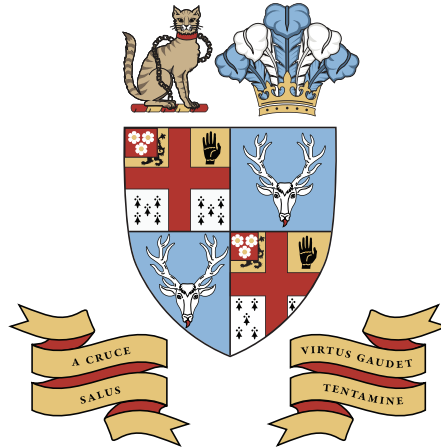


Brecon Cathedral



A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

for the life of

THE HONOURABLE
DAME ELIZABETH SHÂN JOSEPHINE
LEGGÉ-BOURKE DCVO, CStJ

10th September 1943 – 14th December 2025

Wednesday 4th March 2026
12 Noon

A LIFE WELL LIVED

Some people can't help making a difference in our lives.
By simply being who they are,
they make the world a little brighter,
a little warmer, a little gentler,
and when they're gone we realise
how lucky we are to have known them.

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to refrain from using private cameras, video, or sound recording equipment. Please ensure that your mobile telephone is **switched off**.



The Cathedral is served by a hearing loop. You should turn your hearing aid to the setting marked "T".

The service is conducted by
The Very Reverend Paul Shackerley, Dean of Brecon

The service is sung by the Brecon Cathedral Choir
Precentor - The Reverend Canon Steven Griffith

Director of Music – Mr David Stevens
The Organist – Mr Matthew McVey

Choir - Cor y Gyrlais
Musical Conductor - Mr Peter Totterdale

Bute Voices

The Band of the Welsh Guards appears by permission of
The Major General commanding The Household Division
Director of Music - Major Matthew Simons

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Welsh Airs

Suo-gân A Welsh lullaby

Chanson de Matin

Carnival of the Animals The Swan

O Mio Babbino

Dancing Cheek to Cheek

Toccata fugue D minor

Spitfire Prelude

Jeffrey Howard arr Alan Jacob

Elgar arr Wiffin

Saint Saëns arr D Barry

Puccini arr T Takahashi

Irving Berlin arr Higgins

Bach

Walton arr R Bashford

Royal Family Attendance

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales *also representing His Majesty The King*

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal

Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Edinburgh *also representing His Royal Highness
The Duke of Edinburgh*

Royal Representatives

Her Majesty The Queen *by Major Nicolas Paravicini*

Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester *by Mr. Paul Griffiths OBE, CStJ*

Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, the Hon. Lady Ogilvy *by Mrs. Tia Jones*

Her Royal Highness Princess Haya bint Al Hussein of Jordan.

Please stand as Members of the Royal Family and Royal Representatives are conducted to their places.

All sit

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand as the choir and clergy enter

March Triomphale

Sigfrid Karg Elert

All sit as the choir sings

THE INTROIT

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine:
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis,
Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

May everlasting light shine upon them,
O Lord, with thy saints in eternity, for thou art merciful.
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
And may everlasting light shine upon them.

Edward Elgar

after Nimrod from Enigma Variations Op 36

All remain seated.

THE BIDDING

The Very Reverend Dr Paul Shackerley, Dean of Brecon

We are met together to give thanks to God for the life of Shân and to remember with gratitude the values she stood for: her unwavering standards of integrity; her courage and directness of speech; her loyalty to her beliefs and friends; her beauty of person and her fun and laughter; her pride in, and deep love for her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and those who helped and looked after her; her love of her home, horses, dogs and garden; the trees and flowers she planted, and the great joy she found in life.

Let us then keep silence for a moment as we give thanks to God for the life of Shân, a loving and devoted wife, a magnificent mother, Gaga and Great-Gaga, and commend her soul to the everlasting care of God – the Father of us all.

All stand

HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives Thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise;
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee;
rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love!
interpreted by love!

John Greenleaf Whittier (1872)

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace;
the beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm;
O still, small voice of calm.

'Repton' C. H. H. Parry

All sit

READING

Zara Gordon Lennox

Proverbs Chapter 31 verses 25-31

She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.
She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
“Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all.”
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Honour her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

All remain seated

THE GIFT OF EACH DAY

Sung by The Brecon Cathedral Choir

The gift of each day rising out of the darkness:
the promise of light and the birth of new life,
the dawn of new hope and a new beginning,
if we turn to the light;

The gift of each day stirring all around us:
the sights of the earth, and sea, and sky,
Forever fresh as the day we first saw them,
forever new as creation's first day.

Domine, gratias agimus tibi;

Lord God, we give you thanks, blessing, and praise.
Behold creation, so filled with miracles,
Benedictus es, benedictus es, Domine.

