

23  Rail Industry
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Memorial Service
for the
Railway Industry

at

The Great Hall

National Railway Museum, York

on

Thursday, 23 March 2023

11.30 am



Welcome

Andrew Haines

Chief Executive, Network Rail

Friends, colleagues, and members of the railway family, on behalf of the whole railway industry I welcome you to this magnificent venue that captures the spirit and history of our industry.

Introduction

Rev. Liam Johnston

Chief Executive, Railway Mission

Prayer

Angela levitt-Harwood

Railway Mission Chaplain, for York and the Northeast

If your faith or beliefs allow, I invite you to join with our prayer. But if you feel unable to join, then please take this moment to reflect on all the difficulties of the past two years, for the loss of those we have known, for the work of those in our industry who continued to ensure the safe transportation of people and freight throughout the pandemic.

Our Lord and our God,
Touched by sorrow, we have joined together to remember those we have lost, and the time we were apart from loved ones and friends.

The pandemic has left scars, but as a railway family, we will not be broken. Together we will support those who have been bereaved and remember those for whom we did not have the opportunity to grieve as we would have wished.

We remember those we have lost through the effects of the virus, illnesses of another kind, old age, or accident, and ask that as we hold their memory in our hearts we shall be comforted, by your presence and the love and care of the railway family.

Amen

Hymn

Lord Of All Hopefulness

Words: Jan Struther; Tune: Irish Traditional Slane

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust,
ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong
hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace.
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice
is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.

Our stories

Mrs Annie Coker

Annie lost her husband John Coker, a British Transport Police officer, to COVID-19.

Maddy Corper

Maddy was a freight train driver until COVID-19, now suffering from Long COVID she can no longer work and often needs a wheelchair

Music

Blue Light Symphony Orchestra

Dido's Lament and With Drooping Wings

From the opera Dido and Aeneas by Henry Purcell

Reading

Read by Mervyn Pierce

Mervyn works for Network Rail in the Control Room at London Euston

Trees

Written by Philip Larkin

The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too,
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In fullgrown thickness every May.
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.

Reflection of loss

Read by Salah Dewan

Salah works as a 24:7 Close Calls Operative in the Supply Chain Operations at Network Rail

Coming together as a rail industry

Rev. Liam Johnston

Chief Executive, Railway Mission

Music

Blue Light Symphony Orchestra

Transport for London Choir

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Composed by Johann Sebastian Bach in 1723

Silence and reflection

Rev. Liam Johnston

Chief Executive, Railway Mission

Observing a minute of silence

Music

Blue Light Symphony Orchestra

Come ye Sons of Art

Also known as Ode for Queen Mary's Birthday,
is a musical composition by Henry Purcell

Our stories

Craig Payne

Detective Chief Inspector, British Transport Police

Detective Constable Vicky Lowth

British Transport Police

Miss Jamie Scott

Atalian Servest (cleaning company for LNER)

Stuart Rawcliffe

Duty Team Leader, LNER

Looking forward

Rev. Liam Johnston

Chief Executive, Railway Mission

Music

Blue Light Symphony Orchestra
Transport for London Choir

Gloria

Composed by Antonio Vivaldi

Reading

Read by Marcella De Gale

Marcella works as Mobile Patrol Officer with Securitas

*There is Still Hope, is a poem about 2020 and looking forward with hope that things will get better by permission of Robert Longley
<https://www.sacredpoems.com>*

There is Still Hope

As long as there is wonder
and willingness to change
futures may be altered
and courses rearranged

As long as there are dreamers
who see a future bright
we know that there is promise
that will let us sleep at night

It might not happen quickly
or through the course of days
but you will start to see changes
in often subtle ways

You simply need the feeling
of hope within your heart
and trust things will get better
to let the magic start

Closing remarks

Lucy D'Orsi QPM

Chief Constable, British Transport Police

Unveiling of the commemorative plaque

Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill

Chair, Network Rail &

London Legacy Development Corporation

and

Trustee, London Transport Museum & Science Museum Group

This commemorative plaque will be on display at The National Railway Museum in York for all visitors to view.

Hymn

Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

Words: W. Williams; Music: John Hughes

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 till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and 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.

Dismissal

Rev. Liam Johnston

Chief Executive, Railway Mission

As we close our time together, we continue to look to
the future while holding the past in our hearts.
We depart and go our separate ways but remain united.
We remember together, we stand together, and
We go forward, together.

May the blessing of God be with you now and always

Final music

Blue Light Symphony Orchestra

This music plays as the audience departs for refreshments

The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

Composed by George Frideric Handel

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Taking part in our service today are:

Blue Light Symphony Orchestra

The Blue Light Symphony Orchestra is the UK's only orchestra for all Emergency Services personnel. Our players are drawn from a wealth of talent hidden inside the UK's Police Forces, Fire Brigades and Ambulance Services, the military and other emergency services such as Mountain Rescue, Cave Rescue and the RNLI. We are a registered charity whose aims are to promote and support music-making in the emergency services to aid mental well-being and to promote the use of music therapy to treat severe mental health problems such as PTSD, chronic stress and anxiety. <https://www.bluelightsymphony.org/>

London Transport Choir

The London Transport Choir is an amateur workplace choir whose main aim is to bring together colleagues from across the transport industry to sing at events and concerts. Membership is open to anyone working in or with an interest in the transport industry in London. Singers include operational staff, new graduates, office workers and retirees from both National Rail and Transport for London, and their customers, and friends of choir members. <https://www.londonstransportchoir.org/>

Railway Mission

Railway Mission is a Christian faith-based charity offering independent, confidential, impartial pastoral care to the railway community and members of the public affected by rail operations. Each of our regionally-based chaplains aims to be an impartial 'friend' for those who work on the railways. Regardless of faith, gender, sexual orientation, our chaplains offer face-to-face year around support, especially during an individual's time of loneliness, stress, depression, bereavement or illness. <https://www.railwaymission.org>

With special thanks to colleagues from these organisations for their help and support with this Rail Industry Memorial Day



and to colleagues providing music at the Memorial event at the National Railway Museum



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For more information on the Rail Industry Memorial Day please visit www.railwaymission.org

