

# Westminster Abbey



A SERVICE  
OF SOLEMN COMMEMORATION  
FOR THE VICTIMS  
OF THE 2015 TERRORIST ATTACKS  
IN TUNISIA

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
Noon



## HISTORICAL NOTE

In 2015 there were two brutal attacks in Tunisia in which British nationals tragically lost their lives.

On 18<sup>th</sup> March, terrorists opened fire on tourists at the Bardo National Museum in Tunis. Twenty-two people, among them one British woman, were killed.

On 26<sup>th</sup> June, in the resort of Port El Kantaoui, a few kilometres north of the city of Sousse, a terrorist murdered tourists on the beach. He continued his attack into the Imperial Marhaba Hotel, and on to the streets, where he was shot dead by Tunisian security forces. Thirty-eight people were killed, including thirty British nationals. This was the worst incident of terrorism involving British people since the 7/7 attacks in London eleven years ago.

We commemorate those who lost their lives:

### **18<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Sally Jane Adey

### **26<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Chris Bell	Angie Fisher	Janet Stocker
Sharon Bell	Ray Fisher	John Stocker
Lisa Burbidge	Billy Graham	John Stollery
Scott Alexander Chalkley	Lisa Graham	Eileen Swannack
Stuart Charles Cullen	Phil Heathcote	David Thompson
Suzanne Linda Davey	Trudy Jones	Denis Thwaites
Christopher Dyer	Carly Jade Lovett	Elaine May Thwaites
Adrian Charles Evans	Ann McQuire	Bruce Wilkinson
Charles Patrick Evans	James McQuire	Claire Marie Windass
Joel James Richards	Stephen Mellor	John Welch

In both attacks, many more were injured, some of whom still carry injuries today, and many hundreds more who witnessed the attacks suffer the memory. We recognise their pain.

The Prime Minister, speaking in the House of Commons about the attack in Sousse, said, ‘We must confront this evil with everything we have. We must be stronger at standing up for our values. And we must be more intolerant of intolerance—taking on anyone whose views condone the extremist narrative or create the conditions for it to flourish.

‘We will stand in solidarity with all those outraged by this event—not least the overwhelming majority of Muslims in this country and around the world. For this is not the war between Islam and the West that ISIL want people to believe. It is a generational struggle between a minority of extremists who want hatred to flourish, and the rest of us who want freedom to prosper. And together we will prevail.’

The Prime Minister also said, ‘I know the whole country will want to share in a moment of remembrance. So in due course, in consultation with the families, we will announce plans for a fitting memorial to the victims of this horrific attack.’

This Solemn Commemoration in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales, representing Her Majesty The Queen, is that fitting memorial.

*Photography, filming, and sound recording are not allowed in the Abbey at any time. Please ensure that mobile telephones, pagers, and other electronic devices are switched off.*

*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 Special Service Choir of Westminster Abbey, directed by Daniel Cook, Sub-Organist.*

*The organ is played by Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist.*

*Music before the service:*

<i>Cortège et litanie</i>	<i>Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)</i>
<i>Elegy in F (no 11 from A Little Organ Book)</i>	<i>George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)</i>
<i>Master Tallis’s Testament</i>	<i>Herbert Howells (1892–1983)</i>
<i>Chorale Prelude on Eventide</i>	<i>Hubert Parry (1848–1918)</i>
<i>Erbarm’ dich mein, O Herre Gott BWV 721</i>	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)</i>
<i>Elegy Op 58</i>	<i>Edward Elgar (1857–1934)</i>

*Before and throughout the service, the Lady Chapel is reserved as a place of silent prayer for victims and affected families.*

*The High Sheriff of Greater London and Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater London are received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the Great West Door. Presentations are made, and they are conducted to their seats in Quire. All remain seated.*

*The Prime Minister is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the Great West Door. Presentations are made. All remain seated.*

*The Lord Mayor of Westminster is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the Great West Door. Presentations are made, and she is conducted to her seat in Quire. All stand, and then sit.*

*All stand.*

*His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales, representing Her Majesty The Queen, is received by the Dean of Westminster at the West Gate. Presentations are made.*

*His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales is conducted to the Innocent Victims Memorial outside the Great West Door by the Dean of Westminster, who invites him to lay a wreath.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Beadle*

The Special Service Choir of Westminster Abbey

The Queen's Almsmen

*The Cross of Westminster and Lights*

The Reverend (Flight Lieutenant) David Skillen RAF  
*Chaplain in the Royal Air Force*

The Reverend Mark Birch  
*Minor Canon and Chaplain*

The Reverend Paul Arbuthnot  
*Minor Canon and Sacrist*

The Reverend Christopher Stoltz  
*Minor Canon and Precentor*

*Canons' Verger*

The Reverend David Stanton  
*Canon Treasurer and Almoner*

The Reverend Jane Sinclair  
*Canon Steward*

The Venerable Andrew Tremlett  
*Sub-Dean, Rector of St Margaret's  
Church, and Archdeacon of Westminster*

The Reverend Professor Vernon White  
*Canon Theologian*

*Dean's Verger*

The Dean of Westminster

His Royal Highness  
Prince Henry of Wales

*Suite in Attendance*

*All remain standing. The choir sings*

### THE INTROIT

**O** RADIANT Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light,  
Sun of Justice: come, shine on those who dwell  
in darkness and the shadow of death.

Isaiah had prophesied, 'The people who walked in  
darkness have seen the great light; upon those who  
dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.' Amen.

