

St Margaret's Church
Westminster Abbey

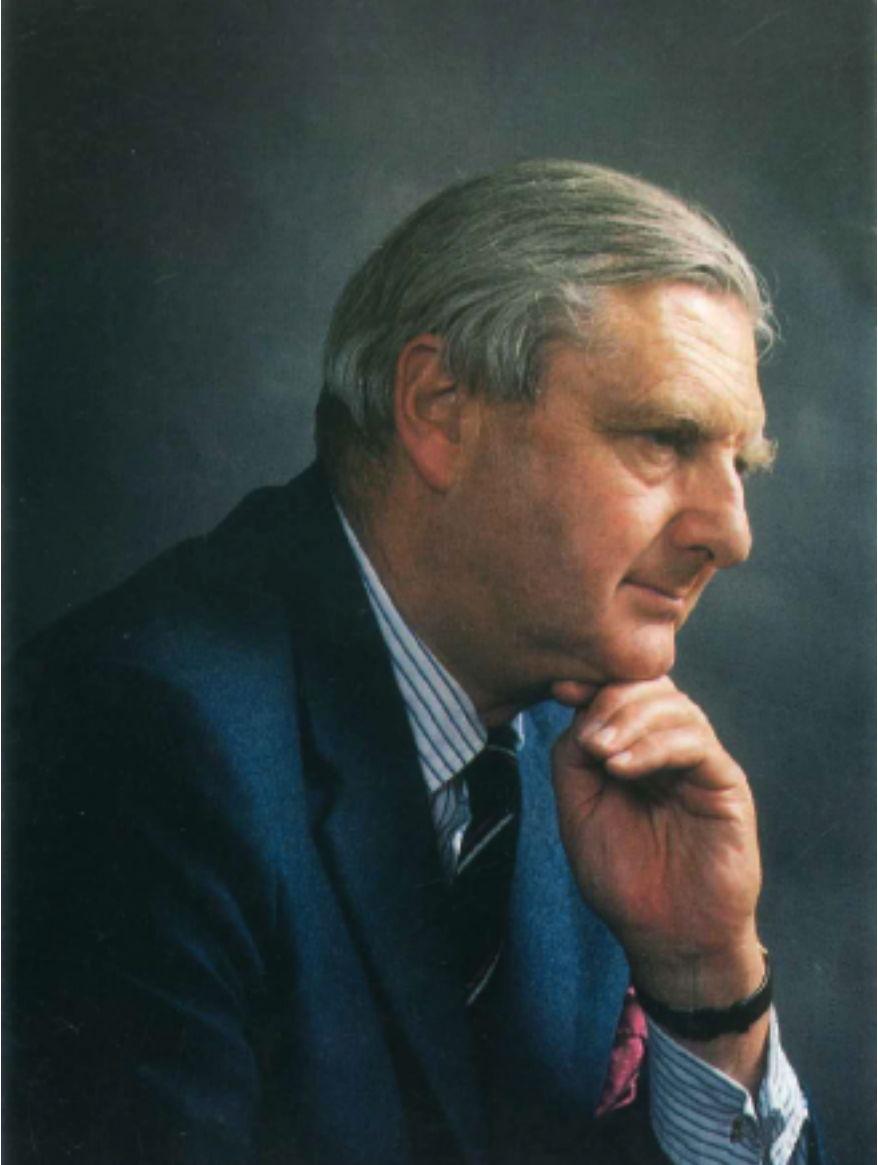


A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life and Work of
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE LORD MAYHEW OF TWYSDEN QC DL

11th September 1929–25th June 2016



Thursday 2nd March 2017
Noon



Patrick Barnabas Burke Mayhew was the only surviving son of Sheila Mayhew, née Roche, of Co Cork, Ireland, and Geoffrey Mayhew. His adored elder brother Jim died of wounds near Monte Cassino in 1943 when Patrick was 14; their other brother had died in infancy.

Patrick did National Service in the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards. He formed a lifelong attachment to his regiment and served as a reservist for the following ten years.

He read law at Balliol College Oxford, was President of the Oxford Union, and was called to the Bar as a member of Middle Temple. He married Jean Gurney in 1963 and four sons followed swiftly: Barney, Henry, Tristram, and Jerome.

In the 1970 election he stood for Dulwich. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1972. In 1974 he became the Member of Parliament for Tunbridge Wells, a seat he was to hold for 23 years. From 1979, under Margaret Thatcher, he served as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Employment, Minister of State at the Home Office, Solicitor-General, and Attorney-General. In 1992 John Major appointed him Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. The Downing Street Declaration of 1993 and the IRA cease-fire of 1994 were among the events which took place during that time, and which despite many setbacks culminated in the Good Friday Agreement negotiated by the Labour government in 1998.