The gift of each day has been freely granted:
the gift of creation in glory revealed.
We thank you, Lord, for all its blessing,
we thank you, Lord, for the gift of each day,
your good gift of each day,
we thank you, Lord, for the gift of each day.

John Rutter

The Gift of life No 5

READING

Robert Rattray
The Home of my Heart

The home of my heart is a mountain in Wales
with streams of silver dew summer greenness,
winter white, aged, old, yet new.

The home of my heart is a mountain in Wales
where I often walk alone.
Daylight grandeur, night time near, heather soft, yet stone.

The home of my heart is a mountain in Wales
where I've found a well of grace,
invigorating peacefulness, my final resting place.

Yvonne Davies

CALON LÂN

Sung by the Cor y Gyrlais

Nid wy'n gofyn bywyd moethus,
Aur y byd na'i berlau mân:
Gofyn wyf am galon hapus,
Calon onest, calon lân.

*Calon lân yn llawn daioni
Tecach yw na'r lili dlos:
Dim ond calon lân all ganu,
Canu'r dydd a chanu'r nos.*

Pe dymunwn olud bydol,
Chwim adenydd iddo sydd;
Golud calon lân, rinweddol,
Yn dwyn bythol elw fydd.

Hwyr a bore fy nymuniad
Esgyn ar adenydd can
Ar i Dduw, er mwyn fy Ngheidwad,
Roddi i mi galon lân.

I don't ask for a luxurious life,
The world's gold or its fine pearls:
I ask for a happy heart,
An honest heart, a pure heart.

*A pure heart full of goodness
Is fairer than the pretty lily:
None but a pure heart can sing,
Sing in the day and sing in the night.*

If I wished for worldly wealth,
It would swiftly go to seed;
The riches of a virtuous, pure heart
Will bear eternal profit.

Evening and morning, my wish
Rising to heaven on the wing of song
For God, for the sake of my Saviour,
To give me a pure heart.

John Hughes / Daniel James arr Alwyn Humphreys

ADDRESS
Harry Legge-Bourke

All stand

HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him;
Praise him, praise him;
Praise the everlasting King,

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise him, praise him;
Praise him, praise him;
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him;
Praise him, praise him;
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space:
Praise him, praise him;
Praise him, praise him;
Praise with us the God of grace.

John Goss (1800-80)

Henry Lyte (1793-1847)
after Psalm 103

All sit

READING
Griff Morris
The Birthright

We who were born in country places,
Far from cities and shifting faces
We have a birthright no man can sell
And a secret joy no man can tell.

For we are kindred to lordly things
The wild ducks flight and the white owls wings
To Fox and Salmon, to Bull and Horse
The Curlew's cry and the smell of gorse.

Pride of trees, swiftness of streams,
Magic of frost have shaped our dreams.
No baser vision, their spirits fills
Who walk by right on the naked hills.

Eiluned Lewis

POST HORN GALLOP

H Koenig

ADDRESS

Tiggy Pettifer

All kneel

PRAYERS

Led by The Very Reverend Dr Paul Shackerley, Dean of Brecon

O Lord support us all the day long of this earthly life until the shades lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then Lord in thy mercy grant us safe lodging, and holy rest, and peace at the last: through Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen**

PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER

Almighty God, who through Thy only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, hast overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: we remember before the those who have gone before us. Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest; let light perpetual shine upon them and in Thy loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of Thy perfect will; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who livest and Reignest with thee, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech Thee to bless, Charles, The King, Camilla, The Queen, William, The Prince of Wales, Anne, The Princess Royal, Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh and all the Royal Family: Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit: enrich them with Thy heavenly grace: prosper them with all happiness: and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray in the words Our Saviour has taught us

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread:
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us:
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
Forever and ever.
Amen

All stand

HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
 hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
 whence the living waters flow:
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
 be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
 bid my anxious fears subside:
death of death, and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Cwm Rhondda John Hughes

William Williams

All remain standing

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warmly on your face
 May the rain fall softly on your fields and gardens
Until we meet again may you each be held safe
 In the hollow of God's hand.

The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

God grant to the living grace: to the departed, rest: to the Church, The King, the Commonwealth, and all people, peace and concord: and to us sinners life everlasting: 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

LAST POST AND REVEILLE

Bugler
Band of The Welsh Guards

All sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS

Mae hen wlad fy nhadau yn annwyl i mi,
Gwlad beirdd a chantorion, enwogion o fri;
Ei gwrol ryfelwyr, gwladgarwyr tra mād,
Tros ryddid gollasant eu gwaed.

