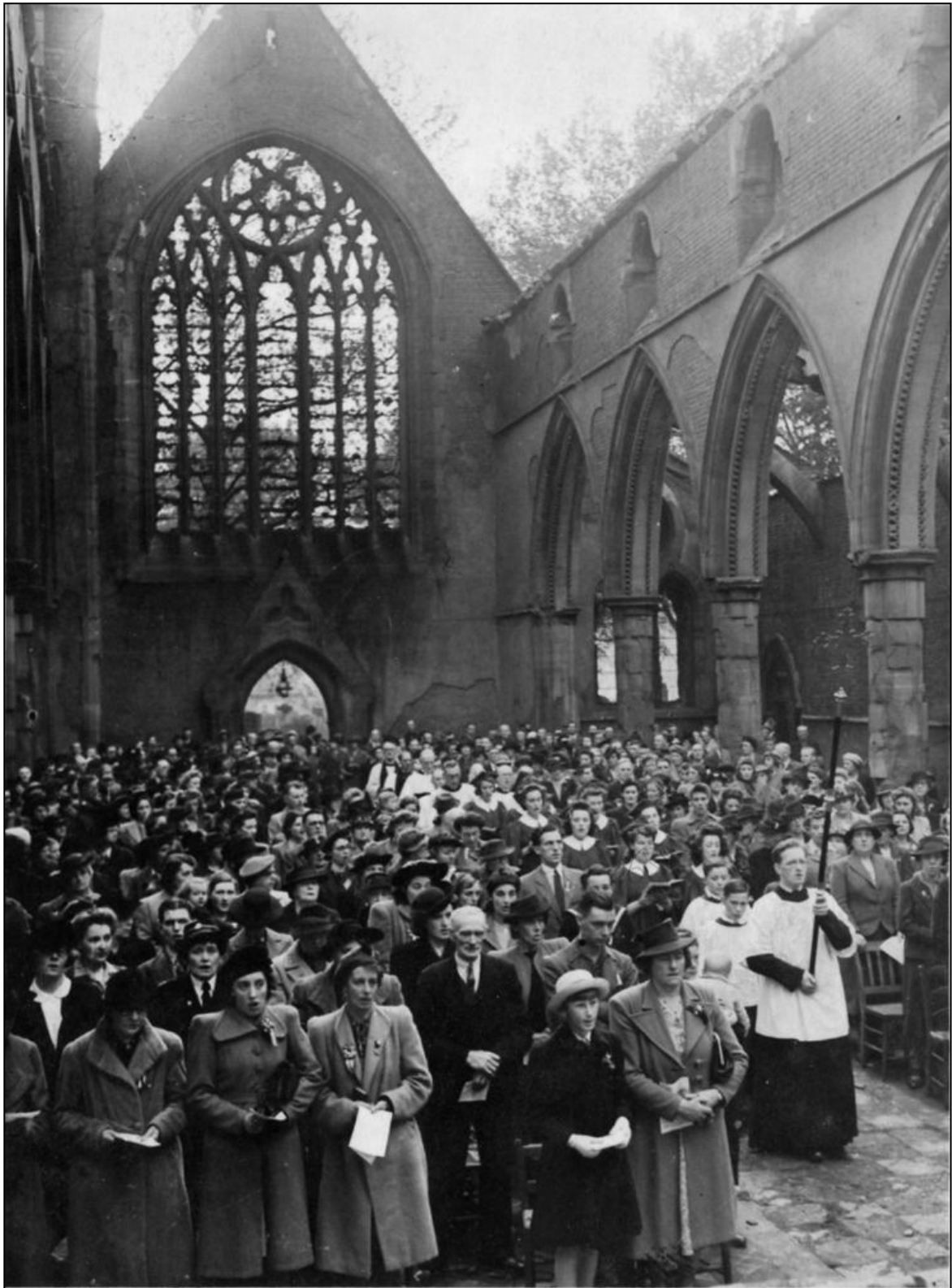


SOUTHAMPTON REMEMBERS



Commemoration Service
30th November 2010

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Organ Music (before Service)
(Alban Rees-Jones)

Elegy in B-flat
Psalm Prelude 1
Nimrod

George Thalben Ball
Herbert Howells
Edward Elgar

Welcome

Revd Dr Julian Davies

Hymn

All People that on earth do dwell.
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

William Kethe/Old Hundreth

Theatre of War

Revd Dr Julian Davies

Archive video footage of the damage and restoration of St Mary's Church, kindly supplied by Hampshire Heritage Archive Library.

