NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

BELFAST WATERFRONT

Order of Service

Sunday 26th September 2010, 2pm
The Police Dependants' Trust (PDT)

The Police Dependants' Trust exists to assist in cases of need: dependants of police officers or former police officers who die or have died as a result of an injury received in the execution of duty; and police officers or former police officers who are, or have been incapacitated as a result of an injury received in the execution of duty.

The Trust was set up following the murder by armed criminals of three police officers at Shepherds Bush in 1966. The late Sir William Butlin, at the time anonymously, gave £100,000 for the establishment of a trust to help in cases where police officers were killed or injured on duty. Public reaction to the crime was such that the fund soon increased to more than £1/4 million.

The Police Dependants’ Trust was formally constituted by the signing of the Trust Deed on 21 December 1966 and registration with the Charity Commission in January 1967. The Trust is honoured with the patronage of HM The Queen.

Shortly after the formal establishment of the Trust, an appeal was launched to raise £1 million to ensure sufficient income to help existing and future beneficiaries. The appeal was successful but growing demands on the trust make it necessary to continue building up the Trust's resources to provide for future requirements.

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The Police Dependants’ Trust have kindly provided refreshments following the service.
Processional
The pipes and drums of the Police Service of Northern Ireland

Welcome
David Ford, Minister of Justice

Stand

HYMN
Lord of all Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy
whose trust, ever child-like,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord
at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901 - 1953)
Tune: Slane

Remain standing
The Bidding
Led by The Most Reverend Alan Harper O.B.E., B.A.
Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland

We meet here today to remember before God the men and women of our police service who laid down their lives in the service of their country, to honour them and give thanks for their sacrifice. We also hold before God their families, friends and colleagues; all who are bereaved and mourn the loss of their loved ones. Jesus said to his disciples, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends."

Almighty God, worthy of our praise and the service of our lives, comfort us as we mourn the loss of loved ones who have laid down their lives in the cause of justice. Dispel the darkness of grief with the light of your love. Strengthen us with the grace of your Holy Spirit that we may continue to strive for the cause of right, and that, following the good example of those who served you and are now at rest, we may at last enter into the fullness of your eternal glory. Amen.

Confident that neither life nor death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray as he taught us:

All: 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

Sit

First Reading - The Gap - Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Read by Phyllis Carrothers, Royal Ulster Constabulary, George Cross Widows’ Chairperson

Nothing can fill that gap when we are away from those we love, and it would be wrong to try and find anything. We must simply hold out and win through. That sounds very hard at first, but at the same time it is a great consolation, since leaving the gap unfilled, preserves the bonds of love between us. It is nonsense to say that God fills the gap. He does not fill it but leaves it empty, so that our communion with another may be kept alive, even at the cost of pain.

Musical Item ‘Be Thou My Vision’ – John Rutter
Performed by the Methodist College Chapel Choir, Belfast
Mrs Ruth McCartney MBE Conductor
Second Reading - Matthew 5: 1-12
Read by Chief Superintendent Derek Barnett
President, Police Superintendents’ Association of England and Wales

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Address
The Most Reverend Alan Harper O.B.E., B.A.
Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland

Stand

HYMN
The King of Love

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.
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.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

Words: Henry W. Baker,
Music: St. Columba, ancient Irish melody

Remain Standing

Dedication of the National Police Memorial Day Standard

The Standard Bearer moves to stand before the Chaplain

Police Sergeant Joe Holness QPM, National Policing Improvement Agency, and founder of National Police Memorial Day says to the Chaplain

Reverend Sir, on behalf of The National Police Memorial Day
I ask you to bless us,
And dedicate this new Standard.

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation,
For you call men and women
To live together in community;
And to form associations
For the sake of recognition, mutual support and comradeship;
By your blessing may this Standard
Be a symbol of unity and friendship
To those who assemble in the name it bears:
May they live in peace and harmony,
May they walk in truth and justice,
May they know your love in their hearts,
And finally come to the fullness of eternal life,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sit
Act of Remembrance

The Reverend David Wilbraham, National Coordinator, National Association of Chaplains to the Police.
Force Chaplain, Thames Valley Police

These candles, one from each of the four nations of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, serve to remind us of the undying flame of devotion and commitment, exemplified by those whom we remember today. God of Justice and truth, mercy and love, we praise you for the example of service and sacrifice given to those we have gathered to remember. So again we hold them in honour this day.

Kate Carroll, widow of Constable Stephen Carroll, Police Service of Northern Ireland says
For their courage and dedication to duty, we will remember them.
We will remember them.
A candle is lit to remember those who died from the Police Forces of Northern Ireland.

Daisy Godfrey, daughter of Police Constable Ian Godfrey, South Wales Police says
For their example of self-sacrifice, we will remember them.
We will remember them.
A candle is lit to remember those who died from the Police Forces of Wales.

Simon Barker, son of Police Constable Bill Barker, Cumbria Constabulary says
For their bravery and fortitude, we will remember them.
We will remember them.
A candle is lit to remember those who died from the Police Forces of England.

