

A Time to Remember



Saturday 1st November 2025
at 2pm

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

King's College Hospital
Princess Royal University Hospital
Orpington Hospital

Saint Luke's Chapel
Denmark Hill, London

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Welcomes you to 'A Time to Remember'

We hope you will find comfort from the words, music and silence as we gather for this service of remembrance.

Acknowledgements

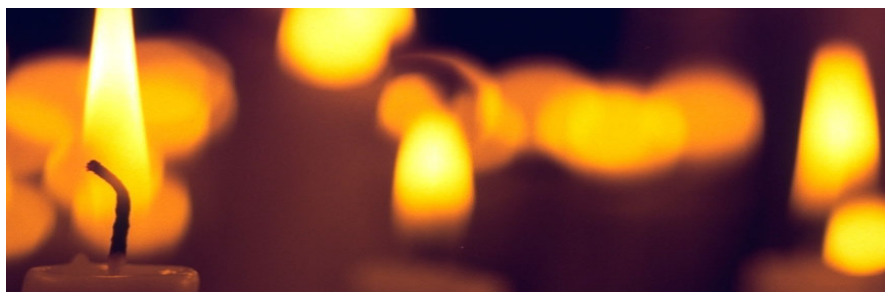
We acknowledge the contribution of the many people who have given freely of their time to help prepare and support this ceremony of remembrance.

The Chaplaincy Team would like to express their thanks to Linda Sherratt and Shivonne Simpson for singing, and to our organist John Webber.

Thanks are also extended to our CEO Professor Clive Kay for kindly funding the refreshments provided by Medirest.

Practical Information

The date for next years Adult Memorial Service will be
Saturday 7th November 2026 at 2pm



Welcome and Introduction

Trust Board Executives: Professor Clive Kay and Tracey Carter
Reverend: Phyllis Barnett, Chaplain

We gather here today to remember, celebrate and give thanks for those we love, who have touched and enriched our lives.

It is a bittersweet moment, for in the midst of life we have been confronted with the death of those we love. As we gather today, we may be at different stages in our grieving and experiencing a multitude of feelings as we approach this ceremony. While we may come from many different backgrounds and beliefs we are united by our love for those we love, who have died.

It is through words, music, and action, that we shall remember and celebrate them.



Lighting the Candles of Grief, Memory and Hope

A Candle of Grief

When grief runs so deep and tears fall like rain
Why light a candle when grief is all that remains?
We light this candle to acknowledge our grief.
We cannot deny the sadness that death brings,
It is because we loved and delighted in our relationships, that we feel
such sorrow in their endings.
So as we walk the path of pain and sorrow, may we slowly move
towards healing, peace and strength.

A Candle of Memory

When memories are hard and we're brittle by pain
Why light a candle to remember again?
We light this candle in remembrance of you,
In memory of the times we laughed, the times we cried, the times
we were annoyed with each other
In memory of the silly things we did, and in memory of the love and
joy we shared.
We light this candle in memory of you.

A Candle of Hope

We light this candle as a symbol of hope that lives in our diverse
communities
The communities where those who died.... did their living,
The communities where those who died.... were lovingly cared for in their
dying.
We light this candle of hope for communities up and down this nation and
around the world, where loss occurred
May this candle signify that hope is unbreakable
And may this unbreakable light of hope, live within each one of us.

Personal Reflection *(while music is played)*



Reading: In our hearts and Minds

We stand motionless,
consumed in grief.
Sorrow has arrived,
as an unwanted thief.

We've all gathered here,
in remembrance and love.
Our questions pointing,
at the grey sky above.

Why did you go,
why did you leave?
Life without you,
is so hard to conceive.

Our hearts are damaged,
and scarred severely.
We shall miss you,
much more than just 'dearly'.

For having you in our lives,
we've all been blessed.
But the time had arrived,
for you to find rest.

We promise to cherish,
our memories of you.
You shall live in our hearts,
and in all that we do.

Unknown author



Reading: The Spirit

The Spirit is neither born, nor does it die at any time.
It does not come into being or cease to exist.
It is unborn, eternal, permanent and primeval.
The Spirit is not destroyed when the body is destroyed.
Weapons do not cut this Spirit,
Fire does not burn it,
Water does not make it wet,
and the wind does not make it dry.
It is eternal, all pervading, changeless and immovable.
It is beyond space and time

The Bhagavad Gita

Soloist: Shivonne Simpson

Reading: A Soul's Gentle Journey

Indeed we belong to God above,
And in His mercy, we all return in love.

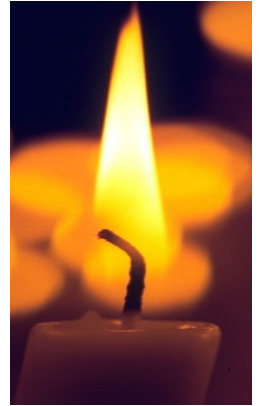
A soul now rests, serene and free,
In gardens vast, beneath the Tree.

No pain nor sorrow in this place,
Only mercy, endless grace

The deeds once sown, like seeds that grow,
In prayers and kindness still will flow.

“O reassured soul”, the Divine call,
“Come home, beloved, beyond this all”

Though hearts may ache, and tears may fall,
In God's care, we're held by all.
(Inspired by the Quran/Hadith)



Reading

And I will light a candle for you.
To shatter all the darkness and bless the times we knew.
Like a beacon in the night
The flame will burn bright and guide us on our way.
Today I light a candle for you.
The seasons come and go, and I'm weary from the change.
I keep on moving on, you know it's not the same.
And when I'm walking all alone.
Do you hear me call your name?
Do you hear me sing the songs we used to sing?
You filled my life with wonder, touched me with surprise,
Always saw that something special deep within your eyes.
And through the good times and the bad,
We carried on with pride.
I hold onto the love and life we knew.
And I will light a candle for you.
To shatter all the darkness and bless the times we knew.
Like a beacon in the night
The flame will burn bright and guide us on our way.
Today I light a candle for you.

