

# PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX



## ANNUAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

AT

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH  
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
GUILDFORD



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 3pm



This year marks one hundred and fifty-three years since the formation of the Masonic Province of Middlesex in 1870. Since those early beginnings, the members of our Lodges and Chapters have continued to maintain the Grand Principles on which the order was founded; Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.



We are delighted to have with us today, RW Bro David Ian Allan, who was installed just over a month ago as our new Pro Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent in and over the Province of Middlesex.

R W Bro David has been a Middlesex Mason for over 45 years and with this wealth of experience we look forward to the next few years under his leadership.

We give thanks to RW Bro Peter Baker for his five years of service as leader of the Province; a duty he carried out with distinction and commitment.

The last time we were at Guildford Cathedral was in 2021 and it is a pleasure to be back here once again.

This year we parade the Lodge Banners of Cedars of Lebanon 4317, Teddington 4528, Sudbury 4529, Staines St Mary's 6187, Lodge of Fidelity 7974, Prince Michael of Kent 9120. In addition, we parade the Chapter Banners of Royal Hanover 1777, Middlesex First Principals 3420, Round Table Chapter of Middlesex 8301 and Prince Michael of Kent 9120 along with the Provincial Craft and Royal Arch Standards. The Entered Apprentice bearing the Volume of the Sacred Law is Bro Ravi Arora of Berkeley Lodge 7591.

We would like to thank the Acting Dean of Guildford, The Venerable Stuart Beake, for his welcome to the Cathedral. Our preacher this afternoon is Revd David Joynes, formerly of St John the Baptist, Cookham Dean.

We give especial thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe in our Service of Thanksgiving and Rejoicing; thanks for the many blessings we derive from his infinite goodness, blessing and support. May the ancient landmarks of our Order be forever preserved sacred and inviolate in our service to Him!

May the blessing of heaven rest upon us! May brotherly love prevail!  
May every moral and social virtue cement us!

# **INTRODUCTORY RECITALS**

**The Provincial Grand Organist**

and

**The Middlesex Provincial Choir**

In 1992 the Pro Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Gordon Bourne requested that a choir be formed to sing at the annual Middlesex Provincial Thanksgiving Service. A mixed voice choir was formed and this year is in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year. During this time, the choir has sung at all Masonic services within the Province as well as entertaining at other Masonic events. Over the years it has raised much money and made many donations to charitable causes.

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**PLEASE USE THE GIFT AID ENVELOPES PROVIDED**

The Alms Collection will be apportioned between the Cathedral and Masonic Charities via the Province of Middlesex Benevolent Fund.

Your donation will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

## **PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE**

### **PREACHER**

W Bro Revd David Joynes ProvGChap (Berks)

### **CLERGY**

The Venerable Stuart Beake  
Acting Dean of Guildford

The Revd Canon Rachel Young

W Bro Revd Dr William Dolman AGChap  
Provincial Grand Chaplain

W Bro Revd John Hillman PPGSuptWks LGR,  
Provincial Assistant Grand Chaplain

### **ORGANIST**

W Bro Dr Andrew C Storey *BA. MSc. PhD.* DepGOrg  
Provincial Grand Organist

### **CHOIR**

The Middlesex Provincial Choir  
Directed by W Bro Frederick J Chandler PPrSGW

### **SOLO SINGER**

Soprano: Cheryl Enever

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## INTROIT

### The Middlesex Provincial Choir

#### **Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)**

*(Franz Schubert)*

*(from German Mass 11, 1826)*

Please stand

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*(Hanover – William Croft – Robert Grant)*

1. O worship the King  
All glorious above;  
O gratefully sing,  
His power and his love;  
Our Shield and Defender,  
The Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendour,  
And girded with praise.

3. This earth with its store  
Of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power  
Hath founded of old;  
Hath stablished it fast  
By a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
Like a mantle, the sea.

5. Frail children of dust  
And feeble as frail;  
In thee do we trust,  
Nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender,  
How firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender,  
Redeemer, and Friend.

2. O tell of his might,  
O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
Whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath  
The deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is his path  
On the wings of the storm.

4. Thy bountiful care  
What tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air,  
It shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills,  
It descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils  
In the dew and the rain.

6. O measureless might,  
Ineffable Love,  
While angels delight  
To hymn thee above,  
Thy ransomed creation,  
Though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
Shall sing to thy praise.

