

Remembrance 2020



A Service at the
War Memorial
and the
Memorial Sundial
at

South Wales Police Headquarters, Bridgend
Wednesday 11th November, 2020 at 10.50am

Heddlu De Cymru • South Wales Police

At the War Memorial

*Chief Constable
Jeremy Vaughan*

WELCOME

*Chaplain Reverend
Glynne James*

We are gathered here together in the presence of Almighty God to give thanks and to commemorate the sacrifices of those who gave their lives for our freedom.

Amen

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

THE LAST POST

THE SILENCE

REVEILLE

THE EXHORTATION

Chief Constable

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.

And all shall repeat:

We will remember them

LAYING OF WREATHS

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

Chief Constable

When you go home
tell them of us and say
for your tomorrow
we gave our today.

A READING

JOHN Ch. 15 v. 12-17

*Police and Crime
Commissioner
Alun Michael*

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

This I command you, to love one another.

REMEMBERING THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Gareth Madge

The Second World War was a truly global war which saw the deaths of many millions of people, military and civilian.

This year, despite the difficulties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the end of the war has been commemorated with VE Day in May and VJ Day in August.

As we hold our annual Remembrance Service our thoughts turn to those police officers from South Wales Police's predecessor forces who made the ultimate sacrifice during the war.

There were forty-eight of them in total from the Glamorgan Constabulary, the Cardiff City Police and the Swansea Borough Police.

They served in the Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force, and in the Merchant Navy. Some died on duty as police officers.

Their names will be found on headstones and memorials in Britain, Europe, Tunisia, Malaysia, Burma, Canada and the United States.

Here is the story of just one of them. It resonates with the Kohima Epitaph which we have heard spoken at our Service today.

Godfrey Howard Stenner was from Cardiff and was a member of the Glamorgan Constabulary.

During the war he served as a Private in the 4th Battalion of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

As part of the Indian Division, the Battalion played an important part in the Battle of Kohima in 1944. The fighting which took place during it was particularly brutal but was critical in preventing the invasion of India by Japanese forces.

Godfrey was killed in action on 9th April 1944. He was twenty-two years of age.

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Commonwealth War Memorial in Rangoon.

His name is also on the Glamorgan Police War Memorial, here at Police Headquarters.

The Second World War was, however, different from the First World War in several respects, not least of which was the scale of the death and destruction caused by the German bombing of Britain.

Police officers in South Wales gave their lives as a result of such enemy action.

In Swansea Sergeant William Bolton Flitter and Constable Jack Harold Jenks of the Borough Police were killed in bombing raids on the town.

And in the Rhondda, War Reserve Constable William George Davies and Special Constable Clifford Stanley Higgs were amongst those who died when enemy bombs fell on Cwmparc.

We remember them all. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Chaplain

Let us remember before God, and commend to his
sure keeping:

those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory
we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service
of mankind.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Chaplain

Heavenly Father we bring
Before you the deep
Divisions of our world.
Set in people's hearts the
Spirit of penitence, forgiveness,
And reconciliation,
That they may no longer distrust
Or fear one another,
But be drawn together in
Understanding, so that in
Unity of purpose they may
Seek the way of peace;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Chaplain

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

BLESSING

Chaplain

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good, render to no one evil for evil. Support the weak, help the afflicted love and serve the Lord and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and all whom you love, now and always.

Amen



At the Memorial Sundial

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Chaplain

We come to the Memorial Sundial to remember before God our Father all those we love, but now no longer see, who died whilst serving members of the South Wales Police, and to give thanks to God for their lives and dedication.

MEMORIAM

Chaplain

O gracious Lord, help us to listen lovingly to your Word, that we may find comfort in our grief, light in our darkness, and faith in the midst of doubt; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ROMANS Ch. 8 v. 31-39

Chaplain

If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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.

A PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

Chaplain

Most merciful God, who in your loving kindness gave us so much joy through your servants departed; we thank you for them and for our memories of them. We praise you for your goodness and mercy that followed them all the days of their life and for their faithfulness in the tasks to which you called them. We bless you that for them the tribulations of this world are over and that death is past; we give them back to you dear lord and we pray that you will bring us with them to the joy of your perfect kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Chaplain

Eternal God we pray for all who mourn, comfort and support and uphold them. Help them to know you are always with them and not to think of the darkness of death, but of the splendour of everlasting life in your presence. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen**

A PRAYER FOR THE POLICE

Chaplain

Almighty God we bring to you in prayer those who bear responsibility for maintaining law and order in our land especially members of the police service.

Give them faith, hope, courage and wisdom to carry out their duties justly and mercifully without fear or favour, so that the innocent may be protected, evil doers be brought to account, the rights of all be defended, so that we as a nation may enjoy the blessing of a just, free and peaceful society.

In Jesus name we pray. **Amen**

*Chief Constable
Police and Crime
Commissioner*

LAYING OF WREATHS AT THE MEMORIAL SUNDIAL BLESSING

Chaplain

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest, to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you always. **Amen**

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