

IN HONOUR OF  
ADMIRAL ARTHUR PHILLIP  
CITIZEN OF LONDON  
FOUNDER AND FIRST GOVERNOR  
OF AUSTRALIA



COMMEMORATION SERVICE  
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at 11.30am

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Admiral Arthur Phillip, Royal Navy  
1738 – 1814

A Prime Minister of Great Britain, Sir Anthony Eden, called Arthur Phillip ‘one of the most eminent men of the 18th Century’. A former Premier of New South Wales, Robert Carr, described him as ‘the greatest ever Australian.’

Born in the Bread Street Ward in October 1738, Arthur Phillip was baptised in All Hallows Church, Bread Street (burnt in the 1666 fire, rebuilt 1680-4 by Wren, taken down 1876-7 by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners: the parish then united with St Mary-le-Bow). Arthur was the son of Elizabeth and Jacob Phillip (a language teacher from Frankfurt). Arthur attended the naval Greenwich Hospital School, and was bound apprentice aboard a whaler operating in Arctic waters and trading in Mediterranean and Iberian waters in the off season. As Britain and France moved inexorably towards war, Arthur Phillip joined the Royal Navy at 17, and served in the Atlantic and Mediterranean the notorious Admiral Byng’s squadron. Several ships later, Midshipman Phillip served in the West Indies, including, as a lieutenant, in the eventually successful Siege of Havana, and was mentioned in despatches. In the Caribbean, he saw slavery and hated it: he was later to declare of the new colony he founded, New South Wales, ‘there will never be any slavery in this land.’

After the Peace of Paris in 1763, Phillip and many other officers ceased active service and were on half pay. In that same year, in St Augustine’s Church in Watling Street (only its tower survived WWII and is now part of St Paul’s Cathedral School), Phillip married Charlotte Dennison, a widow, and after two years of London and Hampton Court life, farmed with her near Lyndhurst in Hampshire. The couple formally separated in 1769. Thereafter, Phillip, master of five or six languages, lived in France for a while before he resumed active service, but only temporarily, due to a second bout of ill health, which returned to him over many years. He may well have studied on the continent, and spied for Britain against France in the early 1770s. In 1774, Arthur Phillip was seconded to the Portuguese Navy as a captain. He served Portugal, Britain’s oldest ally, for well over four years, receiving high commendations, including for successful naval actions off South America. He returned to the Royal Navy and was promoted Master and Commander in 1779. After home and European service, now a Post Captain, he was engaged in secret naval espionage. From 1780 to 1786 he sailed to South America, India and the Cape Colony and travelled in and reported also from France.

Thus a vastly experienced sailor, administrator and Government servant, Phillip was a fine (if at the time controversial) choice to command the First Fleet to New South Wales in 1787 and there, half a world away, to found and govern the new colony under enlightened principles. In this endeavour, he met and overcame appalling, unforeseen and unrelenting obstacles in community health, in the provision of food, and in the management of a mixed society of ruffians, Marines and other colonists. He did so with woefully inadequate resources – and while befriending the Aborigines. He achieved the almost impossible task of establishing an ultimately resoundingly successful colony and country.

Captain John Fortescue said in 1789, 'I do think God Almighty made Phillip on purpose for the Place; for never did man better know what to do, or with more determination to see it done; and yet, if they'll let him, he will make them all very happy.'

Arthur Phillip returned to England after nearly five years. He hoped to regain his health and return to New South Wales, but was instead given a brief command in the Mediterranean and shore appointments. He reached the rank of full Admiral. Arthur Phillip remarried in 1794, happily this time, Isabella Whitehead, with whom he lived in London, Bathampton and in contented retirement in Bath, until his death in 1814. He and Isabella rest in peace in the country church of St Nicholas in Bathampton.

His official biography at the Admiralty reads: 'Admiral Arthur Phillip, Scholar, Seaman and Gentleman, the man who founded the great City of Sydney and the Island Continent of Australia.'

Governor and Admiral Arthur Phillip's Annual Commemoration Service at St Mary-le-Bow includes the Arthur Phillip Address. Successive speakers have always shed new, important and impressive light on this Anglo-Australian hero, and his extraordinary and world-changing achievements.

