

Westminster Abbey



A Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving to mark Anzac Day



Friday 25th April 2025

Noon

HISTORICAL NOTE

This year marks the 110th anniversary of the landings on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 25th April 1915. At Gallipoli, Australian and New Zealand forces fought for the first time under a united command as the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, or, more famously, the ANZACs.

The Gallipoli campaign exacted a heavy toll on both sides. Some 50,000 Allied troops from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, France, Newfoundland, and India lost their lives.

Including those wounded or evacuated for sickness, the total number of Allied casualties numbered around 250,000. Casualties at Gallipoli amounted to almost 9,000 Australians killed and in excess of 19,000 wounded. For New Zealand, near to 3,000 lost their lives and over 5,000 were wounded. These figures do not include those who died as a result of mental trauma in the years following.

The Turkish forces lost over 86,000 in addition to those wounded.

In Australia and New Zealand, Anzac Day, 25th April, not only commemorates those first landings at Gallipoli, but also all the Australians and New Zealanders who have served their countries in time of conflict, and especially those who have given their lives in that service.

While we remember the sufferings and sacrifice of a century ago, we also remember and commemorate past and present acts of service, offered by many, to bring about peace today.

Members of the congregation are requested kindly 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 KCVO MBE, Dean of Westminster.

The service is sung by the Westminster Abbey Special Service Choir, conducted by Matthew Jorysz, Sub-Organist.

The organ is played by Paul Greally, Assistant Organist.

The Fanfare team of the Band of the Prince of Wales is directed by Colour Sergeant David Hamilton, Bandmaster.

The Tasmanian Symphony Chorus is directed by Warren Trevelyan-Jones.

The Australian flag is borne by Lieutenant Eleanor Johnston, Royal Australian Navy.

The New Zealand flag is borne by Lieutenant Anna-Marie Garnett, Royal New Zealand Navy.

The Turkish flag is borne by Sergeant Major Umut Menderes.

The United Kingdom flag is borne by Major Charlotte Wilson, Royal Artillery.

Before the service Alexander Hamilton, Deputy Organist, plays
 Elegy 'in memoriam Rupert Brooke' *Frederick Kelly (1881–1916)*
 Five Variations on 'God Defend New Zealand' *Paul Spicer (b 1952)*
 i) Overture
 iii) Meditation

The Tasmanian Symphony Chorus sing

Ecce quomodo *Jacobus 'Gallus' Händl (1550–91)*
 For the fallen *Douglas Guest (1916–96)*
 Organist of Westminster Abbey 1963–81
 O Lord have mercy *Frederick Kelly*
 My soul, there is a country *Charles Hubert Parry (1848–1918)*
 There is an old belief *Charles Hubert Parry*
 Crossing the bar *Charles Hubert Parry*
 How they so softly rest *Healey Willan (1880–1968)*
 Rest *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*
 Do not stand on my grave and weep *Joseph Twist (b 1982)*
 Nunc dimittis *Gustav Holst (1874–1934)*

The Deputy Organist plays

Romance *William McKie (1901–84)*
 Organist of Westminster Abbey 1941–63
 Elegy *George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)*

His Excellency Osman Koray Ertas, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Türkiye to the Court of St James's is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and is conducted to his place in Quire.

His Excellency The Honourable Stephen Smith, High Commissioner of Australia to the United Kingdom, and Mr Chris Seed CNZM, Acting High Commissioner of New Zealand to the United Kingdom, are received.

The Right Honourable Caroline Nokes MP, Deputy Speaker, representing The Speaker of the House of Commons, The Right Honourable Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP, is received. All stand as she is conducted to her place in the Lantern, and then sit.

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Robert Rigby, and Consort, Councillor Lorraine Dean, are received All stand as they are conducted to their seats, and then sit.

Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Edinburgh is received. All stand.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain standing to sing

GOD save our gracious King.
GLong live our noble King.