The National Call for Prayer by King George VI

A feature produced by Tim Daykin for BBC Radio to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the outbreak of war.

Reading

The Mayor of Southampton

If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. Isaiah 58 v 9b-12



Act of Confession (based on the Coventry Litany)

As we contemplate the evil which caused the Blitz we examine our own hearts and prepare to confess our sins.

All have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God. We confess...

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class

Father forgive

The covetous desires of peoples and nations to possess what is not their own

Father forgive

The greed which exploits the world of human hands and lays waste the earth

Father forgive

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others

Father forgive

Our indifference to the plight of the impoverished, the homeless, the refugee

Father forgive

The lust which dishonours the bodies of others

Father forgive

The pride that leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God

Father forgive

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **Amen**

Psalm 46

Southampton Choral Society

Conductor: Peter Gambie

God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed: God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved: but God hath showed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord: what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world: he breaketh the bow and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

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Recalling the Blitz

Alun Leppitt

Video footage of the Southampton Blitz kindly courtesy of Hampshire Heritage Archive Library.

Lighting of candle surrounded by flowers

Jim Brown

A candle is lit in honoured memory of the 631 people who died in the Southampton Blitz, and all who sacrificed their lives for others, especially in the rescue and defence services.

Address

Rt Revd The Bishop of Winchester

Anthem

‘And the glory, the glory of the Lord’

Southampton Choral Society
(The Messiah - GF Handel)

Reading

Wolfgang Lipschutz

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See the darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you. All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Isaiah 60 v 1-5

Your light has come

Steve Lee



Lighting of candle

Hannah Woodman

A candle is lit to represent our desire to honour Christ as the Light of Southampton.

Light of the world

Light of the world you stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that makes this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship,

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above,

Humbly you came to the earth you created

All for love's sake became poor

So here I am...

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross (x4)

So here I am...

Tim Hughes

God of this city

You're the God of this city,

You're the King of these people

You're the Lord of the nations. Yes you are

You're the Light of this darkness

You're the Hope of the hopeless

You're the Peace of the restless. Yes you are

There is no one like our God (x2)

For greater things have yet to come,

And greater things are still to be done in this city (x2)

And greater things are still to be done here.

Chris Tomlin

Prayers of Dedication

Almighty God of this city, we acknowledge that to you all honour, glory, power and might in this city and throughout all ages belongs.

We thank you for the deliverance of this city and country from the hand of tyranny seventy year ago. Help us not to take the freedom which we enjoy for granted, and help us to extend your freedom to others. **Amen**

Enable us to strive for that vision of the heavenly city where peoples of different tribes, languages and nations may be found and live together in harmony, and where all needs are provided for. **Amen**

We pray for other cities across the world, for that abiding peace which you alone can bring, especially in places of conflict and disaster, not least Jerusalem. **Amen**

During this time of economic disturbance we pray your blessing upon this city and port, upon the growth and provision of employment, and give strength to all anxious and fearful. **Amen**

We pray for a deepening sense of your vocation and responsibility to all in this city, that in seeing ourselves accountable to others we would see ourselves also as accountable to you. **Amen**

We pray for all in authority in central and local government, for our mayor and councillors, elected representatives and the judiciary. Grant to them wisdom to use aright the powers entrusted to them for the good of all and according to your ways of truth and justice. **Amen**

Finally we pray that in this city, your Son, Jesus Christ would be honoured in the hearts of all its citizens and as the centre of its life. May greater unity and love among those who bear your name witness to the revelation of your purposes here, now and throughout eternity. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Final Hymn

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

Beneath the shadow of thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bars all its sons away;
Thy fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Isaac Watts

Blessing

Rt Revd The Bishop of Winchester

Organ Music - Imperial March

Edward Elgar

We should like to thank all who supported the vision for this service and give special thanks to Alban Rees-Jones for the organ recitals; the City of Southampton Choral Society for singing; Bridge Christian Fellowship Band for accompanying the songs; Carolyn Vanstone for the flower arrangements.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of Southampton Passion, a large-scale dramatic production taking place at Guildhall Square on Good Friday 2011.