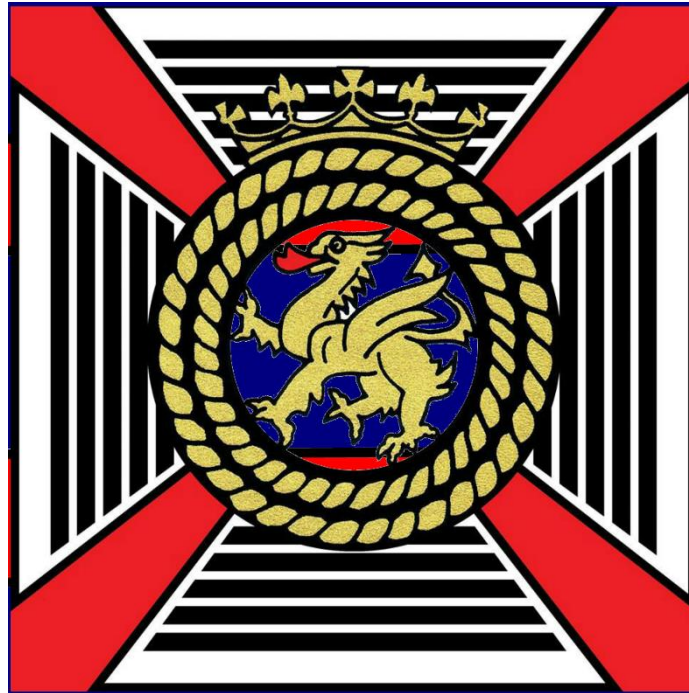


**65th Anniversary of the formation of
The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment
(Berkshire and Wiltshire)**



**Commemoration Service
Sunday 9th June 2024**

The Service is conducted by The Venerable Alan Jeans MBE
Archdeacon of Sarum
Honorary Chaplain to the Rifles and RGBW Association

Bidding Prayer

We meet in the presence of God. We are here to commemorate the formation, sixty five years ago, of The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment; to mark your contribution to the achievements over time, and to remember those who served, and who are no longer with us. We commit ourselves to work together in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations that all people may live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all suffering bereavement, disability and pain, and those who 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. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn – Onward Christian Soldiers (Standards are laid up)

Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle see His banners go!

Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

At the sign of triumph, Satan's host doth flee;
On then, Christian soldiers, on to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise;
Brothers lift your voices, loud your anthems raise. Chorus repeat

Like a mighty army moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity. Chorus repeat

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
But the church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. Chorus repeat

Onward then, ye people, join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.
Glory, laud and honour unto Christ the King,
This through countless ages men and angels sing. Chorus repeat

The Regimental Collect of The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment

O eternal Father, in whom we put our trust, bless we beseech thee thy servants of the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment. May the common ties of loyalty and devotion strengthen our comradeship together so that with faith and courage, we may uphold the high tradition entrusted to us; may we continue to serve thee faithfully, on sea, land or in the air, taking up our cross daily, and being found worthy to receive the crown of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Lesson – Deuteronomy 20 – verses 1-9

Hymn – O God Our Help in Ages Past

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient in thine arm alone and our defences sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting though 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 and ever rolling stream, bears all its sons 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.

Sermon – The Venerable Alan Jeans MBE

The Lord's Prayer

ALL - 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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for His Majesty the King

Almighty God, the foundation of all goodness, bless our sovereign King Charles, and all who are in authority under him that they may order things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name and the good of your Church and people, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for the World

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Hymn – I Vow to Thee my Country. (Standards returned)

I vow to thee my country, all earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Act of Remembrance – Capt. (Retd.) WH Sherman

With proud thanksgiving let us remember our former brethren. (Roll of Honour)

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. **All - We will remember them.**

LAST POST followed by **REVEILLE**

While remembering our Fallen Comrades, we think also of the living, and will endeavour to serve their best interests helping the distressed to the utmost of our ability. **All – This we promise.**