God save The King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save The King.

arranged by Gordon Jacob (1895–1984)

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

EARLY on the morning of 25th April 1915, soldiers of the newly formed Australia and New Zealand Army Corps, landed at Gallipoli and were plunged into battle. By the end of that first day, they had sustained two thousand casualties, either killed or wounded. War is a hard craft and the armed services of Australia and New Zealand have had many bitter and brave experiences since 1915. Today, we gather to remember what must never be forgotten, we commemorate and honour the experience of Gallipoli and that long record of distinguished service since. We are here to remember not simply courage, but common cause. We will reflect on the complex history that makes allies and enemies and leads us through war and peace.

We think of courage, hope, and resilience at a time when we are conscious of contemporary conflict and international turmoil. We pray for peace and justice. In this church of Coronation, we also pray for Their Majesties The King and The Queen, and for the Commonwealth of Nations. Knowing that trust, respect, service, and resilience are virtuous acts, we commit ourselves once more to a renewed determination to work together for the good of all.

We do all this in the Easter season, rejoicing in Christ's victory over death. We hear again his summons to live in a shared hope and a common celebration of the power of God's redeeming and reconciling love.

All remain standing to sing the hymn, during which the flags of Australia, New Zealand, the Republic of Türkiye, and the United Kingdom are borne through the Abbey Church and placed in the Sacramentum



O VALIANT hearts, who to your glory came
through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war,
as who had heard God's message from afar;
all you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
to save mankind — yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
into the light that never more shall fade;
deep your contentment in that blest abode,
who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
while in the frailty of our human clay
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
whose cross has bought them and whose staff has led,
in glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
commits her children to thy gracious hand.

The Supreme Sacrifice
Charles Harris (1865–1936)

John Arkwright (1872–1954)
Charles Harris (1865–1936)

All sit. His Excellency The Honourable Stephen Smith, High Commissioner of Australia to the United Kingdom, gives an Address

The choir sings the Psalm

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills :
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord :
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel :
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper :
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day :
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :
from this time forth for evermore.

Henry Walford-Davies (1869–1941)

Psalm 121

Mr Chris Seed CNZM, Acting High Commissioner of New Zealand to the United Kingdom, reads

WHAT then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,
'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8: 31–39

Thanks be to God.

The Dean gives the Address

The choir sings the anthem during which Ava Woodland & Seth Webster, young citizens of Australia and New Zealand, present wreaths to the High Commissioner and Acting High Commissioner

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying,

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them,
and they shall be his people:
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death,
neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.

Edgar Bainton (1880–1956)

Revelation 21: 1–4

All stand for the Act of Remembrance

The Last Post is sounded

The Reverend Helena Bickley-Percival, Minor Canon and Sacrist, says

AS we hear the words inscribed on the memorial at Anzac Cove in the Dardanelles, let us recall with gratitude all who fought and lost their lives at Gallipoli.

His Excellency Osman Koray Ertas, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Türkiye to the Court of St James's, says

THOSE heroes that shed their blood
and lost their lives...
you are now lying in the soil of a friendly country.
Therefore rest in peace.
There is no difference between the Johnnies
and the Mehments to us where they lie side by side
here in this country of ours...
You, the mothers,
who sent their sons from far away countries
wipe away your tears;
your sons are now lying in our bosom
and are in peace.
After having lost their lives on this land they have
become our sons as well.

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk (1881–1938)

The High Commissioners lay wreaths at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior

Silence is kept

The choir sings the Exhortation and Kohima

WHEN you go home, tell them of us and say:
For your tomorrow we gave our today.

Chris Chivers (b 1967)

Kohima Epitaph
adapted from Simonides (556–468 BC)
by John Maxwell Edmonds (1875–1958)

Corporal David Scott, Australian Army, says

THEY shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

We will remember them.

We will remember them.

*from For the Fallen
Laurence Binyon (1869–1943)*

Flight Sergeant Kelly Menary, Royal New Zealand Air Force, continues

E KORE rātou e kaumātuaia
Pēnei I a atou kua mahue nei
E kore hoki rātou e ngoikore
Ahakoa pehea I ngā āhuatanga o te wā
I te hekenga atu o te rā
Tae noa ki te arangamai I te ata
Ka maumahara tonu atou ki a rātou
Ka maumahara tonu atou ki a rātou

The Ode of Remembrance

Reveille is sounded. All remain standing

Ngāti Rānana London Māori Club sings

W HAKAARIA mai tōu rīpeka
ki au, tiaho mai ra roto I te pō
hei kona au titiro atu ai.
Ora, mate, hei au koe noho ai.

