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AIR CADET SUNDAY

Welcome and Introduction

So as we meet in the presence of God, let us join together in prayer.

**God our Father,
Who has brought us together
as members of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets;
help us to do our duty at all times,
and to be loyal to one another.
May all that is good and true
flourish among us;
strengthen us to defend the right;
and bless our work,
that it might be acceptable to you,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

Reflection of Cadet Experience

Cdt FS Campbell – 273 (Wallasey) Squadron

Cdt FS Pitt – 1175 (Prenton) Squadron

Reading

Isaiah 40:25-31.

Read by CWO Ben Turnbull – 2375 (Neston) Squadron

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

25 “To whom will you compare me?

Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:

Who created all these?

He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.

Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.

27 Why do you complain, Jacob?

Why do you say, Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord;
my cause is disregarded by my God”?

28 Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

29 He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

30 Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;

31 but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Uniformed Staff Reflection

Warrant Officer Aspinall – Wing Warrant Officer

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Read by CWO Plummer – 1123 (Hooton Park) Squadron

A reading from the letter to the church in Corinth CCF

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alumni Reflection

Former Cadets of Merseyside Wing now serving with the British Armed Forces

Wing Commanders Reflection

Wing Commander Joe O'Riley, RAFAC

Renewal of Promises

May our motto "Venture Adventure" remind us of the fun, excitement and challenge which we share, hallmarks of our great movement.

May we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

May our activities foster in us the spirit of adventure, develop in us the qualities which go to the making of good citizens, and help us to discover the joys and demands of service not only within the corps but also in our local communities.

May we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

And so in the presence of God and of this congregation I now call upon all members of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets to renew the promises you first made at your enrolment.

Cadets and Staff say together

**I hereby solemnly promise on my honour
to serve my unit loyally,
and to be faithful to my obligations
as a member of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets;
I further promise to be a good citizen
and to do my duty to God and Queen,
my country and my flag.**

Bless us, Lord, and confirm in us our promises as members of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets. Strengthen in us the gifts of courage, reliability and honesty. May each member learn to accept their responsibilities and offer the willing service which we see in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the Queen, that she may be given grace and wisdom to fulfil the varied duties of her calling, that she may be enriched in the life of her family, and that she may continue to be a source of strength and inspiration to her people.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the rulers and leaders of the nations, for all upon whom rests the responsibility of government, that they may work for justice and peace, and for the welfare of the whole human family.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all members of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets, that they may know the joy of discovery, the warmth of friendship, and the satisfaction of achievement, as they respond to every challenge. We give thanks for the dedicated service of the Officers, for Civilian Instructors and volunteers, and for all involved in the administration of the organisation.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember before God those who are handicapped by poverty or sickness, or by broken and unhappy homes.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We dedicate our lives in the service of God's Kingdom as we pray with confidence in the words our Saviour taught us

**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.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no-one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak,
help the afflicted; honour all people;
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,
come down upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The National Anthem