



A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
AND REMEMBRANCE

Held in the

PARISH CHURCH OF ASHFORD  
on December 13th, 1946, at 7 p.m.

COMMEMORATING THE

OLD BOYS OF ASHFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
WHO DIED IN THE WAR 1939-1945

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*"Greater Love hath no man than this, that a  
man lay down his Life for his Friends."*

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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*The Congregation shall stand and sing the first verse of the National Anthem :*

God save our gracious King !  
Long live our noble King !  
God save the King !  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us ;  
God save the King !

*The Congregation kneeling, the Choir shall sing :*

### THE BREVIE

Brethren, we are met together to commemorate, and commend to God, the Father, the Shepherd of souls, the Giver of life everlasting, the Old Hero of the Ashford Grammar School who gave their lives in the late war. I bid you listen for a moment to the words of Holy Scripture.

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing : Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

The Lord is my light, and my salvation ; whom then shall I fear : the Lord is the strength of my life ; of whom then shall I be afraid ?

Writeth death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord : even so saith the Spirit : for they rest from their labours.

The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance ; the memory of the just is blessed.

Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

*Thus shall we sing this hymn, at meeting*

Praise to the Highest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise :  
In all His words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all His ways.

O loving wisdom of our God !  
When all was sin and shame,  
A second Adam to the light  
And to the rescue came.

O generous love ! that He, who smote  
In man for man the foe,  
The double agony in man  
For man should undergo ;

And in the garden secretly,  
And on the Cross on high,  
Should teach His brethren, and inspire  
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Highest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise :  
In all His words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all His ways.

*Thus all kneeling, the First shall up :*

#### LET US PRAY

The Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers. Let him our love as not forsake us ; that he may incline our hearts unto him to walk in all his ways,

and to keep his commandments which he commanded our fathers ; for his is the greatness, and the kingdom, and the glory, and the majesty, for ever and ever. Amen.

Evered God, who rulest in the kingdoms of men : Grant, we most humbly beseech Thee, honour and safety to our Sovereign Lord, King George ; peace throughout the Commonwealth of his people ; wisdom to his ministers ; protection to true religion ; management to learning and godly living, a perfect service to the comfort of the world ; and, by all these, glory to thy holy Name : for his sake, in whom thou hast given all power in heaven and earth, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Most Holy Spirit of God, from whom alone floweth the fulness of wisdom and life : Come in thine everlasting power and glory upon thy Church and into the hearts of men, to bring in the world a new birth of holiness, new understandings of truth and new unity of love ; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who with the Father and thee dwellest and reignest, our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, make this festival as a field which the Lord hath blessed ; that whatsoever things are true, pure, lovely, and of good report, may here for ever flourish and abound. Preserve in it an unblemished name, enlarge it with a wider usefulness, and crush it in the love and reverence of all its members as an instrument of thy glory ; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of all consolation, we pray thee to send thy comfort into every sorrowing heart, and thy light into every darkened home. More especially we pray for the husband and friends of those our beloved who, in our stead, grove and suffered and died. O God, those our dead shall not have died in vain. May our lives hereforth be sanctified by our grateful and animated by their example, while we strive ever more earnestly to follow in the steps of Christ our King, who dwelleth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, Our God world without end. Amen.

And all our prayers we sum up in the words which Christ himself gave us and say :

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 : For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

## THE LESSON

Revelation vii. 1-17

Here the Apostle shows us a vision of God's completed kingdom, where the new heaven and new earth are one. It is God who creates the new order, and man is called through worship and obedience to cooperate in His work.

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. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write : for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things ; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

This shall be sung this hymn, all standing :

We cannot think of them as dead  
Who walk with me no more ;  
Along the path of life we tread  
They have but gone before.

The Father's house is mansioned fair  
Beyond my vision lies ;  
All souls are his, and, here or there,  
Are living unto him.

And still their silent ministry  
Within my heart hath place,  
As when on earth they walked with me  
And met me face to face.

Must are they by an ownership  
Nor thus nor drunk can free ;  
For God hath given us Love to keep  
In ever eternal.

This shall all remain standing, the choir shall sing :

Let us now with optimism and grateful remembrance before God our brothers who have passed away and are gathered into the spiritual world be remembered. In the sight of the universe they seem to perish, but they are in peace ; their reward is with the Lord, and the care of them with the Most High. They live also in our hearts and the remembrance of them is dear and blessed. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

This shall be read the *Psalm of Heaven*, all standing.

## Roll of Honour

" True Love by life ; by  
For England live ye ;

deeds true love is shed,  
there for England died."