*Reveal unto me your crucifix,
which shines in the darkness;
to that place near you I look,
in life, in death, with me you stay.*

All sing the Hymn



O LORD my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Swedish folk melody
arranged by Stuart Hine (1899–1989)*

*Russian hymn
translated by Stuart Hine*

The Sacrist leads the prayers

Let us pray for our nations and their leaders, for the
Commonwealth, and for peace and goodwill among all people.

All kneel or sit

Young citizens of Australia & New Zealand continue the prayers. Lyla Elliott says

LET us pray for His Majesty The King; for the Governors General of Australia and New Zealand, and for all who govern the nations of the world: that they may pursue the paths of justice, harmony, and peace.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Isaac King says

LET us pray for the Church in this season of Easter, and for all people of faith and goodwill: that, in word and action, we may be faithful in love and service towards God and all our neighbours.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Madeline Mitchell says

LET us pray for all living through war and violence today; for the injured and bereaved; for refugees; for international efforts to help the suffering, and bring hostilities to an end.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Ava Jones says

LET us remember the bravery and sacrifice of our allies in the First World War, and all who gave their lives for the sake of freedom. Let us pray for all veterans of war; for members of our Armed Forces today; for those who bear physical and mental scars and those who support them; that their service may be honoured and their needs be met.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Tipene Torrance Thomas Scott (Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Paretāpoto, Ngāti Rereahu, Ngāti Pare, Tonga), says

LET us give thanks for the friendships that have developed between former enemies, and pray that we may continue, within the Commonwealth and the whole family of nations, to pursue all that builds peace and reconciliation.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Edith Winder says

LET us pray for ourselves, for the responsibilities we bear today as citizens of Australia and New Zealand; to remember with thanksgiving, to heed the call to service, and to fulfil our duties to one another; that by God's grace our communities and countries may flourish to the benefit of all.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The Reverend Dr James Hawkey, Canon in Residence, concludes

Rejoicing in the hope of Christ's resurrection, let us pray with confidence the words that he 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



O PRAISE ye the Lord!
praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
ye sons of new birth;
praise him who has brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who has taught you
to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord,
re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story
of what he has done.

O praise ye the Lord!
thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along:
for love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!
Amen, amen.

Laudate Dominum 427 NEH
Hubert Parry (1848–1918)
from Hear my words, ye people

Henry Baker (1821–77)
after Psalm 150

All remain standing. The Dean pronounces the Blessing

MAY God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

A fanfare is sounded. The flags are returned to their bearers. All sing the National Anthem of New Zealand, first in Māori, then in English



EIHOWĀ Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarongona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai Aotearoa.

God of Nations, at thy feet,
in the bonds of love we meet,
hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
from the shafts of strife and war,
make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.

All sing the National Anthem of Australia



AUSTRALIANS all, let us rejoice for we are one and free,
we've golden soil and wealth for toil, our home is girt by sea;
our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare;
in history's page let every stage advance Australia Fair.

In joyful strains then let us sing: 'Advance Australia Fair!'

*All remain standing as the procession, together with Her Royal Highness
The Duchess of Edinburgh, moves to the west end of the church*

Music after the service

Cortège et Litanie

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

The bells of the Abbey Church are rung

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

There will be a retiring collection in aid of London Legacy



Legacy is a voluntary organisation providing services and support to families after the death of a spouse or parent during or after their defence force service.

Legacy had its origins in the Great War of 1914–18, in Gallipoli, Palestine, France, and Flanders. Legacy is here to care for widows, children, and dependents of deceased Australian and New Zealand war veterans; not only those killed in hazardous service but also those serving in peacekeeping service and those killed in training for war. After the Second World War it became even more necessary to have a legacy outpost in Europe and particularly in the United Kingdom and this led to the foundation of London Legacy over 60 years ago.

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