## Wigan Cenotaph





# Dedication of a plaque in memory of Lt Cdr Ian Molyneux GM RN

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Friday 27th June 2014

#### Welcome

### Opening remarks from the Mayor of Wigan, Councillor Phyll Cullen

#### Prayer of approach

'What does the Lord require of you but to do justice. and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?'

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for Ian whom we remember this day, and whose name will be added to the number of those from this town who have died in the cause of justice and peace in our world, and for the defence of freedom in this country. Fulfil in him the purpose of your love; and bring us all to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

#### Reading

God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea. Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same. The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacle of the most highest. Be still then and know that I am God; and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge Psalm 46

#### Prayer of Dedication

O God our Father, we remember all who have been lights of the world in their generation and in whose lives family and friends have seen the likeness of love and friendship. Accept we pray you, this memorial of your servant Ian, who by your grace rendered unto you and to his country true and laudable service: and grant that it may encourage those who come after to remember the sacrifice of those who have gone before in the cause of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Laying of wreaths and tributes

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

This is the will of him that sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, All: and I will raise them up at the last day.

Lord God, creator of all, you have made us creatures of this earth, but have also promised us a share in life eternal. According to your promises, may all who have died in the peace of Christ come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom, where there will be neither sorrow nor pain, but life everlasting.

#### All: Alleluia. Amen.

Grant to us, Lord God, to trust you not for ourselves alone, but for those also whom we love and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death; that, as we believe your power to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all who believe in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Our Father, which 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.

### A Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect the armed forces: grant that meeting danger with courage and all occasions with discipline and loyalty, they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace; to the honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### Blessing

May God give you his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

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