

# Remembrance 2023



## A Service at the War Memorial and the Memorial Sundial at

South Wales Police Headquarters, Bridgend  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 at 10.50am

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# *Order of Service*





# At the War Memorial

*Chief Constable  
Jeremy Vaughan*

## WELCOME

*Chaplain Reverend  
Robert Coyne*

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.

# A FAMILY'S LOSS IN TWO WORLD WARS

*Gareth Madge*

As we gather again this year to remember the sacrifices made by police officers from our predecessor forces during two world wars, it is important to bear in mind the loss and tragedy that lie behind the names on memorials.

On the Cardiff City Police Memorial Plaque in the Cardiff Bay Police Station, can be found the name of Herbert Sidney Bennett.

Herbert was born in Cardiff in 1919, the son of Herbert and Gertrude Bennett.

During the First World War Herbert's father was serving as a Lieutenant with the South Wales Borderers when, in October 1918, just weeks before the Armistice in November that year, he was fatally wounded in France.

As for Herbert, he was initially an apprentice seaman with a shipping company but in 1938 he joined the Cardiff City Police and served as a constable in the city.

During the Second World War he served in Bomber Command of the Royal Air Force.

On 2nd December 1943, he was a Flight Sergeant and the bomb aimer on a Lancaster aircraft when it was shot down over Germany during a raid on Berlin. Six members of the crew, including Herbert, were killed. There was just one survivor who was captured and became a prisoner of war.

Herbert was survived by his wife, Dorothea, who he had married in 1942.

For the Bennett family, there was loss in two world wars. Herbert and his father would never have known each other.

They are buried far from each other, in graves cared for by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in Germany and in France.

Today we remember their sacrifice.



*Herbert (son)*



*Herbert (father)*

*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.

*Chaplain*

## A PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

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**

### **We remember since our service last year:**

Police Staff Andrew Islwyn Thomas

Constable Andrew Mark Evans

## 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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