Jill Smith, widow of Police Constable John Smith, Central Scotland Police says
For the memories we treasure and the love we shared, we will remember them.
We will remember them.
A candle is lit to remember those who died from the Police Forces of Scotland.

Stand

Terry Spence, Chairman, Police Federation of Northern Ireland says
Let us remember before God the men and women of the Police Service who gave their lives in the exercise of their duty. Those who have given their lives during the past year.
Constable Gary John Leslie Grieves, Police Service of Northern Ireland; Constable Gareth Gallagher, Police Service of Northern Ireland; Police Constable Sean Peter McColgan, Metropolitan Police; Police Constable Daniel Alastair Gibb, Metropolitan Police; Police Constable Daniel John Cooper, Wiltshire Police; Police Constable William Arthur Alastair Barker, Cumbria Constabulary; Detective Sergeant Iain Stuart McLay, Metropolitan Police; Police Constable Michael James Johnson, Wiltshire Police
We give thanks to God for their courage and their dedication. We treasure their memory and in silence commend them to God’s sure keeping.

Silence is kept, during which petals of remembrance, representing all who have lost their lives, descend from the gallery
The orchestra plays ‘Abide with me’ and the Last Post is sounded. After a moment of silence Reveille is sounded. (Trumpet; PC John Morgan, Dyfed-Powys Police/Director of Music, National Police Memorial Day)

Sit

**Musical Item ‘Cantique de Jean Racine’ – Gabriel Faure**

*Performed by St.Malachy’s College Choir, Belfast.  Donal McCrisken Conductor*

**Prayers**

led by the Reverend David Wilbraham

Let us pray...

**Presbyterian Church: Very Reverend Dr. Stafford Carson**

For those who have died

Father in heaven,
we give you thanks for those we remember this day.
We praise you as we recollect their lives and cherish their memory.
We bless you that in bearing your image they brought light to our lives;
for we have seen
  in their friendship reflections of your compassion,
in their integrity demonstrations of your goodness,
in their faithfulness glimpses of your eternal love.
Grant to each of us, beloved and bereft,
the grace to follow their good example
so that with them we may come to your everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Methodist Church: Reverend Aian Ferguson**

For the families, friends and colleagues of those who have died

Almighty God,
Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort:
deal graciously, we pray, with those who mourn,
that, casting all our care on you, we may know the consolation of your love,
for you know our hearts and share our sorrows.
We are hurt by our parting from those whom we loved:
when we are angry at the loss we have sustained,
when we long for words of comfort, yet find them hard to hear,
turn our grief to truer living, and our affliction to firmer hope
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
Irish Council of Churches: Reverend Tony Davidson (Vice-President)
For all who strive for the peace of our nation

God our Father we pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and pray for your peace: We bring before you all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their return; we pray for those who serve in the Police Forces of our nation and strive to keep communities safe; for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership; political, social, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation, peace and wholeness. Lord hear our prayer. **Amen**

*Silence for our own prayers.*

Merciful Father
**Accept these prayers**
For the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Stand*

**HYMN**

I cannot tell why He whom Angels worship
I cannot tell why He whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary
When Bethlehem’s manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the brokenhearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of East and West, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun will shine in splendour
When He the Saviour, Saviour of the world is known.
I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,  
Or who can say how great the jubilation  
When every heart with love and joy is filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
And earth to Heaven, and Heaven to earth, will answer:  
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world is King!

Words: William Young Fullerton (1857-1932), 1929;  
Tune: Londonderry Air

Remain Standing

Act of Dedication
– Matt Baggott CBE, QPM, BA (Hons)  
The Chief Constable of The Police Service of Northern Ireland

We stand in the presence of God and dedicate ourselves to his service

We dedicate ourselves to justice and integrity  
All: Sustain us in truth

We dedicate ourselves to compassion and respect for all people  
All: Sustain us in love

We dedicate ourselves to courage and perseverance  
All: Sustain us in peace

The Blessing
The Most Reverend Noel Treanor  
Bishop of Down and Connor

God of our journeying go with you wherever that may be.  
God guide you through both wilderness and storm  
and through the turns and twists which make our lives.  
God protect you and all who journey now.  
When you are weary or when you are low,  
may the renewing, raising and enlivening Spirit revive you.  
When you are tempted to give up, may you know hope.  
When you feel alone, may you know God’s presence with you.  
God bless you, keep you and be gracious to you,  
that you may, at the last, be brought to your homecoming  
to find safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last.  
The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit rest upon you,  
upon those you love and upon those who love you  
this day and on into eternity. Amen
Musical Item – The Lord Bless you and Keep You – John Rutter
Performed by St. Malachy’s College
and Methodist College Chapel Choirs, Belfast.

Stand

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
   God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
   happy and glorious,
long to reign over us;
   God save the Queen.

MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION ARE REQUESTED TO REMAIN
IN THEIR PLACES UNTIL THE PROCESSIONS DEPART.

Refreshments will be served within The Waterfront Hall, courtesy of
The Police Dependents’ Trust.

NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL DAY 2011
Sunday 25th September
Venue, Royal Concert Halls, Glasgow.
Further details will be available soon at www.nationalpolicememorialday.org