

Our thanks to:

Adam Wright
Organist at St Paul's Church

The Collaboration Choir

St Paul's Church, Bedford

St Paul's Church plays a threefold role within the community:

As the Civic and County church of Bedfordshire;

As a centre of excellence of music and worship for a widely dispersed congregation;

As focus of ministry to its own parish which is recognised as the second most deprived within the Diocese of St Albans.

St Paul's exercises a special ministry of Christian welcome, of counselling, practical help and spiritual and emotional support to a wide variety of people within the town, borough and beyond; many of whom are vulnerable and come, needing help.

The collection today will be for the Road Victims Trust. This will enable them to continue with their free support to families who have been affected by road death. The Trust will continue its support throughout Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

To donate to Road Victims Trust visit
www.rvtrust.org.uk

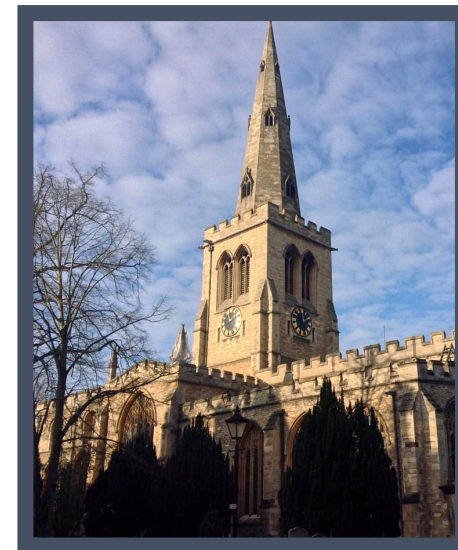
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A Service of Remembrance and Hope

for Road Traffic Victims

Sunday 17th November 2024

at 3.00pm



Preacher

The Venerable Dave Middlebrook

Archdeacon of Bedford

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**Message from His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire,
Susan Lousada**



Thank you for attending this World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. I am deeply honoured as Patron to lend my support to a charity that is commemorating 30 years of service and has helped more than 620 people each year. Care, compassion and understanding underpin the emotional and practical support offered to those affected by road death.

I am sure you will join me in thanking the Road Victims Trust for everything they do to help those who face such tragic loss and for the support they give in helping to rebuild shattered lives.

Susan Lousada
His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire
and Patron - Road Victims Trust

The Road Victims Trust is a registered charity offering a range of free support services to residents of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk, who have been affected by fatal road collisions.

“Every referral we receive is for us a tragedy unfolding, of lives and families changed forever, but also represents a chance for us to offer our service that will make a difference to those affected”.

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All sit

Welcome and Bidding Prayer

The Reverend Anthony Davis, Assistant Curate of St Paul's Church

All say

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.

Introduction to the work of the Road Victims Trust

Paul Cook, Chief Executive and Assistant Chief Constable Karena Thomas

Bible reading: Romans 8:31 - End

His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Susan Lousada

In 2023 1,624 people tragically lost their lives on UK roads. A road death doesn't just affect individuals, it affects entire communities. Over the past 30 years The Road Victims Trust (RVT) has made a real and lasting difference by providing **free** emotional and practical support, through professional Coordinators and specialist trained Counselling Volunteers.

The RVT is the first of its kind and remains the only organisation in the country which provides proactive, specialist support which addresses the traumatic nature of bereavement, as well as serious injuries, following road traffic collisions. The RVT do receive limited statutory funding however a large portion of the charity's costs are raised by grants, donations and fundraising events.

The RVT firmly believe that the local commissioning of services, delivered by local people to local people, allows for the provision of the very best levels of care. We remain deeply grateful for all of the support and understanding of so many people who have helped to contribute to our on-going success.



Ways you can support the Road Victims Trust

- Donate or fundraise
- Visit our website at www.rvtrust.org.uk
- Become a counselling volunteer
- Become a corporate sponsor

To donate, please visit our website or scan the QR code below:



Become a Counselling Volunteer

It's a challenging role and not everyone can do it. The Road Victims Trust usually recruits new Counselling Volunteers each year and we would like to hear from anyone interested in finding out more.

While rewarding, the role of a Road Victims Trust Counselling Volunteer is emotionally demanding. Our volunteers support people who have either experienced the sudden death of a loved one or the horror of being involved in a fatal or serious road collision. The work also encompasses support during the legal processes that follow in the wake of the collision.