Leaving the House of Commons in 1997 he became a Peer, taking an active interest in the scrutiny of legislation in particular on the justice system and defence. He was president, chairman, or supporter of a number of charitable organisations including Kent Scouts, the National Fruit Growers' Association, and the Council of Rochester Cathedral. He became a churchwarden of Christ Church, Kilndown, and a persuasive local fundraiser for the Royal British Legion. Patrick greatly rejoiced in his eleven grandchildren: Alice, Bertie, Charlotte, Clarissa, Clemmie, Jake, Jimmy, Patrick, Phoebe, Sam, and Violet. He died peacefully at home on 25th June 2016.

The whole of the church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to refrain from using private cameras, video, or sound recording equipment. Please ensure that mobile phones, pagers, and other electronic devices are switched off.

The service is conducted by The Reverend Jane Sinclair, Canon of Westminster and Rector of St Margaret's Church.

The service is sung by the Choir of St Margaret's Church, conducted by Aidan Oliver, Director of Music.

The organ is played by Thomas Trotter.

Music before the service:

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

Andante con moto *Charles Villiers Stanford*
'founded on an old Irish church melody' *(1852–1924)*
from Six short preludes and postludes Op 10 no 6

Nimrod *from* *Edward Elgar*
Variations on an original theme 'Enigma' *(1857–1934)*

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His Excellency The Ambassador of Ireland is received at the East Door and conducted to his place. All remain seated.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster is received at the East Door and is conducted to his place. All stand, and then sit.

The Lord Speaker of the House of Commons is received at the East Door and conducted to his place. All stand, and then sit.

The Earl of Caledon, representing His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, is received at the East Door.

The Right Honorable Sir John Major KG CH PC, representing Her Majesty The Queen, is received at the East Door.

All stand.

The Right Honorable Sir John Major KG CH PC and The Earl of Caledon are conducted to their places. All sit.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand as the clergy enter. The choir sings

THE INTROIT

GOD be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Walford Davies (1869–1941)

from Pynson's Horae 1514

All remain standing. The Reverend Jane Sinclair, Canon of Westminster and Rector of St Margaret's Church, gives

THE BIDDING

AMAN of faith, integrity, wit, courage, and patience, Patrick Mayhew spent much of his life in public service; service offered on behalf of the nation, his constituents, and the people of Northern Ireland. We give thanks today for the rich and varied contribution which Patrick—often known as Paddy to his family and friends—made to our common life in and beyond the United Kingdom.

Patrick's upbringing and personal interests fitted him well for life first as a barrister, later as a politician. He was devoted to Her Majesty The Queen; his commitment to fostering peace among nations, and especially within Northern Ireland, is undoubted, and has borne lasting fruit. Patrick was generous in mentoring others younger than himself in their political lives; and he was passionate about caring for the members of our armed forces and their families.

Patrick Mayhew leaves a significant and honourable legacy which we celebrate today. Proud of his Irish roots, always keen to help young people thrive, delighted to continue his association with his regiment, keen on hunting, sailing, and fruit growing, Patrick was a man of many parts. He was sustained by his deep and committed Christian faith, his friends, and above all, his beloved family.

As we remember Patrick Mayhew together, there is much for which we can give thanks to God, and so we pray:

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people; we bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN



HE who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound—
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

Monk's Gate 372 NEH
adapted from an English folk song
by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

from The Pilgrim's Progress
John Bunyan (1628–88)
adapted by Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

All sit. Charlotte Mayhew reads

GALATIANS 5: 22–23

THE fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Thanks be to God.

Sam Mayhew reads

FOR PADDY

by

Sheila Mayhew
Patrick's mother

HAVE you ever thought that the trees
Are alive, like you?
That the birds and plants and bees
Live, like boys do?

That a leg and a wing and a root
Are much the same thing?
You are bound to the earth by your foot;
A bird to the air by its wing.

And that trees, though they're rooted fast,
Share everything
With the winds that uproot them at last,
And their birds that sing.

If you keep very still and look
At the grasses that bend
In the wind, or the fish in the brook,
You will learn in the end

That you have discovered something
Lying still in the sun;
And that kingfisher, kingcup and king
Are really all one.

All remain seated. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

THE Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of blessedness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head with oil thou dost anoint
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days
Will surely follow me;
And in my Father's heart always
My dwelling-place shall be.

Brother James's Air
arranged by Gordon Jacob (1895–1984)

Psalm 23
in Scottish Psalter 1650

All remain seated for

A TRIBUTE

by

Barney Mayhew

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



LORD of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, 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.

