scouts, originally called the Wolf cubs, was piloted in 1914 by Chief Scout Robert Baden-Powell, in an attempt to encourage younger boys (generally brothers of the Scouts) to be involved in the Scout Movement. Within a year, the section had grown to staggering 10,000 young people. After a two year trial, the first Cubmasters conference was held in June 1916, and the following month Lady Scoutmaster Vera Barclay, who established one of the first Cub packs in 1914, was appointed as Assistant Secretary for Cubs.

The finalised programme for 8–10 year old boys was launched at a special conference on 24th June 1916, by which time it had been themed around the *Jungle Book* written by Baden-Powell's friend and neighbour, Rudyard Kipling; the boys representing the cubs in the Mowgli stories, and the leaders being known by the names of the major characters. Each meeting was to start and finish with the 'Grand Howl', a ceremony in which the Cubs greeted Akela, the Pack's leader. Baden-Powell also wrote the Wolf Cub Handbook and Magazine, and on 16th December, a launch was held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, to commemorate its becoming a formally registered section of the Scouts.

In 1966, as part of a scheme to modernize the whole movement in the United Kingdom, *The Chief Scouts' Advance Party Report* recommended that the Cub section adopt the same salute as the rest of the association, and make a similar Promise. The name should change from "Wolf Cubs" to "Cub Scouts" and although the *Jungle Book* theme should be retained, less emphasis should be placed upon it, especially for older Cubs.

Today there are more than 150,000 Cubs taking part in a fun filled, active, adventurous, diverse programme, developing scouting skills, life skills, and their confidence, while working within their community to become valued members of their society.

2015 saw Cubs partaking in the Year of Adventure, where they chose to undertake activities adventurous to them. This initiative encouraged and challenged Cubs to try something new and exciting, while building their skill set and confidence. 2016 has seen Cubs take part in 'Takeover days' across the UK, where young people take over theme parks and animal enclosures, as well as pursuing 100 Challenges, Guinness world record attempts, Thanks Events, Adventure camps and much more.

On the 16th December 2016 at 7.16 pm, Cub Scouts across the UK will come together to take part in Promise parties, where they will renew their Promise. This will be a momentous moment, uniting all Cubs nationwide, dedicating ourselves to leading the section into its next hundred years.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Following the death of The Chief Scout of the World, The Lord Baden-Powell OM GCMG GCVO KCB DL, in 1941, a memorial stone was unveiled in Westminster Abbey on 23rd April 1947. From then until 1955, Scouting Headquarters staff and some members held an annual wreathlaying and a small service in the Abbey. In 1957, the centenary of Baden-Powell's birth, the service was attended by members of the Royal Family. In years thereafter it was referred to as a Service of Thanksgiving, and became a much bigger celebration.

From 1959 onwards, the service was held on the nearest Saturday to 22nd February and from 1978, following the death of Lady Baden-Powell GBE the previous year, this annual service changed in style and name to a joint celebration of Thinking Day and Founder's Day. In 1981, a memorial was dedicated to Lord and Lady Baden-Powell in Westminster Abbey. In 2011, the arrangements for the service were reviewed and changed in the light of increasing local opportunities to celebrate these special occasions. The current arrangement nevertheless maintains the tradition of the annual service at Westminster Abbey, now known as the National Scout and Guide Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving and focuses on thanking the adult volunteer leaders and supporters for their service and dedication.



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THE CENTENARY OF THE SENIOR SECTION

Formed in 1916, seven years after the Guide Association itself, the Senior Section, then known as Senior Guides, was originally designed for girls aged sixteen and seventeen who wanted to continue their guiding experience. While they wore the same uniform as Guides, they had a dedicated red promise badge. They were renamed as Rangers in 1920, to show a distinction between them and the Guide section.

The Senior Section has changed quite a lot over the years, but currently support Girlguiding members aged 14–25. Members of The Senior Section take part in a varied programme and can also complete challenging awards such as the Look Wider scheme, the Duke of Edinburgh and Queen's Guide award. The programme focuses on personal development, as well as helping members gain personal skills and making their voices heard. In 1973, the Young Leader's scheme was introduced for girls aged 16–18, allowing them to work with Brownies and Guides. This successful programme is still part of the programme today and allows members to work with all younger sections.

2016 marks a hundred years of The Senior Section which has over 12,000 members. Throughout the year, Girlguiding has been celebrating all the fantastic things The Senior Section can do. We started the year with Spark, a large scale event for all members of Girlguiding held at Alexandra Palace in London. Participants could take part in activities such as indoor zorbing and bungee trampolining. Members of The Senior Section voted to finish the year in style with a glamorous ball.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Westminster Abbey was founded around the year 960 when Benedictine monks settled on the marshy north bank of the Thames, in a place called Thorney Island. King Edward, later called the Confessor, established his palace here, and built a new church for the monks in 1065. Later that year William the Conqueror, who had defeated King Harold at the Battle of Hastings, was crowned in on Christmas Day. A further thirty-seven coronations have taken place within the Abbey's walls in the subsequent centuries. In 1245 King Henry III resolved to rebuild the Abbey church in the Gothic style and to provide a magnificent new shrine for the Edward the Confessor's remains, as he had been canonised in 1161, and the Abbey began to take shape.

The whole building has a remarkable unity of design, even though the very west end of the nave was not finally vaulted until the early 1500s. The western towers were only finally completed (to a design of Nicholas Hawksmoor) in 1745. The early sixteenth century saw the construction of the new Lady Chapel of King Henry VII at the Abbey's east end. Within its walls are the tombs of Henry VII himself and of Queen Elizabeth I, Mary Queen of Scots, and many other members of the Tudor, Stuart, and Hanoverian royal houses.

