

*The Venerable David Stanton, Canon in Residence, gives the Welcome*

On behalf of the Dean and Chapter, it is a privilege to welcome you to Westminster Abbey. We gather to remember those whose lives were lost during the sinking of HMS Barham in November 1941 and those members of the Association who have passed away during the past year.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for all that makes our common life secure; for the peace and freedom we enjoy, and for the opportunity that is ours of building a better society for the generations to come. **Amen.**

O Lord our God, whose Name only is excellent and whose praise above heaven and earth, we remember in your presence those who laid down their lives in war, especially those who died during the sinking of HMS Barham. May they find fulfilment in your eternal kingdom, and grant that we may dedicate our lives to the causes of justice and freedom for which they died; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Two minutes' silence is kept*

Almighty God, enable us by your grace to dedicate ourselves anew this day to the cause of justice, freedom, and peace; and help us, with wisdom and strength, to build a better world, for the honour and glory of your name. **Amen.**

*A Wreath is laid by the memorial candle sticks*

We remember in a moment of silence those members who have died during the year that has past and commend them to our heavenly Father.

Jack Nealon, Marine at the time of the sinking.

George Henry Knot, Boy First Class at the time of the sinking.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

*from For the Fallen  
Laurence Binyon (1869–1943)*

Eternal Lord God, ruler of the earth and sky, be pleased to receive into your protection all who go down to the sea in ships and work upon the waters. Preserve them in body and soul. Prosper their labours with good success; in times of danger be their help and defence and bring them safely into port, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Michael Stratton-Brown, Chairman of the HMS Barham Association, reads*

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving sleep seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar.

*Crossing the Bar  
Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809–92)*

*The Canon in Residence says*

For those who are our own kindred and dear friends we commit their lives to him who made them. May his blessing alight on our endeavours to serve our country faithfully. To Him we resign ourselves and the just cause which is entrusted us to defend. **Amen.**

*adaptation of Prayer written by Horatio Viscount Nelson  
on the eve of the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805  
and used in Westminster Abbey at the dedication  
of the candlesticks commemorating HMS Barham*

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth, and all people, peace and concord; and to us sinners, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Westminster Abbey  
The Nave



A Wreathlaying  
by  
the HMS Barham Association



*On 25<sup>th</sup> November 1941, 869 men lost their lives when this battleship was sunk during the Second World War. These men and the sacrifice they made will never be forgotten.*

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
11.15 am