

# Westminster Abbey



A SERVICE TO  
DEDICATE A MEMORIAL TO  
ADMIRAL ARTHUR PHILLIP RN



Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014

11.00 am

## ADMIRAL ARTHUR PHILLIP RN

Widely admired in Australia as Commander of the First Fleet and first Governor, Admiral Arthur Phillip RN (1738–1814) founded New South Wales in 1788, introduced the rule of law, and established the new colony in the face of horrendous obstacles. Phillip, a Royal Navy Captain in 1788, attained the rank of Admiral for his naval service, but was otherwise unrecognised.

Phillip's leadership of the First Fleet was inspired: all on board were humanely treated and kept healthy, and his navigation was superb. His establishing the colony was an extraordinary achievement. As a farmer himself, he recognised the enormous potential of this new country and encouraged others to believe in it. Phillip was the architect of modern Australia.

Arthur Phillip was born in the City of London and is commemorated at an annual service in the church of St Mary-le-Bow, in which there is a small commemorative bust. In Watling Street close by, there is a small, mostly unremarked, memorial to him. In Bath are plaques affixed to his house, and in Bath Abbey and St Nicholas Church, Bathampton, his final resting place, he is commemorated by an Australia chapel, stained glass windows, and a small tablet erected by his widow.

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Patron of the Britain-Australia Society, stated, 'As the Captain commanding the First Fleet and then as the first Governor of New South Wales at a crucial period in the development of Australia, his selfless service fully deserves the memorial stone which the Britain-Australia Society Education Trust will lay in Westminster Abbey, and the memorial which it is intending to establish in July in his home city of Bath.'

We should properly honour this modest, self-made yet world-class seaman, linguist, patriot, espionage agent against the French, sometime commodore in the Portuguese Navy, and above all humanitarian and effective first Governor of New South Wales. He overcame extraordinary odds to lay the foundation of the Australia we know today, the successful and highly regarded nation and major ally of Great Britain.

The Trustees of The Britain-Australia Society Education Trust



Arthur Phillip Esq.  
Captain General & Commander in Chief in & over  
the Territory of New South Wales.

*Members of the congregation are kindly requested to refrain from using private cameras, video, or sound recording equipment. Please ensure that mobile phones, pagers, and other electronic devices are switched off.*

*The church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.*

*The service is conducted by The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster.*

*The service is sung by the Westminster Abbey Special Service Choir, conducted by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers.*

*The organ is played by Daniel Cook, Sub-Organist.*

*Music before the service:*

*Peter Holder, Organ Scholar, plays:*

Sonata in D H 86 *Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach (1714–88)*

Water Music Suite  
No 3 in G HWV 350 *George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)*

Sonata in F minor Op 65 no 1 *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)*

Benedictus  
from Sonata Britannica Op 152 *Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)*

*The Sub-Organist Plays:*

Romance in B flat *William McKie (1901–84)*

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*The Guard of Honour is provided by pupils from The Royal Hospital School, Holbrook.*

*Her Excellency The Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency The High Commissioner of Australia to the Court of St James, the President of the Britain-Australia Society, and the Chairman of the Britain-Australia Society Education Trust are received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All remain seated.*

*Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, and the Representatives of the Lord Speaker, the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Prime Minister are received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and conducted to their places. All remain seated.*

*The Lord Mayor of Westminster Locum Tenens is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and conducted to her place in the Nave. All stand, and then sit.*

*His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made. All stand.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*All remain standing to sing*

### THE HYMN

*during which the Collegiate Procession,  
together with His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh,  
moves to places near the Nave Altar*



**T**HOU whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray  
let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move o'er the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.

Blessèd and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world far and wide  
let there be light.

*Moscow 466 NEH  
after Felice Giardini (1716–96)  
in Martin Madan's Collection of Psalms and Hymns 1769*

*John Marriott (1780–1825)*

*All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, gives*

## THE BIDDING

WE come to this House of God and House of Kings to celebrate the life and work of Admiral Arthur Phillip RN, the Commander of the First Fleet and first Governor of New South Wales, and to dedicate here in the Nave a permanent memorial in his honour.

This modest, yet world-class seaman, linguist, and patriot, whose selfless service laid the secure foundations on which was developed the Commonwealth of Australia, will always be remembered and honoured alongside other pioneers and inventors here in the Nave: David Livingstone, Thomas Cochrane, and Isaac Newton.

It is a pleasure to welcome representatives of the Britain-Australia Society and to thank them for their active engagement in this project. Our prayer is that this memorial will always reflect the excellent ties that bind the people and governments of Britain and Australia, of history and friendship, common interest, and mutual support, and that contribute to the health and wealth of our world.

*All sit for*

## A REFLECTION

*by*

Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO,  
Governor of New South Wales

*Vice Admiral David Steel CBE, Chief of Naval Personnel and Training, and Second Sea Lord, Royal Navy, reads*

ISAIAH 60: 1–11

**A**RISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee. And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.

*All remain seated. The Choir sings*

THE MOTET

**H**OLY is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict; from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia!

