

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.

Padre: The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, Queen, the Commonwealth and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us all and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always.
Amen

Guests to leave whilst The Royal Air Force March Past is played.

***The small organising committee,
The Lord Porter of Spalding CBE and Councillor Angela Newton MBE,
wish to thank those members who have funded the
Memorial Stone and this Dedication event for Guests with their Community budget:***

*Cllrs Anthony Cronin, Roger Gambba-Jones, Rob Gibson, Jack McLean, Manzur Hasan,
Mrs Christine Lawton, Gary Taylor, Rodney Grocock, Mrs Sally Slade, Mrs Elizabeth Sneath,
James Avery, Cllr The Lord Porter CBE and Angela Newton MBE.*

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- ▶ *Anthony Fell and St Nicolas Community Brass for providing Music for us today*
 - ▶ *Steve Wand for playing The Last Post and The Reveille*
- ▶ *Group Captain Richard Mighall OBE for his support and invaluable advice*
 - ▶ *Our Padre for today The Rev'd (Flt Lt) Philip Johnson*
 - ▶ *Gary Huggins for cutting and placing the stone.*

***Memorial Service
&
Dedication of a Commemoration Plaque***

***Monday 27th September 2021
12pm***



***To honour Pilot Officer George Furniss
who died nearby on 27th September 1953***

***Led by
The Rev'd (Flt Lt) Philip Johnson RAuxAF***

The Lord Porter CBE of Spalding, Leader of South Holland District Council:

The welcome and introduction

Padre:

We are gathered together here today to give thanks for the life of Pilot Officer Furniss who died close to this place. His courage in the face of mortal danger and self-sacrifice protected and saved the lives of many in this town. His bravery is not forgotten and the memorial we dedicate today will ensure that the memory of his selfless act will live on for generations to come. We pray that this memorial will be an inspiration to all to live lives of courage and selfless service.

Padre: I lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help?

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth.

Hymn: 'The Airmen's Hymn'

Ruler of the earth and sky
Be with our airmen when they fly;
And keep them in Thy loving care
Amid the perils of the air.
O let our cry come unto Thee
For those who fly o'er land and sea.

Strong son of man, save those who fly
Swift-winged across the unchartered sky;
Each anxious hour and lonely flight
Serenely challenged, day and night.
O'er land and ocean safely bear
All those in peril in the air.

O Holy Spirit, God's own power,
Give peace in sudden danger's hour
Bring calm of heart and be Thou near
To those who watch and those who fear.
To Thee will rise the grateful prayer
Of those who serve Thee in the air.

O Trinity of love and grace,
True guide of all who fly through space;
In peace or war, mid friend or foe,
Be with them whereso'er they go.
So shall our praise with heaven blend
And joyful hearts to Thee ascend.

Padre: The Dedication

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping,
Pilot George Furniss, and all who lived and died in the service of
their country and humankind.

We bless and dedicate this memorial in this place to be a sign of our
thanks for his ultimate sacrifice.

All: May he rest in peace

Unveiling of Memorial by PO Furniss's daughters

Group Captain Mighall: The Exhortation

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

All: We will remember them

Steve Wand: The Last Post

Silence

Steve Wand: The Reveille

Squadron Leader Crowther: The Kohima Epitaph

When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

Prayers

Ending with The Lord's Prayer

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 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.