## **PROCESSION**

Provincial Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies

Provincial Grand Tyler

Provincial Grand Stewards

Entered Apprentice bearing the Volume of the Sacred Law

Lodge and Chapter Banners

Assistant Provincial Grand Principals

Provincial Grand Principals

Provincial Grand Treasurer and Secretary

Assistant Provincial Grand Masters

Deputy Provincial Grand Master / Deputy Grand Superintendent

Provincial Grand Sword Bearer

Pro Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent

Provincial Grand Standard Bearer

Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies

Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies

Cathedral Virger

Provincial Clergy

Canon Rachel Young

Acting Dean of Guildford

Please sit

## **WELCOME**

The Venerable Stuart Beake

Acting Dean of Guildford

**The Volume of the Sacred Law will be opened  
by the Pro Provincial Grand Master**

**OPENING PRAYERS**

Please kneel or remain seated

**Provincial Grand Chaplain: Let us Pray**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name. **All: Amen**

As we gather together as a Province at prayer, let us invoke the assistance of the Great Architect of the Universe in all our undertakings, and may this Service of Thanksgiving today provide a joy that encourages us, restores us, and adds meaning to our lives. **All: Amen**

**Provincial Assistant Grand Chaplain**

We give thanks to Thee, O God, the Most High, the Divine Creator and Judge, Who is the Great "I am", the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last – the One Eternal God - World without End. **All: Amen**

Let us all say together:

**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.**



Please stand

## OPENING HYMN

*(St. Bees - J.B. Dykes)*

1. Hail! Eternal! By whose aid,  
All created things were made;  
Heaven and earth, Thy vast design,  
Hear us, Architect Divine.

2. May our work begun in Thee,  
Ever blest with order be;  
And may we when labours cease,  
Part in harmony and peace.

3. By Thy glorious majesty,  
By the trust we place in Thee;  
By the badge and mystic sign,  
Hear us, Architect Divine

Please sit

## FIRST READING

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching

**W Bro Matthew Jennings**

WM of Staines St Mary's Lodge 6187

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

## ANTHEM

**Cheryl Enever**

How Beautiful are The Feet  
*G F Handel (from Messiah)*

## TIME OF REFLECTION AND REMEMBRANCE

Please remain seated

*Freemasonry comprises members of a variety of faiths and beliefs. There now follows wisdom from the different Volumes of the Sacred Law that belong to some of those faiths represented here today.*

*A reading from the Jewish Scripture by W Bro Daniel Simon Graham ProvCO, ProvGStwd*

I brought you from the ends of the earth; I called you from its farthest corners and said to you, 'You are my servant.' I did not reject you. But chose you. Do not be afraid. I am with you! I am your God. Let nothing terrify you! I will make you strong and help you; I will protect you and save you. *(Isaiah 41:9-10)*

*A reading from the Hindu Scripture read by W Bro Kanti Mistry ProvGTreas*

Those who are not a source of annoyance to anyone and who in turn are not agitated by anyone, who are equal in pleasure and pain, and free from fear and anxiety, such devotees of mine are very dear to me. Those who are indifferent to worldly gain, externally and internally pure, skilful, without cares, untroubled, and free from selfishness in all undertakings, such devotees of mine are very dear to me. Those who neither rejoice in mundane pleasures nor despair in worldly sorrows, who neither lament for any loss nor hanker for any gain, who renounce both good and evil deeds, such persons who are full of devotion are very dear to me. *(Bhagavad Gita 12:15-17)*

*A reading from the Islamic Scripture*

O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous. For those who use their reason there are many Signs in the structure of the heavens and the earth, in the constant alternation of night and day, in the vessels which speed across the sea carrying goods that are of profit to people, in the water which Allah sends down from the sky and thereby quickens the earth after it was dead, and disperses over it all manner of animals, and in the changing courses of the winds and the clouds pressed into service between heaven and earth. The revelation of the Book is from Allah, the Exalted in Might, the Knowing. *(Quran Surah 2:21-22, Surah 2:164, Surah 40:57)*

*A reading from the Sikh Scripture by W Bro Saranjit Singh Bassan PPrAGDC SLGR*  
He has given you a body, wealth, property, peace and beautiful mansions.  
Nanak says, listen mind: why don't you remember God and meditate on Him?  
The Lord is the provider of all peace and comfort. There is no other at all. Nanak  
says, listen mind: salvation is attained by meditating on Him. He alone becomes  
Your servant, who contemplates You in peaceful ease. Enemies and pain shall  
never touch him, and sin shall never come close to him. I am forever a sacrifice  
to the One Lord, and Your Name. (*Guru Granth Sahib 177, 568*)

Please kneel or remain seated

### **Provincial Grand Chaplain: Let us pray**

Great Architect of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made,  
we, the frail creatures of Thy providence, give Thee humble and hearty thanks  
for the fellowship of our brethren who have died during the pandemic, and  
having passed under Thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death,  
we trust that, ascending to those immortal mansions whence all goodness  
emanates, our former companions may now shine as the stars for ever and  
ever. **All: Amen.**