*William Harris (1883–1973)*

*Salisbury Diurnal*



*His Excellency The Honourable Alexander Downer AC, High Commissioner of Australia to the Court of St James, reads*

ST MATTHEW 8: 23–27

**A**ND when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

*All stand to sing*

THE HYMN



**E**TERNAL 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.

*Melita 354 NEH*  
*John Bacchus Dykes (1823–76)*

*William Whiting (1825–78)*

*All remain standing for*

#### THE DEDICATION OF THE MEMORIAL STONE

*Sir Christopher Benson DL, Chairman, The Britain-Australia Society Education Trust, says:*

**I** ASK you, Mr Dean, to receive into the safe custody of the Dean and Chapter this memorial in honour and memory of Admiral Arthur Phillip.

*The Dean replies:*

**T**O the greater glory of God, and in thankful memory of Admiral Arthur Phillip, and of all that he achieved and contributed to Australia and the United Kingdom, I dedicate this memorial: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Wreaths are laid by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, by Denis Smith OAM, Vice President, Fellowship of First Fleeters, and by Gillian Doyle, President, Arthur Phillip Chapter, Fellowship of First Fleeters.*

*All sit. The Choir sings*

## THE ANTHEM

**T**HEY that go down to the sea in ships: and occupy their business in great waters;  
these men see the works of the Lord: and his wonders in the deep.  
For at his word the stormy wind ariseth: which lifteth up the waves thereof.  
They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep: their soul melteth away because of the trouble.  
They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man: and are at their wits' end.  
So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble: he delivereth them out of their distress.  
For he maketh the storm to cease: so that the waves thereof are still.  
Then are they glad, because they are at rest: and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

*Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995)*

*Psalm 107: 23–30*

## THE ADDRESS

*by*

The Dean

*All kneel or remain seated. The Reverend Dr James Hawkey, Minor Canon and Precentor of Westminster, leads*

## THE PRAYERS

**W**E give thanks to almighty God for Arthur Phillip: for his life and vision; for his commitment and skill; for his effective and imaginative administration; and for the foundations he laid for New South Wales and modern Australia. We pray that as we celebrate Arthur Phillip, we may be inspired by his example and faithful to his legacy.

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Senator The Honourable George Brandis QC, Australian Attorney-General, and Minister for the Arts, says:*

**W**E give thanks to almighty God for Australia: for her historic ties of friendship with the United Kingdom, and for the rich diversity of her nature, peoples, and cultures. We pray for Her Majesty The Queen, for our Governor-General, the parliament and executive, and for all that contributes to a just and stable society.

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The Right Honourable Dominic Grieve QC MP, Attorney General for England and Wales, says:*

**W**E give thanks for those who through the law uphold and strengthen our societies in peace and prosperity. We pray for our nations' judiciaries, and for those who make, interpret, and apply the law, that they may work for the common good and promote justice without partiality.

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The Reverend George Bush, Rector, St Mary-le-Bow Church, London, says:*

**W**E give thanks for the Royal Navy and for the Royal Australian Navy; for their shared heritage and proud histories. We pray for all those with responsibility for the defence of both our nations, that they may be agents of peace and goodwill, protecting the weak and vulnerable, and standing firm against tyranny and oppression.

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The Reverend Andrew Sempell, Rector, St James's Church, King Street, Sydney, says:*

**W**E give thanks to almighty God for the revelation of faith, and for the gift of education which Arthur Phillip held dear. We pray for those who form our young people in wisdom as well as in skill, that they might contribute to the building of societies strong in faith and hope, and committed to the flourishing of all human beings.

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The Precentor concludes:*

**O** LORD, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour in any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same until it be thoroughly finished that yieldeth the true glory; through him who for the finishing of thy work laid down his life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Sir Francis Drake (c 1540–1596)*

All these our prayers and praises let us now present before our heavenly Father, in the prayer our Saviour Christ has taught us:

**O**UR 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.**

*All stand to sing*

#### THE HYMN



**N**OW thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the One eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore. Amen.

*Nun danket 413 NEH*  
*from Johann Crüger's*  
*Praxis pietatis melica c1647*

*German, Martin Rinkart (1586–1649)*  
*translated by Catherine Winkworth*  
*(1827–78)*

*All remain standing. The Dean pronounces*

#### THE BLESSING

**U**NTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*All remain standing to sing*

### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF AUSTRALIA



**A**USTRALIANS all, let us rejoice for we are young and free,  
we've golden soil and wealth for toil, our home is girt by sea;  
our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare;  
in history's page let every stage advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing: 'Advance Australia Fair!'

### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**G**OD 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.

*Music after the service:*

*Allegro maestoso from Sonata in G Op 28     Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*

*All remain standing as the Procession moves to the west end of the Abbey.*

**Members of the congregation are requested to remain in their places  
until invited to move by the Stewards.**

**A retiring collection will be taken for  
the Admiral Arthur Phillip Scholarship Fund.**

*The bells of the Abbey Church are rung.*

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