



Westminster School
Remembrance Service

Friday 11 November 2022



Music before the service:

Played by Benjamin Harley (PP, 6F)

Kilworth Hills

composed by Pipe Major George McLennan

Amazing Grace

Over the past two years, volunteer John Hamblin has kindly been researching those Old Westminsters who lost their lives as a result of the Second World War. To those 169 currently commemorated on our war memorial up School, we now add one more name, that of Ronald Egerton Balfour. Balfour was killed on active service on 17th April 1941. Having served in the Navy in the First World War, Balfour was recalled on the outbreak of the Second World War in September 1939, taking the rank of Acting Lieutenant Commander at the Admiralty. Returning home, exhausted, in the early hours following a long day he is thought to have fallen asleep at the wheel and was killed in his car on the Kingston bypass at Surbiton, Surrey.

Cover Image: Portraits of *Old Westminsters who died during the Second World War.*

All stand at the start of the service.

Bidding Prayer

The Chaplain says:

We are met together in the presence of Almighty God, whose purposes are good, who loves us and whose power sustains the world he has made, to remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others, to pray for all who suffer through war and to ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, which is for everyone to live together in peace.

Hymn

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

William Henry Monk (1823-89)

Please sit.

The Head Master reads:

A reading from the prophesy of Isaiah.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Isaiah 2.3-5

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

The Choir sings.

*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.*

Music: Douglas Guest (1916-1996)

Text: Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

Please stand.

Act of Remembrance

The Chaplain says:

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in conflict;
Those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure,
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

*The Heads of School read one-ninth of the names of
Old Westminster who died in the First and Second World Wars.*

When the names have been read the Chaplain 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.

All **We will remember them.**

THE LAST POST

Played by Lukas Talmacsi-Marby (PP, 6F)

THE SILENCE

REVEILLE

Played by Lukas Talmacsi-Marby (PP, 6F)

All remain standing.

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.

Cecil Spring Rice (1859-1918); Gustav Holst (1874-1934)
Descant for verse 2 by Darius Latham-Koenig, OW (b.1998)

The Blessing

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Music at the end of the service

Nimrod (Enigma Variations), by E.W. Elgar

The School exits in silence underneath the organ, past the Grave of the Unknown Warrior and then directly out through the Great West Door.

Please take this order of service away with you at the end.

1914 - 1918

H.P.Frith	(died from wounds, Lokoya, 1914)
N.F.Furze	(died leading a night attack, France, 1917)
P.W.Gardiner	(killed in action, France, 1918)
M.H.Garrett	(killed in action, France, 1918)
R.G.Garvin	(killed in action, France, 1916)
W.P.Gaskell	(killed in action, 1916)
E.C.Gates	(killed in action, France, 1914)
W.D.Gear	(killed ministering to the wounded, France, 1917)
G.R.D.Gee	(disappeared in his aeroplane near Ypres, 1917)
J.D.Gifford	(killed in action, England, 1917)
A.K.Gilmour	(killed in the trenches, France, 1916)
M.E.Gonne	(died from wounds, German Field Hospital, 1918)
G.A.Goodman	(killed in action, Italy, 1918)
A.Gordon	(drowned on active service, Mediterranean, 1918)
A.J.M.Gordon	(killed in action, France, 1917)
C.H.Gow	(killed while attending the wounded, France, 1916)
E.C.Graham	(killed in action, Greece, 1917)
J.S.Gregory	(killed in action, France, 1918)
D.M.Griffin	(died from wounds, France, 1916)
H.M.Gundry	(killed in action, 1916)
A.R.Hadden	(killed in action, France, 1918)
E.W.R.Hadden	(killed in action, France, 1916)
B.M.Hallward	(killed in action, France, 1918)

1939 - 1945

R.E. Balfour*	(killed on active service, 1941)
F.L.G.Ellissen	(killed in action, 1942)
F.A.N.Elliston	(killed in action, Normandy, 1944)
D.C.Evans	(killed in action over Bremen, 1942)
G.D.Evers	(killed in air operations over Germany, 1945)
P.C.Eyre	(killed in action returning raid over Germany, 1941)
G.F.Faulkner	(killed in action, Waziristan, December 1940)
J.H.Ferrers-Guy	(killed on active service, 1943)
D.G.E.Fevéz	(killed in action over France, 1940)
R.L.G.Fevéz	(killed in action, Italy 1943)
H.P.G.Fisher	(killed in action over Libya, 1940)
J.M.Fisher	(died on active service in North Africa, 1943)
P.F.L.Forbes	(died from wounds, Burma, 1943)
F.D.Gammon	(killed in an air raid, 1940)
T.H.Gates	(killed in action, Burma, 1944)
H.F.Gormon	(killed in Germany, 1946)
H. B.Graham	(died from wounds, Libya, 1942)
E.B.Graham- Little	(killed while on active service 1942)
A.L.Green	(killed in action, Burma, 1944)

NEW Exhibition: *Lands of Unknown Warriors*

Chapter House, 7-19 November

An exhibition of new paintings by Mr Woodman (7-19th November) inspired by the four landscapes (the Aisne, the Somme, Arras and Ypres) from which the Unknown Warrior was chosen. The resulting oil paintings are on display in the Chapter House, just off the cloisters, throughout all of Remembrance-tide.