

35<sup>TH</sup>

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

**Address**

The Rt Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin  
The Bishop of Dover

**Hymn**

**Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save,  
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bids 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 Saviour, whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep,  
And calm, amid its rage, did sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee,  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
To bid its 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,  
Your children shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,  
Protect them whereso'er they go;  
And ever let there rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

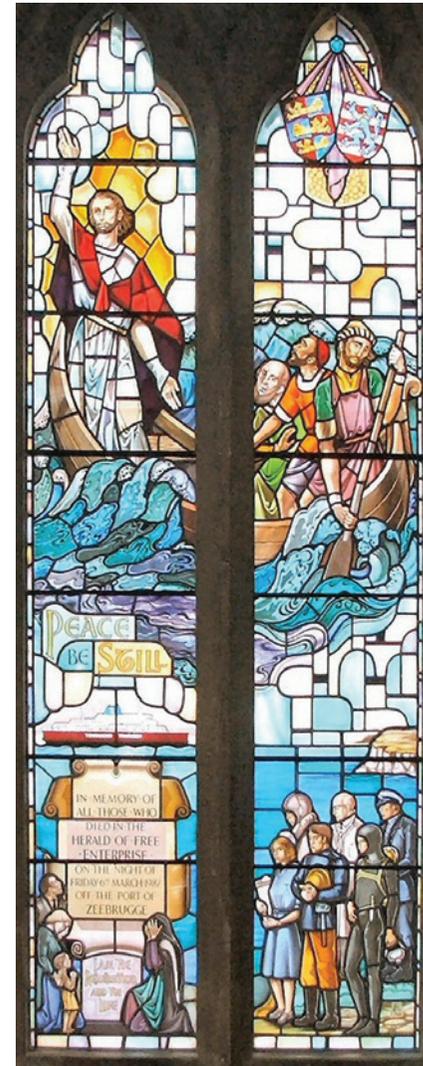
**Benediction**

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(A collection will be taken to offset the costs of the service)

We are grateful to The Reverend Catherine Tucker and the Churchwardens of St Mary's for the use of the church, and to Christians Together in Dover for refreshments in the hall directly after the service.

**At 4pm there will be brief prayers at the end of the Marina Pier.  
Please see any chaplain for directions.**



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**Commemorating those  
who were lost in The Herald  
of Free Enterprise disaster  
on 6 March 1987**

**Sunday, 6th March 2022,  
2.00 pm**



## Welcome

The Reverend Catherine Tucker  
Team Rector (Interim)  
Dover Town Team Ministry

## The Pilot Psalm

Psalm 23 adapted by Captain John H Roberts, 1874  
Read by Kim Spooner on behalf of the Herald Association

*Kim was just 8 years old when she lost her uncle and aunt - Neil Spooner and Mary Smith - on the Herald of Free Enterprise.*

The Lord's my Pilot; I shall not drift.  
He lights me across the dark waters;  
He steers me in deep channels;  
He keeps my log;  
He guides me by the star of holiness for his name's sake.

Even though I sail amid the thunder and tempest of life,  
I will dread no danger, for you are near me;  
Your love and your care, they shelter me.  
You prepare a harbour before me in the homeland of eternity;  
You anoint the waves with oil, and my ship rides calmly.

Surely sunlight and starlight shall favour me on the voyage I take,  
And I will rest in the port of our God for ever.



## The Act of Remembrance

On behalf of Sailors' Society  
The Reverend Carole Peters-King

On Friday, 6th March 1987 at 18:30 hours GMT, The Herald of Free Enterprise on passage to Dover, carrying 430 passengers and 80 crew, capsized off Zeebrugge with the loss of 193 lives.

On this, the 35th anniversary of one of the worst accidents at sea in recent years, we remember, in proud and grateful thanks-giving, those who died.

We recall the many acts of individual heroism of both crew and passengers and we give thanks to God for those who gave their lives that others might live.

We remember those we loved, and still love, those known to us as friends, and those unknown to us, who now belong to that host which no man can number, who have died at sea. Let us now join in two minutes' silence for those who were lost in The Herald of Free Enterprise.

## Two Minutes' Silence

## Roll of Those Remembered



## Prayers

Written by The Reverend Bill McCrea MNM, Sailors' Society Honorary Chaplain  
Lead by David Slater, Dover Port Chaplaincy Team Leader

*Bill based himself in Dover during the two weeks after the disaster to counsel the bereaved, held funerals for four of the victims and offered ongoing support, in some cases for years. On the first anniversary, Bill led a memorial service at the request of the families, starting a tradition that Sailors' