

ALLEYN'S COLLEGE OF GOD'S GIFT AT DULWICH

1619-2021



Commemoration Service

On the First Evening Prayer of the feast of St Thomas

Friday 2 July 2021 at 7.00pm

Recorded at Christ's Chapel, Gallery Road

In previous years, the retiring collection from the Commemoration Service has been in favour of Southwark Community Education Charity (SCEC). SCEC is a registered charity, supported by the three Foundation Schools, which for over 25 years has operated free enrichment schemes in literacy, maths and science on Saturday mornings for pupils from local primary schools. Older pupils from the host Foundation Schools act as mentors on the schemes. During 2020-21, the schemes could not run as usual because of Covid restrictions; online sessions were held instead wherever possible. Mentors from Alleyn's School were involved in helping the younger children get the most from the online maths sessions, and talk here about their experiences of volunteering for the charity.

SCEC receives support from the Foundation Schools and relies also on donations from grant-making bodies and individuals to raise funds for its work. To donate £10 to SCEC, text SCEC 10 to 70450. Texts cost £10 plus your standard message rate. You can change the figure to any other amount you'd like to donate, and the charge will be amended accordingly. **Many thanks for your donation.**

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The Chairman of the Chapel Committee: Mr Segun Osuntokun

Foundation Chaplain and Vicar of St Barnabas, Dulwich: The Reverend John Watson

Alleyn's School Chaplain: The Reverend Liz Lander

Dulwich College Chaplain: The Reverend Tim Buckler

James Allens' Girl's School Chaplain: The Reverend Cécile Schnyder

Directors of Music: Peter Gritton (JAGS), Chris Dearmer (Alleyn's), Richard Mayo (Dulwich College)

Organist: John Cernelley, Dulwich College

Preacher: Revd John Watson, Foundation Chaplain and Vicar of St Barnabas, Dulwich.

This year we offer a service that has been pre-recorded so that we are following the social distancing measures advised by the UK Government.

¶ The Foundation Chaplain offers the welcome

¶ **Wreath laying**

Morgan Le Fevre (School Captain, Alleyn's School)

Archie Wright (School Captain, Dulwich College)

Jhenica Uthayakumaran (Deputy Head Girl, James Allen's Girls' School)

¶ **Organ Voluntary**

Voluntary for the Trumpet Stop by John Stanley (1712-1786)

from the John Reading Manuscripts of Dulwich College,

played by Dr John Cernelley

¶ The Foundation Chaplain introduces the service

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help

and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

God of our days and years,

we set this time apart for worship and thanksgiving.

In these days of challenge and uncertainty

We pray for your hope and peace.

May our hearts ever praise you

and may we be strengthened in your service.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Hymn

Except the house is built, Lord, by your hand,
Our work is vain, our labours shall not stand,
Our choice endeavours are as shifting sand:
Lord God, we praise you! Alleluia! *(sung by JAGS)*

For generations past and yet to be,
They gave their trust, that young minds might be free;
We bear their torch, their hope, with dignity:
Lord God, we praise you! Alleluia! *(sung by Dulwich College)*

Our praise and honour from this place now rise,
Anthems and songs ascend beyond the skies,
To him alone in whom all glory lies:
Lord God, we praise you! Alleluia! *(sung by Alleyn's)*

*Colin Fairclough
Music: Sine Nomine, R. Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)*



The first reading *Isaiah 35*

Mrs Jane Lunnon, Head of Alleyn's School



Et in terra pax *(sung by JAGS Sixth Form: Holst Choir)*

Et in terra pax hominibus,

Et in terra pax hominibus

Bonae, bonae voluntatis, pax hominibus

Bonae voluntatis, bonae voluntatis

Et in terra pax hominibus,

Et in terra pax,

Et in terra pax hominibus,

Pax hominibus bonae voluntatis,

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis,

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

From Gloria, R. 589.

Conducted by Patricia Williams

Accompanied by Peter Gritton on piano



The second reading *Hebrews 10.35-11.1*

Dr Joseph Spence, Master of Dulwich College



Irish Blessing *(Sung by Alleyn's Sixth Form Chamber Choir)*

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be ever at you back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you, may God hold you
Ever in the palm of his hand
May God hold you, may God hold you
Ever in the palm of his hand
Ever in the palm of his hand
The palm of his hand

Traditional

Music by Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

*Conducted by Chris Dearmer, Director of Music
Accompanied by Dr John Cernelley on the organ*



The Bidding Prayer

Mrs Alex Hutchinson, Head of JAGS

Concluding with:

**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 tempta=on;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Chaplain of Dulwich College

God our Father,
you have raised up for us many benefactors,
known and unknown, remembered and forgotten,
whose harvest we today are reaping:
make us also faithful in this our day,
that we may sow a generous harvest,
which others shall reap in days to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Chaplain of Alleyn's School

We offer this prayer, Father, for our schools and colleges:

that those who teach in them may be endowed with the love and understanding we see revealed in the life and example of Jesus Christ;

that children may be guided in the way that leads to the abundant life which Jesus came to bring us all;

that students may accept with gratitude and humility

your gifts of mind and the opportunity to use them;

and that the Spirit of truth may use their studies

to enlarge their understanding of your purpose for men and women

made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Ave Verum *(sung by Dulwich College Chapel Choir)*

Ave verum Corpus,

Natum ex Maria Virgine,

Vere passum, immolatum

In cruce pro homine,

Cujus latus perforatum

Unda fluxit sanguine:

Esto nobis praegustatum

In mortis examine.

O dulcis, O pie!

O Jesu Fili Mariae. **Amen.**

*Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
Conducted by Mr Richard Mayo, Director of Music
Accompanied by Dr John Carnelley on the organ*



The Sermon



The Chaplain of JAGS

We beseech you, O Lord,
to hear the prayers of your people;
and grant that they may both perceive
and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace
and power faithfully to fulfil the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Eternal and infinite God, whom neither time nor space
can measure or contain;
look with loving kindness
on this foundation which we all
have sought to build to your praise,
and by your presence
make it an image of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Founder's Prayer

We give thee humble and hearty thanks,
O most merciful Father,
for the memory in this place of Edward Alleyn,
our Founder and Benefactor,
by whose benefit this whole College of God's Gift
is brought up to godliness and good learning:
and we beseech Thee to give us grace
to use these Thy blessings to the glory of Thy Holy Name,
that we may here fulfil the good intent of our Founder,
and become faithful servants
to Thee, to our country and to our world;
and at the last be made partakers of the life everlasting;
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.



An Act of Dedication

Let us dedicate ourselves anew to God's service.

To your care and protection, O Lord,

we now commit ourselves.

Of your goodness forgive us;

with your love inspire us;

by your spirit guide us;

and in your mercy keep us,

now and always.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage; hold fast to what is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of God within you;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you all evermore.

Amen.



Organ voluntary

Prelude in C minor BWV 546

J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Dr John Cernelley