Centenary Remembrance of HMS Mary Rose

11am 17th October 2017

Chatham Naval Memorial 51 King's Bastion Road Gillingham ME75DQ

Historical introduction and welcome to the service by Sue Church

HMS Mary Rose survived the Battle of Jutland in 1916 but wasn't so lucky in 1917. Half the crew of 1916 were also on the Mary Rose in 1917 and they must have thought their mission to Norway in October wasn't going to be quite so hard. Little did they know.

During my research over the last 5 years, I have learnt of the hardships men serving in the Royal Navy endured. On my own voyage of discovery to learn more about the events of the 17th October 1917, I have learnt a lot about the Ultimate act a man or woman can make, giving their life for King and country.

I am honoured that you have gathered with me here today to join me in this Service of Remembrance for these fine men from our families, who made that Ultimate Sacrifice. I am particularly grateful to Fr David Wylie for coming to led our commemoration and to the members of the British Legion for their support.

The Service is led by The Rev'd. Fr.David Wylie Royal Navy Chaplain HMS Collingwood

Chaplain: In the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. All: Amen

Chaplain: The Lord be with you. All: and also with you.



Introduction

Chaplain: We have come together to remember those who have died in war and conflict and especially those who died and served in HMS Mary Rose 100 years ago. Holding our Lord's sacrifice before us, we come in thanksgiving for their sacrifice in prayer for their souls and in hope for our futures that we may honour them by what we offer to others in our lives.



Act of Penitence.

Chaplain: Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek that peace which God wills for his children

After a short silence ALL say:

All: In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Absolution.

Psalm 139 (Congregation say lines in Bold)

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in the grave, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be . Amen.

A Reading from Holy Scripture and reflection



"We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living." Romans 14.7-9

The Revd Fr.David Wylie RN



The Prayers concluded by 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.



The Act of Remembrance.

Let us remember before God and commend to his sure keeping those who died in HMS Mary Rose and whose memory we treasure in this place on this anniversary.

The Roll of Honour

FOX, Charles Leonard - BAVIN, Anthony James

CLEGHORN, William Howie - BARCLAY, Ivan Curror Christie

PERKINS, Robert Ernest - MARKS, Richard

BOLTON, Arthur Stanley - MILLIGAN, Hamilton Harries

CLISSOLD, Henry Joseph - CAINS, John Reuben

MOIR, Archibald Douglas - POLWARTH, William

BROWN, Thomas - HEPWORTH, Joseph Arnold Leslie

COXON, Ernest William - HAYWARD, William

HEALDS, Frederick F - LAINCHBURY, William

PATON, George Turner - CASEMAN, James Albert

DYMOND, Joseph C - PREST, Alfred

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BLACKWOOD, William John - BOWDEN, Henry George
      CARSE, Daniel Elliott – JONES, William Richard
   COLLETT, Frederick James - ASPLAND, William Bertie
   AVERY, Henry - BARRACLOUGH, Dennis Hammond
   FRENCH, Albert Edward - GILL, Cyril Bertram Leonard
      GLYN, Herbert Charles - GRANT, Charles Harry
      GRIFFIN, Harry John - HIBBLE, Douglas Charles
        HOLEWELL, James J - HOUSTON, Thomas
     LOWE, Bertie B - MUGGLETON, Reginald Samuel
     PHILO, Charles John - RYAN, Edward, Christopher
    SUGDEN, Thomas Edward SUMMERVILLE, Richard
   SEDGE, William Alfred - CROWHURST, Archie Arthur
      DUFFY, Alexander Thomas - RICHARDS, John J
         SPENCER, Alfred Henry - INGRAM, John
     HONEYSETT, Frederick John - SMALLEY, Harry
    BRIGHT, Albert Edward - BOLTON, Thomas William
      JANE, Sydney Edgar - WALKER, Albert Ernest
   WHITING, Arthur Sidney - WOOSTER, Albert Edward
    O' NEILL, Harry John - PAVITT, Frederick Benjamin
        PERRY, Herbert James - HILLS, Henry John
      KING, Thomas John - KNIGHT, Frederick Cyril
     FAIRWEATHER, Jack Ryan - BELL, John Edward
        HANCOCK, Isaac - JONES, William Richard
     TEEAR, Thomas Edward - TOMS, Frederick James
CHAMBERS, Arthur John Askew - CLARK, John, Able Seaman
 CLARKE, Alexander Alfred Cairo - DANN, Leonard Edward
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LEVER, Cyril Harry - LUFF, Henry James
OGILVIE, Francis Hay - SIMMONS, Robert

ROBINSON, Alfred George - CLARKE, 'Frank' Frederick William HOLDEN, Alfred - WARD, Charles

DOVER, Henry Joseph - ELMER, Albert Charles - REED, Alfred

"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."

All: We will remember them.

Two Minutes Silence

(in the absence of a bugler we recall the last post and reveille in our minds that they may sleep and rise with God in Christ.)

The Laying of wreaths.



Conclusion

The Naval Collect

Go before us O Lord in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour and further us with thy continual help that all our works begun, continued and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Almighty God who has gathered us together as members of one great Service, grant that inspired by those we remember this day we may realise our responsibilities one to another. May truth loyalty and kindness abound among us; may your blessing rest upon our work, your Name be honoured among us and your peace guard us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



The Blessing and Dismissal

Happy the dead who die in the faith of the Lord, may they rest in peace for they take with them the record of their deeds. (Revelation 14.13)



