

THE BLUE COAT SCHOOL,
LIVERPOOL



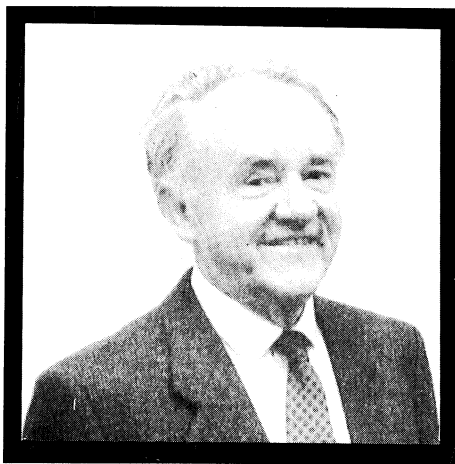
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A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

for the life of

James Lewis (Dai) Davies
1925 ~ 2000

Sunday 19th March 2000 at 3.00pm



James Lewis (Dai) Davies

The Choir sing

The Nunc Dimittis

HYMN

Please stand to sing

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.**

WELCOME

*Rev Janet Eastwood,
School Chaplain and Rector of Holy Trinity*

Chaplain

Though the mountains leave their place
and the hills be shaken
My love shall never leave you
nor my covenant of peace be shaken
says the Lord, who has mercy on you, (Isaiah 54:10)

We meet in the name of Christ
who died and was raised by the glory of God the Father.
Grace and peace be with you all.

ALL

And also with you.

Chaplain

We have come here today to remember before God
Dai Davies, teacher, mentor and friend to many in this school;
to celebrate his life among us, to commend him to God
and to comfort one another in the hope that is ours
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Sure of the love God has for us we pray, saying together:

ALL

Heavenly Father,
you have made us, not for darkness and death,
but for life with you for ever.
Without you we have nothing to hope for,
With you we have nothing to fear.
Speak your words of eternal life to us now.
Lift us to the light and peace of your presence,
and set the glory of your love before us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

We stand to sing
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
Whose trust ever child like, no cares can 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 kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace;
Be there at our homing and give us we pray,
Your strength 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.

REFLECTIONS

A member of the family
Mr Keith Caulkin, Former Student and Colleague
Mr Peter Healey, Chairman of the Foundation

Solo

Pie Jesu from Requiem Mass by G Faure.
Sarah Snelling

READINGS

Verses from Isaiah 43 *Mr Barry Gibney, Student*
1 Corinthians 12:1-13 *Mr Michael Bell, Headmaster*

ADDRESS

Ve. Bob Metcalf, Archdeacon of Liverpool

HYMN

Please remain standing after the hymn ends

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us they humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

**Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, Thy new creation:
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation.
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

THE COMMENDATION

Chaplain Let us remember Dai and all those whom we love
and who are now with the Lord.

Read by Mr Sandy Tittershill Deputy Headmaster

There is a time for everything,
for all things under the sun:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to laugh and a time to cry,
a time to dance and a time to mourn,
a time to seek and a time to lose,
a time to forget and a time to remember.

This day in sacred convocation we remember those who gave us life.
 We remember those who enriched our lives with love and beauty,
 kindness and compassion, thoughtfulness and understanding.
 We renew our bonds to those who have gone the way of all the earth.
 As we reflect upon those whose memory moves us this day,
 we seek consolation, and the strength and the insight born of faith.
 Tender as a parent with a child, the Lord is merciful.
 God knows how we are fashioned, remembers that we are dust.
 Our days are as grass; we flourish as a flower in the field
 The wind passes over it and it is gone, and no one can recognise where it grew.
 But the Lord's compassion for us, the Lord's righteousness to children's children,
 remain, age after age, unchanging.

Based on words from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Pause

Chaplain In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
 through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 we commend our brother Dai to almighty God:
 The Lord bless him and keep him,
 the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him
 the Lord lifted up his countenance upon him and give him peace.. **Amen**

The Choir sing

Psalm 23

F Schubert

PRAYERS

*The Choir sing I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:
 he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
 and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*

God of all consolation in your unending love and mercy for us
 you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life.
 Show compassion on your people in their sorrow.
 Be our refuge and our strength
 to lift us from the darkness of this grief
 to the peace and light of your presence.
 Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
 by dying for us conquered death
 and by rising again restored life.
 May we then go forward eagerly to meet him,
 and after our life on earth
 be reunited with our brothers and sisters
 where every tear will be wiped away. **Amen.**

*I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though after my skin worms shall devour my body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself,
and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.*

ALL

**Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ
you have given us a true faith and sure hope.
Strengthen this faith in us all our days
that we may live as those who believe in
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection to eternal life;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*We brought nothing into this world,
and it is certain we can carry nothing out.
The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away;
blessed be the name of the Lord.*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

ALL

**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 have trespassed 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.**

BLESSING

May the love of God sustain you
the peace of Christ console you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit give you courage.
And the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you
this night and always. Amen

OFFERTORY HYMN

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,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
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 and praises
I will ever give to thee.

*Refreshments will be served
in the Boardroom of the Blue Coat School
after the Service.*