O Father of all, we pray to thee for those whom we love, but see no longer.  
Grant them thy peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in thy loving  
wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: Deal graciously, we  
pray thee, with those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may  
know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

We praise and thank the True and Living God Most High for his never-failing love  
and mercy to us. May our response to this goodness be a renewal of faith and  
dedication to his service! May the rays of heaven shed their influence, and  
indelibly imprint on our hearts the sacred dictates of truth, of honour, and of  
virtue; and a genuine desire to help others regardless of creed or culture. May a  
belief in the eternal wisdom of God, be the hallmarks of us all, as men and as  
Masons. **All: Amen.**

Please sit

## ANTHEM

**Cheryl Enever**

Laudate Dominum

*W A Mozart (from Vesperae solennis de confessors)*

Please sit

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives

**E Comp Howard Hughes PGStB ProvGJ**

A member of Burdett Chapter 1293

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Please kneel or remain seated

## INTERCESSION PRAYERS

### Provincial Grand Chaplain

The response after each prayer to 'Lord in your mercy' is '**Hear our Prayer**'

**Let us pray:** Almighty and Eternal God, creator and giver of life to all; we give you heartfelt and humble thanks for all we derive from our Masonic membership and fellowship in the practice of every moral and social virtue. Keep our Order, we pray, within the benevolent spirit of your divine providence so that brotherly

love, relief and truth may increase among us to benefit the needy and provide blessing and comfort to all we aid, here and throughout the world. May your wisdom guide us, your truth enlighten us, and your justice dignify our lives; to the honour and glory of your holy name. **All: Amen.**

Please stand

## HYMN

*(Dominus regit me - J.B. Dykes - H.W. Baker)*

1. The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine for ever.
2. Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house for ever.

Please sit

## **THIRD READING**

Matthew 23:1-12  
They do not practise what they preach

**RW Bro David Allan**  
Pro Provincial Grand Master

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

## **ANTHEM**

**The Middlesex Provincial Choir**

God is a Spirit

*William Sternsdale Bennett (1816 - 1873)*  
*from 'The women of Samaria - John 4 Vs 23-24*

## **ADDRESS**

**Revd David Joynes**  
**Provincial Grand Chaplain (Berkshire)**

## FINAL PRAYER

Please kneel or remain seated

### Provincial Grand Chaplain

Almighty and Eternal God, Architect and Ruler of the Universe; we give thanks for this Masonic Province of Middlesex. We pray for our Provincial Grand Master, His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent, and our Pro Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent, David Allan. Also members of the Craft and Royal Arch Provincial Executive, and those who are in positions of leadership. We ask that they may be endued with wisdom, and judgement as they lead the Province; and that they may bring brotherly love and companionship to all the Freemasons of Middlesex. **All: Amen.**

Please stand

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*(Praise, my soul - Psalm 103 – John Goss – H. F. Lyte)*

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise him for his grace and favour,  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.
3. Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands, he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise Him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
Blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the high eternal One.

5. Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him;  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

Please remain standing

### **THE FINAL BLESSING**

**The Venerable Stuart Beake**  
Acting Dean of Guildford

Please sit

**The Middlesex Provincial Choir**

**Go Forth Into The World In Peace**  
*(John Rutter b1945 )*



## HYMN

*(St. Oswald - J.B. Dykes)*

1. Now the evening's shadows closing,  
Warn from toil to peaceful rest,  
Mystic arts and rites reposing,  
Sacred in each faithful breast.
2. God of Light whose love unceasing,  
Doth to all thy works extend,  
Crown our Order with Thy blessing,  
Build, sustain us to the end
3. Humbly now we bow before thee,  
Grateful for thine aid divine;  
Everlasting power and glory,  
Mighty Architect be Thine.

**The Volume of the Sacred Law will be closed  
by the Pro Provincial Grand Master**

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

1. 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!
2. Not in this land alone,  
But be God's mercies known  
From shore to shore:  
Lord, make the nations see  
That men should brothers be,  
And form one family  
The wide world o'er.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*(Cwm Rhondda – Music by John Hughes 1873- 1932  
Words translated into English by Peter Williams 1772- 1796)*

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield;  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

## RECESSIONAL MUSIC

**The Provincial Grand Organist**

**Crown Imperial**  
*William Walton*



The Masonic Province of Middlesex is pleased to once again return to the beautiful Guildford Cathedral. We express our grateful thanks to the Acting Dean and the Chapter for welcoming us, and for kindly giving permission to hold our Service of Thanksgiving here once again.

The Provincial Grand Master would like to thank those who have organised the Service; and all those who have contributed and participated.

**Complimentary refreshments following the service are available to all at Seasons (The Refectory Café)**

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