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(including the St Mary-le-Bow Addresses 1992-2002)

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

*All stand for the processional hymn*

### PROCESSION

*Verger*

*The Rector of St Mary-le-Bow*

*Alderman Sir Michael Savory*

*The Rt Hon. the Lord Mayor*

*Alderman and Sheriff Jeffrey Evans*

*The High Commissioner of Australia*

*The Rt Hon. the Baroness Liddell PC*

### HYMN

1. O PRAISE ye the Lord!  
Praise him in the height;  
Rejoice in his word,  
Ye angels of light;  
Ye heavens, adore him  
By whom ye were made,  
And worship before him,  
In brightness arrayed.
2. O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise him upon earth,  
In tuneful accord,  
Ye sons of new birth;  
Praise him who hath brought you  
His grace from above,  
Praise him who hath taught you  
To sing of his love.
3. O praise ye the Lord!  
All things that give sound;  
Each jubilant chord  
Re-echo around;  
Loud organs, his glory  
Forth tell in deep tone,  
And sweet harp, the story  
Of what he hath done.
4. O praise ye the Lord!  
Thanksgiving and song  
To him be outpoured  
All ages along;  
For love in creation,  
For heaven restored,  
For grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord!

*Tune 'Laudate Dominum' from the anthem Hear my words by C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918)*  
*Words by H.W. Baker (1821-77)*

*All remain standing for the Bidding Prayer*

*All pray together*

**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.**

*All sit as the Choir sings Psalm 27*

*(a setting by Christopher Willcock, an Australian Jesuit Priest)*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you by your name, you are mine.  
I have called you by your name, you are mine.*

The Lord is my light and my help: whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in God, hold firm and take heart, hope in the Lord.

*Do not be afraid, I am with you,  
I have called you by your name, you are mine.  
I have called you by your name, you are mine.*

*All remain seated for the Lesson read by  
the High Commissioner of Australia, His Excellency the Hon. Mike Rann*

Matthew 6: 24–34

*This reading was the second lesson at the first service  
held in Sydney Cove on 3rd February 1788*

‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing?’

‘Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.’

*All stand to sing*

PSALM 100  
(A setting by Christopher Willcock)

CANTOR      *We are God's people, the sheep of the flock.*  
ALL            **We are God's people, the sheep of the flock.**

CHOIR        Cry out with joy to the Lord all the earth.  
                  Serve the Lord with gladness.  
                  Come before God singing for joy.

ALL            **We are God's people, the sheep of the flock.**

CHOIR        Know that the Lord is God  
                  who made us to whom we belong.  
                  We are God's people, the sheep of the flock.

ALL            **We are God's people, the sheep of the flock.**

CHOIR        Go in the temple gates giving thanks.  
                  Enter the courts with songs of praise.  
                  Give thanks to God and bless the Lord's name.

ALL            **We are God's people, the sheep of the flock.**

CHOIR        See then how good is the Lord  
                  whose love is eternally strong.  
                  God is faithful from age to age.

ALL            **We are God's people, the sheep of the flock.**  
**We are God's people, the sheep of the flock.**

*All sit for the Address, given by the Rt Hon. the Baroness Liddell,  
former British High Commissioner to Australia*

*Remain seated*

*The Choir sings the Anthem, 'O Lord Jesus Marrkapmirr',  
an Aboriginal melody, words by the Revd D'Arcy Wood,  
former President of the Uniting Church Australia,  
arranged by Alan Wilson, Director of Music at St Mary-le-Bow*

*During the Anthem a Procession is formed*

## PROCESSION

*Verger*

*The High Commissioner of Australia*

*The Rt Hon. the Lord Mayor*

*Rector*

*The procession moves to the Arthur Phillip Memorial at the back of the church  
and the Lord Mayor places a wreath, saying the words:*

*'I place this wreath in honour of Admiral Arthur Phillip  
Citizen of London, Founder and First Governor of Australia.'*

*All remain standing as those in the procession return to their seats  
during which the Choir sings 'Lord, you were in this place',  
a contemporary song from Adelaide, words and music by Robin Mann*

*All kneel*

*A Prayer by Sir Michael Savory,  
Chairman, The Admiral Phillip Memorial Trust*

O LORD God of Hosts  
who didst give grace to thy servant Arthur Phillip  
to put heart and mind and hand at thy disposal  
and to order all things well for the founding of a Nation  
Grant that we who bear office here and in Australia  
may think lightly of earthly place and honour  
and seek to please the Captain of our salvation  
who has called us to be his soldiers  
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit  
be thanks and praise  
from all armies of the redeemed  
now and for ever more. **Amen.**

*A Prayer by the Rector*

LORD God, we pray for all who dwell together  
in the great South Land of the Holy Spirit  
the people of the Dreamtime  
and the settlers of recent centuries.

