WESTMINSTER SCHOOL LEAVERS' SERVICE



WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Tuesday 3 July 2012 6.30 pm

Music before the service

Psalm Prelude, No 1 Set 1 Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Londonderry Air Edward Bunting (1773-1843)

Arr: Darwin Wolford

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Music after the service

Toccata from Symphony No 5 Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937) Op 42 in F

Director of Music: Tim Garrard

Organist: Daniel Marx (Grant's Remove)

ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain seated. The Choir sings THE INTROIT

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee.

Psalm 102.1

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

All stand to sing THE HYMN

BE Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art; be Thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word, be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee Lord; be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son; be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might; be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower: O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: be Thou mine inheritance now and always; be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won; great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Slane Traditional Irish Melody

Irish c8th century Mary Byrne (1880-1931) versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935) All remain standing. The Very Revd Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster and Chairman of the Governing Body, gives the welcome

Welcome to Westminster Abbey, which has for over four hundred and fifty years nurtured the spirits of countless Westminsters, and for many centuries before that been the spiritual home of all those being educated within the Abbey precincts.

We meet in the presence of almighty God to give thanks for all that we have given and received at Westminster School over the past years. We come with many memories, with much for which to give thanks and perhaps a little to regret.

Above all, as we reflect on how the School has helped us become what we are, let us commit ourselves today to framing our lives around what we have received: the priority of truth and justice, the importance of charity and respect for others, the value of community and of service.

Let us ask for God's blessing on each one who is leaving. Let us take a moment in silence to summon the memories and to focus the mind and heart.

A short period of silence is kept.

 $T^{\rm HE}$ Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

All remain standing. The Choir sings the RESPONSES

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's Name be praised.

ISAIAH 46.3-11

Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am He, even when you turn grey I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

To whom will you liken me and make me equal, and compare me, as though we were alike? Those who lavish gold from the purse, and weigh out silver in the scales, they hire a goldsmith, who makes it into a god; then they fall down and worship! They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it, they set it in its place, and it stands there; it cannot move from its place. If one cries out to it, it does not answer or save anyone from trouble.

Remember this and consider, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My purpose shall stand, and I will fulfil my intention', calling a bird of prey from the east, the man for my purpose from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have planned, and I will do it.

All stand. The Choir sings MAGNIFICAT

✓Y soul doth magnify the Lord: Mand my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. 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.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

All sit. Gavin Griffiths reads

THEIR LONELY BETTERS

As I listened from a beach-chair in the shade To all the noises that my garden made, It seemed to me only proper that words Should be withheld from vegetables and birds.

A robin with no Christian name ran through The Robin-Anthem which was all it knew, And rustling flowers for some third party waited To say which pairs, if any, should get mated.

Not one of them was capable of lying, There was not one which knew that it was dying Or could have with a rhythm or a rhyme Assumed responsibility for time.

Let them leave language to their lonely betters Who count some days and long for certain letters; We, too, make noises when we laugh or weep: Words are for those with promises to keep.

W H Auden (1907-1973)

All stand. The Choir sings NUNC DIMITTIS

T ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. LFor mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The Choir sings the Lesser Litany, the Lord's prayer, responses and collects

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

All sit or kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil Amen

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us; And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen;

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

ALMIGHTY God, who has so richly blessed us: make this school as a field which yields an abundant harvest; that whatsoever things are true and pure, lovely and of good report, may here abound and flourish. We ask this through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WE commend to thy fatherly care, O Lord, those who are about to leave this school, both staff and pupils. May thy goodness and mercy follow them throughout their lives. Guard them in danger and keep them from evil; guide them continually in the right way; and assist them in every good work; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

All sit. The Choir sings the Anthem

TE lucis ante terminum, rerum Creator, poscimus, ut pro tua clementia, sis praesul ad custodia.

Procul recedant somnia, et noctium phantasmata: hostemque nostrum comprime, ne polluantur corpora.

Praesta, Pater piissime Patrique compar unice Cum Spiritu Paraclito Regnans per omne saeculum.

Amen.

Evening Hymn

To thee before the close of day, Creator of the world, we pray That, with thy wonted favour, thou Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our sight, From fears and terrors of the night; Withhold from us our ghostly foe, That spot of sin we may not know.

O Father, that we ask be done, Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son, Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee, Doth live and reign eternally.

Amen.

Henry Balfour Gardiner (1877-1950)

THE ADDRESS

The Revd Gavin Williams, School Chaplain

All stand to sing THE HYMN

And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

William Blake (1757-1827)

Jerusalem, Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

All remain standing. The Head Master says the School prayer

WE yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father for our Foundress, Queen Elizabeth the First, and all other our benefactors, whose bounty Thou hast given us to enjoy. Grant us, we beseech Thee, grace so to use Thy manifold blessings in our life here, that becoming profitable members of this church and nation, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Dean gives the blessing

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you His peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

You are warmly invited to drinks on Green (in Dean's Yard) after the service where the Head Master will say a few words of farewell.

Valete Staff

Gavin Griffiths OW (English since 1980; former Head of English; former Housemaster of Ashburnham and Grant's) is retiring.