*James MacMillan (b 1959)*

*O Oriens Antiphon*

*All remain standing to sing*

### THE HYMN

*during which the clergy and choir, together with His Royal Highness  
Prince Henry of Wales, move to places in Quire, the Lantern, and the  
Sacrarium*



**D**EAR Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

*Repton 353 NEH*  
*Hubert Parry from Judith*

*John Whittier (1807–92)*

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

## THE BIDDING

**H**ERE in Westminster Abbey, where monarchs have been crowned since 1066, and where the great men and women of our history are buried and memorialised, we gather in sorrow to remember those who suffered and those who died in terrorist attacks in Tunisia on two days in 2015.

We remember with thanksgiving the people we love whose lives were so brutally cut short, and we share our loss with each of those affected by the tragedy. We honour the courage of those who survived the assault, and the families of those who suffered. We share our grief with the victims of the attacks from other countries, and with their families.

We celebrate the values that inform our national life, and pray for a world united where peoples of all nationalities and of all faiths can live together in mutual respect, peace, and harmony, enriched and united in our diversity.

*All sit for*

## A REFLECTION

*by*

Frank Gardner OBE  
*BBC Security Correspondent*

*All remain seated. The Right Honourable David Cameron MP, Prime Minister, reads*

ISAIAH 41: 1, 8–10

**L**ISTEN to me in silence, O coastlands; let the peoples renew their strength; let them approach, then let them speak; let us together draw near for judgement.

But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, ‘You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off’; do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

*All remain seated. The choir sings*

PSALM 139: 1–11

**O** LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me : thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed : and spiest out all my ways. For lo, there is not a word in my tongue : but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before : and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me : I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit : or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there : if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning : and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

even there also shall thy hand lead me : and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me : then shall my night be turned to day.

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.

*James O'Donnell (b 1961)*

*All remain seated. His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales reads*

REVELATION 21: 1–7

**T**HEN I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

*All stand to sing*

THE HYMN



**T**HE King of love my Shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction, grace bestoweth:  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

*Dominus Regit me 457ii NEH*  
*Henry Baker (1821–77)*

*Psalm 23*  
*versified by Henry Baker*

*All sit for*

## THE ADDRESS

*by*

The Dean

*All remain seated. The choir sings*

## THE ANTHEM

**L**ORD, thou hast been our refuge : from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: thou art God from everlasting, and world without end. Thou turnest man to destruction : again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday : seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep : and fade away suddenly like the grass.  
In the morning it is green, and groweth up : but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.  
For we consume away in thy displeasure : and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.  
For when thou art angry all our days are gone : we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is told.  
The years of our age are three score years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to four score years : yet is their strength but labour and sorrow; so passeth it away, and we are gone.  
Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last : be gracious unto thy servants.  
O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon : so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge : from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made : thou art God from everlasting, and world without end. And the glorious majesty of the Lord be upon us : prosper thou the work of our hands, O prosper thou our handy-work.

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

*Psalm 90: 1–7, 9–10, 13–14, 17  
and from Man frail, and God eternal  
Isaac Watts (1674–1748)*

*All stand for*

## THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

*The Reverend Christopher Stoltz, Minor Canon and Precentor, says:*

‘Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another’. Let us now remember those who perished.

*Thirty-one candles are borne through the Abbey Church and placed on the High Altar. Each candle represents an individual life lost in the two attacks.*

*The names of those who died are read by Frank Gardner OBE.*

*Silence is kept.*

*The Precentor leads*

## THE PRAYERS

**L**ET us pray to God, the Father of mercies, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

For all who perished in the attacks and for their families and friends; for those who witnessed the violence and for whom the memories remain painful; and for all who long for healing of body, mind, and soul: let us pray that God may come to them in mercy and strengthen them in their time of need.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*The Reverend (Flight Lieutenant) David Skillen, Chaplain in the Royal Air Force, says:*

**F**OR those who, in the midst of great danger, think not of themselves and of their own well-being, but of the needs of their brothers and sisters; and for all whose creative, intellectual, and practical gifts were employed in rescuing the survivors, bringing relief to the victims, and repatriating with dignity the dead: let us pray that we too may seek always to give without counting the cost.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*Hamish Cowell, Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, says:*

**F**OR those entrusted with governing the nations of the world; for religious leaders of all faiths who condemn violence and promote harmony amongst all peoples; for The Queen and Her Majesty's Government, together with all who make and administer the laws, and work to secure and preserve us in safety: let us pray that righteousness and justice may triumph over oppression and discord.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*The Reverend Jane Sinclair, Canon in Residence, says:*

**F**OR victims of war and terror; for the millions of people forced from their homes and homelands; and for people of good will persecuted for righteousness' sake: let us pray for Christ's kingdom of peace and love to be known in all the earth, and that peacemakers and peacekeepers may continually be raised up from among us to do justly and love mercy.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*The Precentor concludes:*

As we look to that day when no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength is known but the strength of love, let us pray in the words our Saviour Christ has taught us:

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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



**L**ORD of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Slane 239 NEH*  
*traditional Irish melody*

*Jan Struther (1901–53)*

*All remain standing. The Dean pronounces*

### THE BLESSING

**G**O 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 everyone; 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

**G**OD 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 choir and clergy, together with His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales, move to the west end of the Abbey Church.*

*Music after the service:*

*The Assistant Organist plays:*

Prelude and Fugue in C minor BWV 546

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

**Members of the congregation are requested to remain  
in their places until invited to move by the Stewards.**





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