HORACE VERRIER ALKEN	1922-1923
WILLIAM STANLEY ALLARD	1922-1923
CECIL ALWIN ALLCHIN	1921-1922
CHARLES ALFRED ASHDOWN	1922-1923
ALAN BASTOW (Marine)	1922-1923
GEORGE CORNETT BAYLEY, D.F.C.	1922-1923
GEORGE KENYON BENTON	1927-1928
JAMES BODY	1927-1928
JOHN AMÉDÉE BROTHERS	1924-1925
JAMES EDWARD BRUNDRETT	1927-1928
ROBERT BRUNDRETT	1928-1929
ALAN FRANCIS CANDLER	1924-1925
CECIL GEORGE ROBERT CANDLER	1927-1928
PETER THORNE CANDLER	1929-1930
WILLIAM KEITH CAPELING	1924-1925
PETER CHARD	1928-1929
WILLIAM JOHN CRAWFORD CLARK	1927-1928
JOHN EDWARD COOKE	1927-1928
ROBERT HENRY CROUCH	1928-1929
HILLYER RAYMOND CRUST	1929-1930
BERNARD DADDIS	1929-1930
SYDNEY JAMES DAVIES	1926-1927
PETER JOHN DAY	1924-1925
ALBERT HENRY WILLIAM DRAKE	1927-1928
RAYMOND CHARLES EDWARD FULLER	1927-1928
WILLIAM JOHN GARNER	1924-1925
JOHN PAKENHAM HAMILTON	1927-1928
FERCY JOSEPH HARDEN	1927-1928
HERBERT HARE	1929-1930
ALAN WILLIAM HARRIS	1927-1928
DENNIS HAYWARD	1927-1928

That the LAST FIGHT and RESOLVE shall be recorded

FRANK HEMMINGS	1924-1925
DOUGLAS WILSH HENDIN, M.C.	1926-1927
JOHN FREDERICK HEYMAN	1921-1922
DERRICK NORMAN HOMEWOOD	1929-1930
HERBERT JACK GUSTAVE JEFFERY	1924-1925
JACK KING	1925-1926
EDMUND CHARLES EUGENE KNELL	1927-1928
JOHN HENRY LAW	1927-1928
AUBREY MACFADDEN	1929-1930
VICTOR STEPHEN MARSH	1927-1928
RICHMOND MERCH	1921-1922
RUPERT EDWARD MELLOR	1927-1928
HARDY CLIFT GETZMANN	1929-1930
EDWARD WILLIAM OSSPRING	1927
JACK REDMAN PAYNE	1926-1927
ALIC WILLIAM PEARSON	1927-1928
ALBERT FRED WEST POLDEN	1927-1928
MORRISON WILFRED RANSON	1925
SIDNEY ROMER	1926-1927
WILLIAM CHARLES ROOTS	1921-1922
EDWIN HARVEY SIMMONDS	1927-1928
JACK SKINNER, D.F.C.	1924-1925
ROY STUART STAPLEY	1927-1928
ANTHONY JOHN STONE	1929-1930
DENNIS ALEXANDER VICARY	1924-1925
JAMES THOMAS WAFF	1921-1922
HECTOR WEBB	1926-1927
HENRY WHITE	1925-1926
CHARLES WILDE	1922-1923
WILLIAM GEORGE WOOD	1927-1928
HARRY YATES	1927-1928

by the Transporters, all the cooperation standing.

*Then all standing, the Reader shall say :*

**READER :** The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God.

**PSALM :** And there shall no torment touch them.

**READER :** Hearken them, O Lord, eternal rest.

**PSALM :** And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Then shall be sung this hymn, all standing :*

O valiant heroes, who in your glory came  
Through dust of conflict and through battle flames,  
Triumphant you lie, your knightly virtues 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 one unshaken—yourself you seemed to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,  
Into the light that never more shall fade ;  
Deep your commitment in that bliss stroke  
Who wait the last three trumpet-calls of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,  
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,  
While in the faculty of our human eye  
Christ, our Redeemer, passed, the self-same way.

Still stand His cross from that dread hour to this,  
Like some bright star above the dark abyss ;  
Still, through the veil, the Vision's piercing eyes  
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

There were His servants, in His steps they trod,  
Following through death the martyred Son of God ;  
Victor He rose ; victorious we shall rise  
They who have drunk His cup of sacrifice.

O thou Lord, O Shepherd of our Dead,  
Whose cross has brought them and Whose staff has led—  
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing Lord  
Commit to children to Thy gracious hand.

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*Then shall all remain standing, the Verse shall say :*

O God, the Creator and Father both of our mortal and immortal life ;  
We give thee high praise and humble thanks for the rest from this beloved life granted  
us these lives dear unto ourselves, but laid them down for their Saviour, believing  
that they may be remembered among them who by His blood were dead are given  
a crown of life, according to thy most sure promise ; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

*The Congregation shall, then follow*

### THE ADDRESS

By the Rev. H. DONOVAN S. BROWN

(Vicar of Ashford and Chairman of the Governors of the School.)

*Then shall be sung this hymn, all standing :*

Before th' Almighty Father's throne,  
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy ;  
Know that the Lord is God alone ;  
His cup receive, and He devour.

His sovereignty, without our aid,  
Made us of clay, and form'd us men ;  
And when His word'ning deep we stray'd,  
He brought us to the fold again.

We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs ;  
High as the heavens our voices raise ;  
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,  
Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.

Mild as the world is Thy command ;  
Just as equity Thy love ;  
Firm as a rock Thy truth shall stand,  
When rolling years shall cease to move.

*Then shall all kneel for the final prayer and blessing.*