Simon Craft OW (Spanish since 1992) is pursuing various business interests.

Amanda Jørgensen (Art since 1994) is to be Head of Art at Stowe School.

Andrew Johnson OW (History since 2000; Housemaster of Ashburnham) is to be Deputy Head of the London Academy of Excellence.

Carla Stevens (Study Skills Co-ordinator since 2004) is to work with young offenders.

Gareth Brocklesby (Mathematics since 2008) is to be Head of Mathematics at Brighton College.

Marie-Sophie von Halasz (French Assistante since 2010) is to be a French teaching assistant at Queen's College, London.

Kavan Shah (Economics since 2011) is to start up his own business.

Natalie Broschat (German Assistant since 2011) is returning to her studies.

Daniel Supperstone (German since November 2011) is to take a PGCE course.

RETIRING COLLECTION

Westminster Volunteering Charities

A number of the Remove have assisted with or set-up and co-ordinated football and art clubs in local primary schools and youth clubs. Half of the collection this evening will, therefore, go towards a fund for football and art equipment for these clubs so that the good work done by the Remove may be continued by other Westminster pupils.

The other half of the collection will go towards the Caxton Youth Organisation, a youth club for mentally and physically disabled people in Pimlico. As a group of volunteers, the Remove were concerned at the funding cuts faced by Caxton and organised a number of initiatives to help raise money for the club.

Valete Pupils

Thomas Abrams Zanesh Amin Sunny Amrat Siddharth Aranya Dylan Auty Kristian Bagger Alexander Ballard Rachel Ballard Thomas Barrie Francesca Bastianello Charlie Beckett Ameze Belo-Osagie Liam Biser Jack Boardman Billy Bolton George Bradbury Marshall Bradley Cyprien Brochard Fergus Brooman-White Callum Bungey Keenan Burgess Gabriel Cagan **Edward Carter** Laura Cavenagh Odette Chalaby Torrey Chen Haydn Child Johnny Church Forrest Clancy Poppy Clifford Kit Clifford-Page Milo Constable Ben Cooke Victoire Courtenay George Cox Jamie Cranston Sophie de Beistegui Daniel de Lisle **Edward Dobell** Oliver Doe Poppy Ellis Logan Esme Evan-Cook Rachel Finegold Grace Fletcher Freddie Foster Sebastian Foster Sorcha Gannon Giulia Gentili Shyam Gokani Anna Greenburgh Carolina Grierson Sachin Gupta George Hage Miranda Hall Oliver Hanton Jessica Hao Charlotte Hempstead Arthur Henderson Harry Henderson Katy Hessel Ellie Hickling

Andrew Hilman

Peter Hitchcock Alexander Ho Misha Horne Charlie Houseago Leo Howard Ben Ireland Ashhab Islam Jade Jackman Henry Johnson King Alex Jones Nicholas Jones Tristan Jones Samarth Kanal Hannah Karet Ivan Karpov Laura Keenan Hannah Kelvin Hugo Kent-Egan Mike Kim Josh Kirklin Oliver Knox Olivia Knutson Evan Kountouris Flavia Lagnado Kiran Laidlay Leo Lang Bryce Leavitt Hassal Lee Rebecca Lee Su-Min Lee Ally Leigh George Lewis Nico Lewis Stratis Limnios Tillie Lloyd-Thomas Nicholas Lorch Siobhan Lyons Constance Mahony Betty Makharinsky Alexander Male Charles Malton Luke Mann Eleanor Manners Aram Manoukian Shehryar Manzoor Lorenzo Marolda Daniel Marx Nicola Mason George Matthews William McFadden Jack McNeill Adams Conor Meade Sacha Mehta Izzv Millar **Edward Millett** Dan Minghella Alex Momeni Dylan Morgan Theo Morris Clarke Ariane Moshiri Shahzaad Natt Bea Natzler

Max Naylor Marlow Christopher Newman Anousha Nightingale Christopher Norris Stephen Norris Benjamin O'Dwyer Yinƙa Ogunbiyi Maria Victoria O'Hana Madeline O'Riordan Jessica Ormerod Maria Ouvarova Kate Pangonis Lucile Pannetier Lucy Phillips David Phippard Lily Pinder Aidan Pinter Jessica Pollard Mylo Portas Bertram Proctor Louis Prosser Alice Pullen Anthony Pulsford Alex Rafter Chloe Ramambason Mitra Ratilal James Ritossa Luke Rix-Standing Joshua Rogers Lian Rose Christopher Rowe Katerina Russman Kshitij Sabnis Dominic Sando Oscar Satchell-Baeza Charles-Edward Sealy Benjamin Senn Jai Šhah Audrey Sheng Emma Shillam Sammy Skipper Dominic Smith Tali Stevens May Sutton Julie Tang Conor Taylor James Thompson Alessandro Venerandi Jamie Voros Harry Vos Timir Weston Benjamin Wetherfield Nicholas Williams Rhian Williams Jack Wilson Henry Wilson-Smith Harry Winter David Wong Faye Wong Jake Wood Max Wood