

SUNDAY 27th APRIL 2014



THE RE-DEDICATION of the BATA WAR MEMORIAL, EAST TILBURY

The WELCOME

The guests and the community of East Tilbury are welcomed by
Mike Tarbard (Chairman of the Bata Reminiscence and
Resource Centre)

The SERVICE for the RE-DEDICATION of the BATA MEMORIAL

MINISTER We meet in the presence of God.
We come to remember in thanksgiving and sorrow,
those whose names are recorded on this memorial,
and whose lives have been given and taken away
in war and conflict.
In acknowledgement of their sacrifice, we come to
commit ourselves to work faithfully for reconciliation
between the nations and in our communities,
so that all people may live together in freedom,
justice and peace.
We come to pray for all who have been bereaved or
disabled by war, and all who suffer as a
consequence of fighting or terror.

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
and gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go:
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

The Bible Reading

St John's Gospel, chapter 15, verses 9 to 13.

Read by Jean Atherton of Linford Methodist Church

The Remembrance of those honoured on the Memorial

The names of those recorded on the Bata Memorial are read.

THE RE-DEDICATION OF THE BATA MEMORIAL

Minister Let us remember before God and commend to his sure keeping those who have died for their country and their fellow-country men and women, and especially those whose lives and names are recorded on this memorial.

In the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, we re-dedicate this Bata Memorial to be a place for the remembrance for all time, of their sacrifice, and of the cost of the peace and the freedom they have given us to enjoy.

*They shall not grow 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**

The Last Post is played followed by the two minutes silence.

The silence is ended by the playing of the Reveille.

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.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

The Laying of the Wreaths and Flowers.

THE PRAYERS

We pray for those who bear the grief of those remembered on this Memorial, and all who have lost husband or wife, children or parents, sisters or brothers, or other loved ones in war and the service of their country.

May our Heavenly Father

All **Grant his peace**

We pray for those who returned injured, disabled or unable to live a normal life, and for those whose faith in God and in humanity has been weakened or destroyed.

May our Heavenly Father

All **Grant his peace**

We pray for all who suffer as a consequence of war, conflict and terror; those who have died, the injured, refugees, the homeless, the hungry and all who have lost their livelihoods and their security.

May our Heavenly Father

All **Grant his peace**

We pray for the peacemakers: for statesmen and world leaders that they may have the wisdom and the courage to do what is just. For all who work to improve international understanding and reconciliation, and all who work for the common good.

May our Heavenly Father

All Grant his peace

Grant us Lord, the grace to pray for strangers, our enemies and for those who wish to harm us or others.

Grant us Lord, the will to use our lives to honour the sacrifice made by others in times past and, with faith in your future, seek to serve you and our neighbours throughout each day you give us.

All Amen

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

The Kohima Epitaph

When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today.

Let us commit ourselves and our whole lives to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you work for all that make for peace?

All With the help of God, we will.

Will you be healers of wounds and seek for understanding and reconciliation?

All With the help of God, we will.

Will you fight for a just future for all humanity?

All With the help of God, we will.

RESPONSES

The Mayor of Thurrock (Coun Tony Fish) and Mrs Monica Pignal (representing the Bata family) are invited to respond.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

THE BLESSING

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships, so that you may live out his love.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and the exploitation of people so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with the foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, and do what others claim cannot be done.

May the blessings of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

All Amen

The Standard bearers and guests lead to the Village Hall.