Paul Alexander

Soloist: Linda Sherratt

A Time to Remember

We invite you to bring to mind a precious memory of your loved one. In peace we hold in our hearts all those who have died, may they rest in eternal peace.

As we come to light these candles the mystery of life and death is before us, and we give thanks for those we carry in our hearts, because they are very much part of our story.

Candles symbolise an array of meaning for each of us remembrance, hope, thankfulness, memory...



Musical Reflection and Candle Lighting

Prayer and Reflection

As we remember those who have died,
we give thanks for their lives;
for all that they accomplished;
for their example,
and for all that they have given to us.

We give thanks for our relationship with them,
for all that we have known of them and shared with them.
We give thanks for our memories
and for all that will withstand the passage of time.
We give thanks for their courage in adversity and illness,
Freed now from all distress, may they rest in peace.

O Lord, hear our prayer

As those who are left behind,
we are bound together in our loss.
We ask for strength to offer one another comfort and support.
May we have the courage to rebuild our lives,
and go forward into the future with new confidence and hope.

O Lord, hear our prayer

We give thanks for the skill and dedication of the staff at King's College
Denmark Hill, the Princess Royal and, Orpington Hospitals.
For all who care for the dying, surround them with compassion and
love, dignity and hope.
Grant them respect for the mystery of life
as it draws to its close.

O Lord, hear our prayer

We give thanks for all engaged in medical research.
May they be given skill, wisdom and insight,
so they and future generations, may extend our knowledge
of how to control and cure illness and disease,
and bring hope and relief to many.

O Lord, hear our prayer

Amen

You are invited to join us in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples

**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.**

Affirmation of our Remembrance

When we are weary and in need of strength.

When we are lost and sick at heart.

We will remember them.

When we have a joy we crave to share.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make.

We will remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring.

We will remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn.

We will remember them.

At the rising of the sun and at its setting.

We will remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live.

For they are now a part of us.

As we remember them.

Adapted from a Jewish Funeral Prayer

Solo: Linda Sherratt

Reading: Footprints on our Heart

Sometimes, on our journey through life

We love people, who leave their footprints on our mind

They challenge us to see things differently

And to question our 'normal' and personal reality.

Sometimes, on our journey through life

We love people, who leave footprints on our heart

They create a safe place for us

A space to open our hearts and feel loved, a place where we belong.

Then sometimes, on our journey through life

We love people who leave footprints on our soul

They share themselves with us so profoundly

They touch the very essence of who we are

In that secret quiet place.

Our loved ones have left gentle footprints on the minds, hearts and souls of many of us here today

May we always remember, the beauty of their love, their kindness and the sacred way they touched our lives.

Maggie Dent (amended)

Hymn: Abide with me

1st verse Solo: **Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens: Lord with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
Ill's have no weight, and tears no bitterness,
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me.

Blessing and Farewell

Let us give thanks for those who, with love shared our sorrow and offered help and support.

Let us go out into the world.

glad that we have loved,

free to weep for the ones whom we have lost,

free to hold each other in our human frailty,

empowered to love in full.

and to affirm the hope of human existence.

Amen



There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues.

They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.

Washington Irving

Support available

The Good Grief Trust

Web: www.thegoodgrieftrust.org

hello@thegoodgrieftrust.org

Help and hope in one place

Cruse Bereavement Support

Tel: 0808 8081677

Web: www.cruse.org.uk

Providing information to anyone who has been affected by a death.

Offering education, support, and information to anyone supporting bereaved people.

Samaritans

Helpline: 116 123 (24 hours)

Web: www.samaritans.org

24-hour confidential emotional support for anyone in a crisis.

AtaLoss

Web: www.ataloss.org

Providing the UK's signposting website for bereaved people, ensuring they and those supporting them find information and services appropriate to their loss.

The Silver Line (run by Age UK)

Tel: 0800 4708090 (24 hours)

Web: www.thesilverline.org.uk

Friendship and support for older people.

Compassionate Friends

Helpline: 0345 1232304 (Open 10 am - 4 pm, 7 - 10 pm every day of the year)

Web: www.tcf.org.uk

helpline@tcf.org.uk

Support and friendship for bereaved parents and their families.

Help for young people and children

Winston's Wish

Helpline: 08088 020021

Web: www.winstonswish.org

ask@winstonswish.org

Charity that offers support to young people who have experienced bereavement.

Child Bereavement UK

Tel: 0800 0288840

Web: www.childbereavementuk.org

Rebuilding Lives Together



Forthcoming events

Interfaith Week Sunday 9th - Sunday 16th November

To strengthen interfaith relations, increase understanding between different faith and non-religious communities, and highlight the contributions of these groups to society. The theme for 2025 is "Community: Together We Serve"

Saturday 6th December - Baby and Children's Memorial

10.30am and 2pm Babies and Children's Memorial Ceremony, 'A Time to Remember' Denmark Hill site

Tuesday 11th November Armistice Service / Remembrance

10.50am Cross-site Remembrance Services, in our hospital chapels, commemorating the men, women and children who died as a result of conflict.

Salvation Army Christmas Carolling

King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill: 15th December

The Princess Royal University Hospital, 19th December

Carols by Candle Light Services

Thursday 18th December 5pm King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, St Luke's Chapel

Tuesday 16th December 4pm Princess Royal University Hospital, Chapel

Christmas Day Services

More information will follow.

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