

# **THE LIGHT INFANTRY MEMORIAL DEDICATION SERVICE**

## **CHAPLAIN: THE REVEREND TIM DAPLIN**

### **SEQUENCE OF EVENTS**

1130	Refreshments for 600 Ticket Holders	Main Marquee
1145	Arrival of Regimental Guests.	1/2 hr 'Dress' Bugle Call
1220	Everyone moves to Memorial Site	¼ hr 'Dress' Bugle Call
1230	All assembled at the memorial Site	LI Assy Bugle Call
1230	Welcome / The new Memorial	Lt General Brims CB CBE DSO DL
1235	Dedication Service	Chaplain
	Reading: Mathew 5: 1-12	Mrs Janice Murray
	Blessing	Chaplain
	Dedication and Unveiling of Memorial	Chaplain
	Wreath Laying	Lt General Brims CB CBE DSO DL
1300	Reading; LI Collect:	Maj Gen BM Lane CB OBE
1305	Regimental Reflections:	
	i.	Lt Col (rtd) Eric Herrington
	ii.	Mr Paul Cocoran
	iii.	Mr Frank Morris
1320	National Anthem	
1325	8 County marches	
1335	Last Post – 2 Mins Silence - Reveille	Bugle Section
1345	No more parades	Bugle section

Association and Personal Wreaths may now be laid on the Memorial

## ‘REMEMBER’

The Light Infantry Memorial comprises a large piece of Portland Stone, simply adorned with the Bugle badge, the universal symbol of the founding Regiments and, flanking it on both sides two seats, also of Portland Stone. On these seats are carved the Regimental badges of all those English Regiments who have served as Light Infantry at some time since 1946. Looking at the Memorial, the badges are from the left those of:

Somerset Light Infantry (until 1959)  
Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry (from 1959)  
Duke of Cornwall’s Light Infantry (until 1959)  
Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (Green Jackets from 1958)  
King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry  
King’s Shropshire Light Infantry  
Durham Light Infantry  
Herefordshire Light Infantry (until 1967)

These Regiments, all of which were granted the honour of the title Light Infantry in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, came together administratively on the formation of the Light Infantry Group after the Second World War, subsequently The Light Infantry Brigade in 1957, and later in 1968 as a single Regiment – The Light Infantry – of several battalions, both regular and TA, whilst retaining the County affiliations of all antecedent Regiments.

The Memorial is simply “In Proud Memory of all those who served in The Light Infantry”, at one time the largest Regiment of Infantry in the British Army. On the reverse of the Memorial Stone are the three traditional mottoes of The Regiment.

In 2007, The Light Infantry became a constituent part of a new large Regiment, ‘The Rifles’, proudly retaining the Bugle cap badge and the affiliations to those Counties from which its soldiers have been drawn for so long.

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### **Introductory Sentences:**

I will lift up my eyes to the hills – From whence will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 121:1*

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*Isaiah 40.31*

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations,  
that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain  
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.  
We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives,  
in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

### **Hymn:**

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

**Reading: Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
"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 receive 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 for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

**Prayers:**

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace  
**God give peace**

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

May God give peace

**God give peace**

for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

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for civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace

**God give peace**

for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace

**God give peace**

for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace

**God give peace**

O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,  
and those whose names we will never know.  
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,  
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.  
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**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**

Hymn :

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **Dedication of Memorial:**

In the name of God, Amen.

To the Honour and Glory of God and in the memory of those departed this life in His faith and fear; we now dedicate and set apart this memorial.

Bless O Lord, this memorial + which we bless in your name. May it remind all those who pass this way of those who served their country in the Light Infantry; those who laid down their lives in our defence, and those since departed; In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **Blessing:**

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people,  
unity, peace and concord,  
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Unveiling of the Memorial: The Light Infantry Collect**

O God, who requireth that thy servants be found faithful, grant to us of the Light Infantry, the spirit of unity and brotherly love so that we may ever be ready to give swift obedience to thy call, yielding to none in giving glory to thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PERSONAL THOUGHTS**

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