

**"... AND SAE  
THE LORD  
BE THANKIT"**

A SERVICE OF  
THANKSGIVING  
TO ALMIGHTY GOD

AND FAREWELL  
TO SIR DOUGLAS HALL

RINGMORE PARISH CHURCH  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1999

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Introit (*Choir*): Lead me, Lord    (*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*)

### WELCOME AND NOTICES

#### Hymn (*all*):

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.  
*(Sir Henry Baker)*

For all that is past: Thanks!

To all that is to come: Yes!

*(Dag Hammarskjöld)*



Onward, then, ye people,  
join our happy throng,  
blend with ours your voices  
in the triumph song:  
glory, laud, and honour  
unto Christ the King,  
this through countless ages  
men and angels sing.  
*Onward, etc.*

(S. Baring-Gould)

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(ending with:)

**The Lord's Prayer and  
The Grace**

**Hymn (all):**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
'Neath his wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put his arm unfailing round you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

(J. E. Rankin)

## BLESSING

Postlude (Choir): Go in peace (Anton Dvořák, arr. Rawsthorne / Fawcett)

## PRAYERS OF APPROACH

In this service, we come together to thank God for forty years of Christian fellowship and service shared with Sir Douglas Hall and his late wife Rachel. All of us are conscious of the fact that, whatever we may have achieved in life, it has only been possible with the help of God. But we also know that, like the rest of our lives, our worship and fellowship have been and are, at the very best, imperfect. So let us confess these imperfections, and our other sins and shortcomings, to God.

O Lord our God, you know who we are:  
people with good consciences and with bad;  
people who are content and those who are discontented;  
the certain and the uncertain;  
Christians by conviction and Christians by convention;  
those who believe, and those who half-believe  
and those who disbelieve....  
But now we all stand before you, in all our differences,  
yet alike in that we are all in the wrong  
with you and with one another;  
in that we must all one day die,  
and in that we would be lost without your grace,  
but also in that your grace is promised  
and made available to us all  
in your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world:  
Look upon us and have mercy upon us;  
You who are the Saviour of the world,  
our Redeemer and our Reward:  
Keep safe from all evil all those whose sins are forgiven  
and whose lives are in your hands. Amen.

Dear Father, whom I cannot see,  
I know that you are near to me.  
Quite quietly I speak to you:  
Please show me what you'd have me do.  
Please help me plan kind things to do  
For other people and for you.  
Thank you for always helping me,  
Dear Father, whom I cannot see. Amen.

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 14: 10 – 15

### Hymn (all):

One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go,  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me travelling along with You.  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with You.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,  
More and more about the world I learn.  
And the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me.  
*And it's from the old ....*

As I travel through the bad and good,  
Keep me travelling the way I should.  
Where I see no way to go,  
You'll be telling me the way, I know.  
*And it's from the old ....*

Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough.  
Leap and sing in all I do,  
Keep me travelling along with You.  
*And it's from the old ....*

You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me.  
Ever old and ever new,  
Keep me travelling along with You  
*And it's from the old ....*

*(Sidney Carter)*

New Testament Reading: Matthew 5: 1 – 16

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### Hymn (all):

*(in which the offertory will be made)*

Onward, Christian soldiers!  
marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus  
going on before.  
Christ the royal Master  
leads against the foe;  
forward into battle,  
see, his banners go!  
*Onward, Christian soldiers!  
marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus  
going on before.*

At the sign of triumph  
Satan's host doth flee;  
on then, Christian soldiers,  
on to victory!  
Hell's foundations quiver  
at the shout of praise;  
brothers, lift your voices,  
loud your anthems raise.  
*Onward, etc.*

Like a mighty army  
moves the Church of God;  
brothers, we are treading  
where the saints have trod:  
we are not divided,  
all one body we,  
one in hope and doctrine,  
one in charity.  
*Onward, etc.*

Crowns and thrones may perish,  
kingdoms rise and wane,  
but the Church of Jesus  
constant will remain:  
gates of hell can never  
'gainst that Church prevail;  
we have Christ's own promise,  
and that cannot fail.  
*Onward, etc.*

read such wisdom &  
often humorous comments  
about him. Our lives  
seem pretty bleak  
now, but the imminent  
expected arrival (10<sup>th</sup>) of  
Sara & Desch's first baby  
is a welcome excitement.  
I fly out to Sydney for  
a month to help, if my  
baby skills aren't too  
rusty!

Yours sincerely  
Marion (Piller-  
Seniors, nee Hall)





*Douglas Basil Hall*

*1<sup>st</sup> February 1909 – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2004*

*I just would like to say a heartfelt thank you to you and all the many friends and relations, who knew him – at whatever age - during his long life, for such warm, wonderful and comforting letters and cards when he died. I had intended to answer them each personally, but it turned out to be too daunting a task.*

*The same themes emerge time and time again: his warmth, his modesty, his love of life, of young people, of his family and friends. We were blessed to have him as a father, grandfather and father-in-law and he leaves an enormous gap in the lives of his immediate family. Your letters and support helped so much at the time, and since.*

*Thank you*

*Douglas at 17, on the day he went up to Oxford. There aren't many now who remember the dashing young man with his open car, but he always said he still felt a young man at heart.*