



SERVICE OF PRAYER
marking the 80th Anniversary
of the 1943 air crash

Today we pray for and remember the nine boys and a pilot who died on the afternoon of Saturday 15th May 1943 at a cricket match here at Downside School. The names of the boys buried here RIP:

Hugo Michael Dearlove	David Hugo Lowndes	Michael Bagot Quinlan
David Michael Jennings	Laurence Joannis McNabb	Philip Humphrey Rose
Graham Norman Letts	Brian Richard McSwiney	Keith Edward Stokes

We pray also for the pilot, Sub-Lt Alan Cairnhill McCracken

Members of the Schola Cantorum sing: **Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.**

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Zion; and a vow shall be paid to Thee in Jerusalem: hear my prayer; all flesh shall come to Thee.

Sign of the Cross

All make the Sign of the Cross ✠

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Introduction

Alleluia

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord:
whoever believes in me will never die.*

Reading – John 14:1-4 – *There are many rooms in my Father's house.*

Blessing of the Graves

After the prayers, CCF cadets attend each of the graves. The graves are blessed with holy water. The cadets dress each grave with a poppy spray.

The Last Post

*A minute's silence is followed by the **Reveille.***

Prayer for the Fallen

Reader: 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.

Prayer of the Faithful

Lord hear us,
Lord graciously hear us.

Poem – A.E.Housman – *The Loveliest of Trees*

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.

Blessing of the Tree

Final Blessing

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** May almighty God bless you... **Amen.**
Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*
2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory...
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory...