



The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

Welcome from the Officials

Welcome to the Order of the British Empire Newsletter.

The Order of the British Empire is closely associated with St Paul's Cathedral and we are proud to support them in a number of ways, some of which are reported in this newsletter.

We hope you will enjoy reading about the great work the Order carries out with the charitable funds, to which members and Medallists generously donate.

Periodically, we will be sending you news concerning future events, appeals and projects connected with the Order.

As there are approximately 130,000 members and Medallists in the Order, this is the only time you will receive a 'hard copy' of the newsletter. To enable us to have your correct contact details, please would you either complete and return the form on the reverse of this newsletter or update your details via the Central Chancery Website.

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Officials

The Officials of the Order are:

THE SOVEREIGN

GRAND MASTER,

His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh,
KG KT OM GCVO GBE ONZ QSO AK GCL CC CMM

PRELATE,

The Bishop of London
The Right Reverend Dame Sarah Mullally, DBE

KING OF ARMS,

Lieutenant General Sir Robert Fulton, KBE

REGISTRAR,

The Secretary of the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood,
Lieutenant Colonel Michael Vernon

SECRETARY,

The Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service,
Sir Jeremy Heywood, KCB CVO

DEAN,

The Dean of St Paul's Cathedral,
The Very Reverend Dr David Ison

LADY USHER OF THE PURPLE ROD,

Dame Amelia Fawcett, DBE

PRELATE EMERITUS

The Right Reverend and Right Honourable The Lord Chartres of Wilton,
KCVO

Services in the Chapel of The Order

The following may take place in the Chapel:

- **Memorial Services** - for Knights and Dames Grand Cross only.
- **Weddings** - for members and Medallists of the Order or their children only.
- **Baptisms** - for members and Medallists of the Order, their children or grandchildren only.

There is approximately a two-year waiting list for these services.

All services will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the Church of England.

Centenary Appeal

In connection with the Order's Centenary, we are assisting St Paul's Cathedral in their admirable work to make the Cathedral accessible to everyone. This will take the form of a permanent and architecturally sympathetic access ramp to the North Transept, the estimated cost for the ramp is three million pounds. The new ramp will enable anyone with mobility problems to enter the Cathedral alongside everyone else.

A leaflet providing details of this project is enclosed with your warrant of appointment, along with a pre-paid envelope, should you wish to donate towards this permanent addition to the Cathedral's architecture.

Centenary Window

To celebrate the Centenary of the Order of the British Empire, 1917-2017, the Order commissioned a stained-glass window to replace a plain glass window situated at the entrance to the Chapel. The selected artist, Caroline Benyon, is in the process of finishing the installation of the window which will be completed early 2018.

Annual Evensong

The first annual Evensong took place in St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 10th November 2015 attended by the Grand Master and 600 members and Medallists of the Order and their guest. Evensongs have continued and they are a great opportunity to meet with fellow members and to share the good work they have achieved. The Officials, OBE Chorister, Organ and Choral Outreach Fellow and members of the Order take part in the service.

The next Evensong is due to take place in the autumn of 2018, the date will be announced on the website in August. To apply for tickets, please write to: The Registrar of the Order or apply online via the Order's website.

If you are unable to attend the Order's Evensong in November, there is a daily evensong in St. Paul's Cathedral, which is open to members of the public at 5pm (Monday-Friday) and 3:15pm (Sunday) They are free to attend without pre-booking a ticket.

Ceremonial Service in 2020

The next Ceremonial Service will take place in 2020. Notices regarding such Services are published in the Press inviting members and Medallists of the Order to apply for a ticket. The date will be announced on the Order's website in January 2020.

Due to the size of the Order this service will be open to members and Medallists only. It will not be possible to bring a guest. In the event of oversubscription there will be a ballot.

Ceremonial Service in 2017

A DVD is available to purchase of the 2017 Service of Dedication via the link below.

<https://www.bcafilm.co.uk/product/obe-service-2017-dvd/>

Chorister Scholarship

In 2003 a Chorister Scholarship was introduced to cover the boarding and music fees for two Cathedral Choristers, who would have been unable to attend the Cathedral school without this financial assistance. In 2015 this was reduced to one Scholarship to focus additional funding into the Organ and Choral Fellowship.

The currently OBE chorister is:

Ndiana Essien. Ndiana is in his final year and is the Deputy Head Chorister. He is making excellent progress in trumpet and piano.

The Chorister, can be identified by the OBE badge he wears when on duty.

The Choristers finished 2017 with their current album "Jubilate: 500 Years of Cathedral Music" being number one in the Classical Music Charts.

Organ and Choral Fellowship

In 2014 Mr Tom Daggett was selected as the first Organ and Choral Fellow, initially this was for a 3 year period which was extended for a further 3 years in 2017. Sponsored by the Order, its aim is to share St. Paul's Cathedral musical heritage with primary schools in London.

It seeks to enrich curricula, inspire young minds and promote a deeper understanding of Cathedral music. It does this through singing and organ workshop days in schools and by introducing the William Drake OBE Organ in the OBE Chapel to diverse young audiences.

Since his appointment, Mr. Daggett has worked with over 5,000 children from inner-city London Schools. The programme has recently appeared in the Church Times.

Progress on this programme can be followed on

 @StPaulsChoir

 Facebook.com/StPaulsCathedralChoir

History of the Order

On 15th December 2017 The Reverend Canon Professor Peter John Galloway OBE, published a revised history of the Order following its original publication in 1996.

New chapters discuss the periodic debates about changing the Order's name and case studies of the earliest forfeitures of membership. The list of Knights and Dames Grand Cross has also been updated with information from the London Gazette about each individual. A new appendix lists those whose membership has been forfeited and there are many new illustrations.

Copies of the new history of the Order are obtainable from:

Worcestershire Medal Services Ltd, 56 Broad Street, Sidemoor, Bromsgrove, B61 8LL. www.worcmedals.com/Order-of-The-British-Empire or telephone on 01527 835 375.

It may also be ordered through all good bookshops.

ISBN: 9780995553132. Price £39.99

The new history of the Order is not able to be ordered via the Central Chancery.

Copies of the history of the Order published in 1996, are still available at the reduced cost of £6, please send a cheque payable to the *Order of the British Chapel Fund* to the Central Chancery at the address below to order your copy. We are not able to accept cash payments.

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