May they be reconciled in Christ and living together in peace  
make their land a blessing to all the people of Australia,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All stand to sing the hymn. A Collection will be taken by students from The City of London School for Girls (by kind permission of the Headmistress, Miss Diana Vernon) for the Britain-Australia Bicentennial Trust. If you are a UK taxpayer, it is tax efficient to use and complete the envelope provided*

1. MY song is love unknown,  
My Saviour's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O, who am I,  
That for my sake,  
My Love should take  
Frail flesh and die?
2. He came from his blest throne,  
Salvation to bestow:  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!
3. Sometimes they strew his way,  
And his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!'  
Is all their breath,  
And for his death  
They thirst and cry.
4. They rise, and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
To suffering goes,  
That he his foes  
From thence might free.
5. Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend.

*Tune 'Love unknown' by John Ireland (1879–1962) Words by Samuel Crossman (1624–83)*

*Remain standing for the Blessing by the Rector after which all sing  
the National Anthems of the United Kingdom and Australia*

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

GOD 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!

**ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR**

AUSTRALIANS 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.

*Please remain standing for the processional departure*

*Verger*

*Alderman Sir Michael Savory*

*The Rt Hon. the Lord Mayor*

*The Hon. Juliet Evans*

*The Lady Mayoress*

*Alderman and Sheriff Jeffrey Evans*

*The High Commissioner of Australia*

*The Rt Hon. the Baroness Liddell PC*

*The Organist plays 'Pim's Toccata' from Music for an Occasion  
by Alan Wilson (b. 1947)*

## PREVIOUS ADDRESSES

1992 – Mrs Maurine Goldston-Morris OAM  
President, The Arthur Phillip Society, Sydney

1993 – Dr Roger Knight, Chief Curator  
The National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

1994 – Professor Brian Matthews  
Head of The Menzies Centre for Australian Studies, King's College

1995 – Dr Neil Chalmers, Director  
The Natural History Museum

1996 – Professor Sir Robert May FRS  
Chief Scientific Adviser and Head of Office of Science and Technology

1997 – Mr Julian Jeffs QC  
Past President of The Circle of Wine Writers

1998 – Professor Sir Ghilleen Prance  
Director, The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

1999 – Mr David Wickham MA ARHist.S  
Archivist of the Clothworkers' Company

2000 – His Honour Henry Pownall QC and Brigadier John Pownall OBE  
Great-great-great nephews of Henry Waterhouse, Midshipman with the First Fleet

2001 – Professor Carl Bridge  
Head of The Menzies Centre for Australian Studies, King's College

2002 – Sallyanne Atkinson AO  
Special Representative for Queensland (South East Asia)

2003 – Pieter Van Der Merwe, General Editor,  
The National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

2004 – Mr Daniel Foley MSc FCMI FRSA  
Past Chief Superintendent, Metropolitan Police

2005 – Dr John Alwyn AM  
Chairman of the Britain-Australia Society Lincolnshire Branch

2006 – Sir Roger Carrick KCMG LVO  
Former High Commissioner to Australia

2007 – Mr Alastair Leslie  
Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers

2008 – The Very Revd Victor Stock OAM  
Dean of Guildford Cathedral

2009 – Dr Kevin Fewster AM  
Director of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

2010 – Mr Tony Beadles  
Historian and former headmaster

2011 – The Rt Hon. the Baroness Gardner of Parkes AM  
Dentist, Conservative politician, and the first Australian woman to be elevated to the peerage

2012 – The Revd Paul Burden,  
Rector of Bathampton with Claverton

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## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

### LENTEN CANTATAS

*with the music of Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637/9-1707)*

Wednesdays at 1.30pm following the Eucharist

**next cantata: 6th March**

### HOLY WEEK

**Monday in Holy Week 25th March**

1.05pm Midday Office

**Tuesday in Holy Week 26th March**

1.05pm The Passion of Our Lord *sung to plainsong*

**Wednesday in Holy Week 27th March**

1.05pm Eucharist

1.30pm Cantata *with music by Buxtehude*

6.30pm The St John Passion

*a rare opportunity to experience the music of J.S. Bach's Passion in a liturgical context, reflecting the events of Passiontide. Performed by the Music Society Choir & Orchestra of Queen Mary, University of London. All welcome*

**Maundy Thursday 28th March**

1.05pm High Mass with Foot Washing

*with music for choir and organ*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### ORGAN RECITALS

**Thursdays 7th, 14th & 21st March at 1.05pm**

*all welcome – retiring collection*

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