Slane 239 NEH
in Patrick Joyce's Old Irish Folk Music and Songs 1909

All-Day Hymn
Jan Struther (1901–53)

All sit for

A TRIBUTE

by

The Right Honourable Sir John Major KG CH PC

All remain seated. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: that they shall protect thee in all the ways thou goest.
That their hands shall uphold and guide thee: lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

Psalm 91: 11–12

All remain seated. Patrick Mayhew reads

ST MATTHEW 5: 1–12

WHEN Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Thanks be to God.

All remain seated for

THE ADDRESS

by

The Reverend Hugh Nelson
Vicar, Goudhurst with Kilndown

All remain seated. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

THE Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
Amen.

John Rutter (b 1945)

Numbers 6: 24–26

The Reverend Mark Birch, Minor Canon and Chaplain, leads

THE PRAYERS

Let us offer our prayers to God the Father, the source of all life.

All kneel or remain seated.

As we give thanks for the life and work of Patrick Mayhew, let us remember those who continue to mourn his passing.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray thee, with all those who mourn; that, casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Tom Somerville says:

Let us pray for all nations and for their leaders; for all who strive for peace and justice upon earth.

ALMIGHTY God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray thee, in the hearts of all people, the true love of peace, and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Further prayers are led by Patrick's grandchildren.

The Chaplain concludes:

Let us unite our prayers with all the saints in every age as we say together the prayer that our Saviour has taught us:

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 stand to sing

THE HYMN



I CANNOT tell why he, whom angels worship,
I should set his love upon the human race,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back within the fold of grace.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
when Bethlehem's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy-laden,
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of East and West, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship
when, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all the hearts on earth with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!

Londonderry 54 CP
Irish traditional melody

William Fullerton (1857–1932)

All remain standing. The Rector gives

THE BLESSING

GO forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; 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 as the clergy depart.

Music after the service:

St Patrick's Day
(Regimental March, 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards)

Fare Thee Well, Inniskilling
(Regimental March, The Royal Dragoon Guards)

Sortie in E flat

Louis Lefébure-Wély (1817–69)

**Members of the Congregation are requested to remain in their places
until directed to move by the Stewards.**

There is a retiring collection in aid of the The Royal British Legion.

The bells of St Margaret's Church are rung.

Everyone is warmly invited to join the family for a drink after the service
at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre opposite Westminster Abbey.



ST MARGARET'S CHURCH WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Westminster Abbey was built as part of a Benedictine monastery, and as a sacred place for the crowning and burial of the English kings and queens. Since it was never intended to serve the needs of the local community, in about 1150 a parish church was built by the Abbey's monks to be the parish church for the people of Westminster.

The church, immediately adjacent to the Abbey, was dedicated to St Margaret of Antioch, a fourth-century saint whose colourful but apocryphal legend appealed to mediaeval piety. The present building, the third St Margaret's on this site, was begun about 1488 and consecrated on 9th April 1523. In the reign of Edward VI, Lord Protector Somerset wanted to pull down the church to provide stone for his great new palace on the Thames, Somerset House, but the citizens of Westminster turned out in force with bows, clubs, and staves, and sent the workmen packing.

St Margaret's has played a major part in the local history of Westminster for many centuries, and has associations with many historic figures: Geoffrey Chaucer, William Caxton, John Milton, and Samuel Pepys worshipped regularly in the Church; Sir Walter Raleigh's body was buried here after his execution in October 1618; and Sir Winston Churchill was married at St Margaret's in 1908.

On Palm Sunday, 17th April 1614, the Speaker of the House of Commons led Members of Parliament to St Margaret's for a corporate celebration of Holy Communion, thus beginning an association with St Margaret's and the House of Commons so that even today St Margaret's is popularly known as 'the parish church of the House of Commons'. The front pew on the right hand side is reserved for The Speaker. The House came to the church for a Thanksgiving Service at the end of the Second World War in 1945, and to mark the opening of the new Chamber of the Commons in 1950. Members of Parliament and the officers and staff of the Palace of Westminster often come to St Margaret's for weddings, baptisms, memorial services, and other occasions.

In 1972, because the resident population of the parish had shrunk to only a few hundred people, St Margaret's ceased to be a parish church and was merged with Westminster Abbey by Act of Parliament.

It is easy to overlook the size and magnificence of St Margaret's because of its close proximity to the Abbey, but it has, by any standards, a notable perpendicular interior, with majestic slender pillars, and fine tracery in the east and west windows. The church has undergone several extensive restorations, including, most recently, necessary repairs to the roof, tower, and walls, and the provision of facilities for a Sunday School in the North Tower.

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