Due to the nature of the emotional and practical support that the Counselling Volunteer undertakes we have in place a stringent recruitment and training process. An initial interview is carried out for us to see if you are suitable for the rigours of the training course and as a prospective volunteer. The interview is also your chance to check out if this work is for you.

Once the training course has been successfully completed, our volunteers are themselves supported by regular individual supervision, volunteer support group meetings and additional on-going training, relevant to the work.

A Counselling Volunteer would be expected to have on average two clients a week. The majority of the work is undertaken as a one-hour home visit and so with travel, report writing, supervision and meetings about 6-8 hours per week is needed to fulfil the role.



At 2.58pm all stand as the Lord-Lieutenant is met by the minister at the West Door and escorted to their seat in the nave.

All sing

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

Praise, my soul

A message from CEO, Paul Cook and Lyn Hesse, Chair of Trustees



Today marks the World Day of Remembrance for all persons killed on the roads across the globe.

This leaves behind a trail of devastation and despair, where the lives of families and friends are changed for ever.

The Road Victims Trust (RVT) is a registered charity, commemorating its 30th anniversary. The charity offers a range of free support services to residents of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk who have been affected by

fatal road collisions. Working in partnership with the Police Forces and Road Safety Teams across those counties, the RVT is able to provide free emotional and practical support by way of a qualified Counselling Service. The early intervention of RVT Counsellors provides hope to persons who are at their lowest possible ebb.

However, this support is only made possible by the support and friendship that the RVT receive. As a small, local charity we rely on the generosity of so many people in order to continue to provide our services.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for coming along today and showing your support for our work.



*All stand and sing
Collection to be taken during this hymn*

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
when Bethl'em'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 still 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 will 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 every heart with love and joy are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

A Message of Hope: The Archdeacon of Bedford



A Personal Story

- Steve Gatfield

Silence is kept

The Lord-Lieutenant's cadets move forward and light three candles representing Faith, Hope and Love in memory of all loved ones as the Collaboration Choir sing.

"It's All About You" and "That's What Friends Are For", performed by Bedford, Milton Keynes and Woburn Sands Collaboration Choir.



Bedford, Milton Keynes and Woburn Sands Collaboration Choir

The Collaboration Choir is a fresh musical alternative where people who are passionate about Popular music come to feel inspired, nurtured, to push boundaries and do something for themselves in a safe space.

The choir offer enjoyable weekly singing sessions for adults in the local community throughout term-time. Anyone can learn new singing skills or improve them, feel empowered, grow in confidence, meet other like-minded individuals but also give back to the community through fundraising performances and experiences.

Assistant Chief Constable Karena Thomas joined Bedfordshire Police as a Police Constable in 1998, working mostly across Luton and Dunstable.

She quickly moved into Luton CID embracing her role as a future detective at all ranks, covering Force CID, Special Branch Ports, Organisational Assurance, Head of Public Protection, Director of Intelligence and Head of People and Workforce Development.

Karena has worked within the collaborated Major Crime Units across Beds, Cambs and Herts, managing numerous serious crime investigations, and represented the forces across the Eastern Region and Nationally.

In September 2021, Karena stepped into a Temporary ACC role focusing on collaborative Governance and National Change programmes, returning to the BCH Joint Protective Services Role as T/ACC in May 2022, before becoming substantively promoted in 2024, managing Crime and Specialist Operations across the 3 forces.



Prayers

Let us pray

All sit or kneel to pray

*At the end of each prayer all say **Amen***

Prayers read by:

Tanya Fosdick (Patron, Research Director at Agilysis Limited)

Sharn Basra (CEO for Bedfordshire OPCC)

Paul Jones (Trustee for The Road Victims Trust)

Jan Maze (Counselling Volunteer for The Road Victims Trust)

All stand and sing

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

The Blessing

The Archdeacon of Bedford

All stand as the Lord-Lieutenant is escorted to the West Door.



Those who wish to do so, are warmly invited to come forward and light candles in memory of their loved ones, after the procession has left.

Refreshments will be served in the Anderson Room after the service.



Steve Gatfield

Steve Gatfield has been involved with The Road Victims Trust since the tragic loss of his nephew Oliver, in a road collision in January 2024.

Steve is Area General Manager at European Metal Recycling, where he plays a vital role in overseeing operations and promoting sustainability. Married to Deanne, Steve shares a passion for traveling and exploring new places.



He enjoys cycling on weekends and runs daily to maintain an active lifestyle. Proud father to 23-year-old Jodie, Steve values family time and cherishes the adventures they embark on together.

Steve ran the TCS London Marathon 2024 to raise money for RVT this year.