*Gwlad, Gwlad, pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad,
Tra môr yn fur i'r bur hoff bau,
O bydded i'r heniaith barhau.*

God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

All remain standing as the clergy and choir, Members of the Royal Family and their representatives depart the Cathedral

MUSIC

Sung by the Cor y Gyrlais
We'll keep a Welcome in the Hillside

Far away a voice is calling,
Bells of memory chime,
Come home again, come home again,
They call through the oceans of time.

*We'll keep a welcome in the hillside,
We'll keep a welcome in the Vales,
This land you knew will still be singing,
When you come home again to Wales.*

*We'll keep a welcome in the hillside,
We'll keep a welcome in the Vales,
This land you knew will still be singing,
When you come home again to Wales.*

This land of song will keep a welcome,
And with a love that never fails,
We'll kiss away each hour of hiraeth,
When you come home again to Wales.

This land of song will keep a welcome,
And with a love that never fails,
We'll kiss away each hour of hiraeth,
When you come home again to Wales.

We'll kiss away each hour of hiraeth,
When you come home again to Wales.

Mai Jones/Lyn Joshua and Jimmy Harper

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to remain in their seats and listen to the music until directed to move by the ushers.

MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE

Symphony No5 in F minor 42 Toccata
Raindrops Keep Fallin on my Head
I Could Have Danced All Night
Nothing Like a Dame

Charles Marie Widor
arr P Yoder /David /Bacharach
F Lowe and Jay Lerner arr Bennett
Rodgers and Hammerstein
arr D Mc Cain -Williams

The bells of the Cathedral are rung

There will be a retiring collection in aid of Save the Children Fund, NSPCC and the Penmyarth Church Fund.

The cares of the world concern me no longer, I have completed this life. My work is done, the children of my heart grown. My family is well on their journey and happy and healthy in their pursuits, I have loved much and well. To those I leave behind, I hope I will remain in their hearts as they will in mine. Thank you for taking such good care of me, and all of you who have been my friends, thank you for teaching me about life and about love. Go in peace and in blessings for the day.



Muma didn't want a long boring address recounting her life's history but we felt you might like to know just how much she did!

Lord Lieutenant of Powys (1998-2018)

Lady in Waiting to Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal (1978 -2024)

High Sheriff of Powys (1991-92)

Honorary Colonel, Infantry Battle School, Brecon (2012-2025)

Commander, Priory Chapter, Order of St. John.

Farmer and Landowner

Vice President, Wales Federation of Young Farmer's Clubs

Vice President, Brecknock Federation of Young Farmer's Clubs

Life Member of the Brecknock Agricultural Society

Royal Welsh Agricultural Society Board Member (1997-2013)

Honorary Life Vice President, The Royal Welsh Agricultural Society

Past President, The Royal Welsh Agricultural Society (1997)

Past President, National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, of England and Wales (1996-98)

Past Chairman, Brecon and Radnor CLA.

Past Member, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (1989-97).

Deputy President, Welsh Pony and Cob Society (2001-2002)

Patron, Hill Pony Improvements Societies of Wales

Past Chairman, Powys Magistrates Court Advisory Committee.

Past Governor, Christ College, Brecon. Ex Officio

Member, Welsh Livery Guild

President, Girl Guiding Breconshire

Past Area President, Breconshire Scouts

Vice President, Girl Guiding Cymru

President, Royal British Legion, Powys (1999-2012)

President, South East Wales District Royal British Legion (2015-2024)

Patron, South Wales Borderers Museum, Brecon Barracks

President, Army Benevolent Fund, Powys

Past President, Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for Wales

Patron, SSAFA Powys

Patron, Community Foundation in Powys
Patron, Arts Alive Crickhowell
President, Crickhowell and District Archive Centre
Past President, Save the Children, Wales
President, Powys Carers Service & Powys Young Carers
Past President, Brecon and Radnor NSPCC
Powys Rural Support Network
Past Patron, CARAD
Presidentw PAVO
Past Chief President of Wales & Chief Cadet Officer Wales, St John's Ambulance
President, League of Friends of Brecon Hospital
Patron, Usk House Day Hospice, Brecon (St. David's Foundation Hospice Care)
Honorary President, Bronllys Hospital and Community League of Friends
Past Member of Court, University of Wales College of Medicine
Past Vice President, Cor Meibion Aberhonddu
Past Patron, Cor y Gyrlais
Patron, Builth Wells Male Voice Choir
Member, Friends of Brecon Cathedral
Vice President, Cwmdu Eisteddfod
President, Clarence Hall Crickhowell
President, Tretower Village Hall

Tiggy and Charlie

Zaza and Angus

Harry

Bert and Felicity

all the grandchildren and great grandchildren,
are deeply touched by all the tributes, letters, cards and flowers that they have received,
which has given us all great comfort and immense pride.

The family hope you will join them in the Marquee for "Coca Cola and a fag"!

