

HMS SIDON



50th ANNIVERSARY
MEMORIAL SERVICE
and
UNVEILING OF THE MEMORIAL STONE

at
PORTLAND

Thursday 16th June 2005
12.00 noon.

Names of those commemorated

HMS SIDON

CLAYTON, Charles Duke	Telegraphist
DAVIS, David George	Acting Leading Seaman
DOREY, Peter R. A.	Leading Seaman
FORD, John R.	Able Seaman
McLEOD, Laverne D.	Petty Officer Royal Canadian Navy
PEAKE, Ronald W.	ME1
RICE, Philip J. W.	Cook
RYCROFT, Julian M. W.	Lieutenant
SMITH, Colin	Leading Cook
SUNDERLAND, John R.	Steward
WAITE, Donald P.	Able Seaman

Trials Team

NEEDHAM Jerrold Keith	Lieutenant Commander
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HMS MAIDSTONE

RHODES, Charles Eric	Surgeon Lieutenant	Albert Medal
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Introduction

Opening Sentences

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die".

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his compassion never fails; every morning they are renewed.

Let us pray
Heavenly Father,
In your Son Jesus Christ
You have given us a true faith and a 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

Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep
And calm amid the storm didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea

Reading: Revelation 21 vv. 1-7

Admiral Sir James Perowne KBE
National President of the Submariners Association

Prayers

Father of all, by whose mercy and grace your saints remain in everlasting light and peace; we remember with thanksgiving those whom we love but see no longer, and we pray that in them your perfect will may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort; deal graciously with those who mourn, that casting all their cares on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Submariners Prayer

O Father hear our prayer to thee
From thy humble servants beneath the sea
In the depths of oceans as oft we stray,
So far from night, so far from day:
We would ask your guiding light to glow
To make our journey safe below.
Please oft times grant us patient mind,
Then ere the darkness won't us blind.
We seek thy protection in the deep,
And grant us peace when ere we sleep.
Of our homes and loved ones far away
We ask you care for them each day;

To drink the air and feel the rain,
We ask your guiding hand to show
A safe progression, sure but slow.
Dear Lord, please hear our prayer to thee
From your humble servants beneath the sea. **Amen**

The Lords Prayer

**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.****

Unveiling of the Memorial Stone

by Rear Admiral Paul Lambert, Rear Admiral Submarines

Reading of the Names

The Words of Remembrance

By HM Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, Captain Michael Fulford Dobson CVO Royal Navy

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
We will remember them

The Last Post

One Minute Silence

Reveille

Blessing of the Stone

Lord God, we pray your blessing on this memorial which we dedicate in memory of those whose names we have remembered today. We commit them afresh to your mercy and safe keeping and we pray that one day we, with them, may rest in your eternal home. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Naval Prayer

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end: be pleased to receive into thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants, and the Fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and her Dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our Island and Commonwealth may in peace and quietness serve thee our God; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours, and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the Queen.

A wreath is laid on the stone by a relative on behalf of the families of those who died. Admiral Sir James Perowne presents the White Ensign, used to cover the stone, to Hugh Verry, Commanding Officer of HMS Sidon at the time of the accident. He will hand it to Commander Rupert Best for safe keeping by the Dorset Branch of the Submariners Association

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God