The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The National Anthem

**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.**



To be a Farmer's Boy

The sun had set beyond yon hill across the dreary moor
When weary and lame a boy there came up to a farmer's door
Can you tell me where're I be and one that will me employ
To plow and sow to reap and mow
An be a farmer's boy, and be a farmer's boy

The farmer's wife cried try the lad, let him no longer seek
Yes father do the daughter cried as tears rolled down her cheek
For those who would work 'tis hard to want and to wander for employ
Don't let him go, but let him stay
And be a farmer's boy, and be a farmer's boy.

The farmer's boy grew up a man and the good old couple died
They left the lad the farm they had and the daughter for his bride
Now the lad that was the farm now has often thinks and smiles with joy
To bless the day he came that way
To be a farmer's boy, to be a farmer's boy.



In memory of those who died while serving in
The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment
(Berkshire and Wiltshire)

Pte	AG	Fenton	Canada	02 Aug 1961
Pte	K	Bramley	Tidworth	24 Aug 1961
CSgt	LEJ	Bourton	Tidworth	06 Jun 1962
Col	RE	Coles	Millbank	10 Apr 1963
Pte	STW	Roe	Malta	28 Jul 1963
Pte	JS	Scott	Malta	28 Jul 1963
Pte	GS	Chenery	Malta	13 Sep 1964
Pte	CL	Evans	Libya	11 Apr 1965
Sgt	RH	Stampsom	Netley	20 Jun 1965
Pte	PM	Yorke	Exeter	01 Jun 1966
Lt Col	JCM	Morton-Clarke	Tunison	13 Jul 1966
Deut	DR	Salle	Germany	09 Nov 1968
Cpl	JW	Leahy	N Ireland	08 Mar 1973
CSgt	BJ	Foster	N Ireland	24 Mar 1973
Capt	NJN	Stanton	N Ireland	14 Aug 1973
Pte	AB	Pentecost	N Ireland	09 Dec 1973
LCpl	A	Coughlan xwv	N Ireland	28 Oct 1974
Pte	M	Swanick	N Ireland	28 Oct 1974
Cpl	SA	Windsor ^{27 and 10}	N Ireland	06 Nov 1974
Pte	B	Allen	N Ireland	06 Nov 1974
Pte	PJ	Dicks	Wroughton	31 Jan 1975
Pte	T	Wallace wv	Warminster	08 Jun 1977
Pte	RF	Havard	Warminster	08 Nov 1977
LCpl	J	Ryan	Germany	07 Oct 1978
Pte	IP	Maddison	Germany	06 Mar 1980
Pte	FL	White	Lichfield	05 Jun 1980
LCpl	DC	Marginson	Germany	17 Jan 1982
Pte	JF	Wellhair	Germany	02 Jul 1982
Pte	MD	France	Germany	02 Aug 1982
Pte	RL	McLellan	Germany	02 Aug 1982
Sgt	BA	Jones	Devizes	09 Aug 1982
Pte	SA	de Burgh	Germany	06 Sep 1982
CSgt	APS	Scully	Germany	16 Oct 1987
Capt	TJ	Preelove	Lichfield	30 Sep 1988
Brig	WGR	Turner	Woolwich	06 Sep 1989
CSgt	JV	Le Strange	Germany	18 Sep 1989
Pte	PC	Richards	Hong Kong	05 May 1990
WO2	A	Whitfield	Germany	19 Aug 1990
Pte	CL	Watts	Petaline	09 Sep 1992
Pte	RS	Batts	Catterick	25 Sep 1992
WO2	CR	Lawrence	Oxford	05 Mar 1993
Sgt	JW	Le Roux	Reading	17 Apr 1993
Pte	ID	Randall	N Ireland	26 Jun 1993
LCpl	KJ	Pullin	N Ireland	17 Jul 1993

Each forever a Farmer's Boy