The Benedictine monastery was dissolved in 1540. A period of change and uncertainty followed, but in May 1560 Queen Elizabeth I established the Abbey by royal charter as 'the Collegiate Church of St Peter', which is still its official name today.

There are some 600 monuments and memorials which seem to fill almost every available space, commemorating poets, warriors, artists, musicians, scientists, writers, and politicians. Since the First World War, and particularly after the burial of the Unknown Warrior in November 1920, the Abbey has acquired a wider role as the setting for occasions of national celebration or sorrow. Among these were the twentieth century coronations; the weddings of George VI, Elizabeth II, and more recently the Duke of Cambridge; the funerals of Diana, Princess of Wales and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother; and a developing tradition of special services, some of which, such as the Commonwealth Service and the Battle of Britain Service, are now regular parts of the Abbey's calendar.

This rich and varied mission, firmly rooted in the Abbey's long history, but always responding to changing and current needs, continues to place Westminster Abbey at the very centre of the nation's life.

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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 John Hall, 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 Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist.

Music before the Service:

Benjamin Cunningham, Organ Scholar, plays:

Praeludium in F BuxWV 145 *Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637–1707)*

Ut re mi fa so la BK64 *William Byrd (c.1539–1623)*

Lento Op 105 no 3 *Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)*

The Lord Mayor of Westminster Locum Tenens is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, and is conducted to her place in Quire. All stand, and then sit.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand. The Choir sings

THE INTROIT

JESU, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

*St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153)
translated by Edward Caswall (1814–78)*

All remain standing. The Choir and Clergy move to their places in the Quire and Sacrarium, and the flags are presented at the High Altar, during which 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.

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

All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, extends

THE WELCOME

All sit for

THE TESTIMONIES

by

Sara Jugon
Explorer

and

Sophie Hicks
Guide

The Choir sings

JUBILATE DEO

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 thanksgiving, 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.

Stanford in B flat

All remain seated. Macey Pattenden, Scout, reads

ISAIAH 40: 25–31

TO whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, ‘My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God’? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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!

*Blaenwern 408i NEH
William Rowlands (1860–1937)*

Charles Wesley (1707–88)

All sit. Alex Williams, Guide, reads

ST MARK 12: 28–34

ONE of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’ Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

All remain seated for

THE ADDRESS

by

The Very Reverend Stephen Lake
Dean of Gloucester

All remain seated. The Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

BEHOLD now, praise the Lord : all ye servants of the Lord;
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord : even in the courts
of the Lord.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary : all ye servants of the Lord.
The Lord that made heaven and earth : give thee blessing out of Sion.

Matthew Martin (b 1976)

Psalm 134

All kneel or remain seated. The Reverend Paul Arbuthnot, Minor Canon and Sacrist, leads

THE PRAYERS

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Emily Gilham, Explorer, says:

WE give thanks to God for Robert and Olave Baden-Powell: for their visionary ambition, dedication towards Scouting and Guiding, and their commitment to helping young people develop and grow.

Let us bless the Lord;

thanks be to God.

Grace Morton, Guide, says:

WE give thanks to God for all who have inspired and encouraged us within the Guiding and Scouting movements: for those who have been influential in our lives and who have helped us to become the people and leaders we are.

Let us bless the Lord;

thanks be to God.

Alec Bird, Scout, says:

WE give thanks for the worldwide nature of Scouting and Guiding; for our brothers and sisters around the world; for the joy of friendship between Guides and Scouts of different nations; and for the hope of greater international co-operation as a result of this shared bond.

Let us bless the Lord;

thanks be to God.

Emily Gilham, Explorer, says:

LET us pray for those parts of the world where it is hard to belong to the Scouts or Guides—where there is persecution, animosity, and a lack of tolerance: for greater freedom and understanding, and an awareness and appreciation of the good that can be achieved.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Megan Larkam, Scout, says:

LET us pray for those who are called to positions of leadership within Scouting and Guiding: for vision, imagination, and inspiration to continue the work of our founders and to encourage those committed to our care to develop into all that they can be, and to be the leaders of the future.

Lord, in your mercy;
hear our prayer.

Grace Morton, Guide, says:

LET us pray that Guides and Scouts may continue to be a force for good in this world: that we may always do our best to serve our communities; to straddle the divides of fragmented societies; and to seek to influence change.

Lord, in your mercy;
hear our prayer.

The Sacrist concludes:

All these our prayers and praises let us now present before our heavenly Father, in the prayer our Saviour Christ has 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

THE HYMN



MINE eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat:
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on.
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Our God is marching on.

I have seen him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps:
they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I have read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:
his day is marching on.
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
His day is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:
as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on.
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
While God is marching on.

*Battle-Hymn of the Republic 242 H&P
traditional American melody
collected and edited by William Steffe (1830–90)*

Julia Ward Howe (1819–1910)

All remain standing for

THE RENEWAL OF PROMISES

Girlguiding, led by Valerie Le Vaillant, Chief Guide, renews their Promise with these words:

**I PROMISE that I will do my best:
To be true to myself and develop my beliefs,
To serve The Queen and my community,
To help other people,
And to keep the Guide Law.**

The Scouts, led by Tim Kidd, UK Chief Commissioner, renew their Promise with these, or their own words:

**O N my honour, I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and to The Queen,
To help other people,
And to keep the Scout Law.**

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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

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.

All remain standing as the Clergy and Choir move to the west end of the Church.

Music after the Service:

Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

iii. Allegro Maestoso e vivace

iv. Fuga

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until invited to move by the Stewards.**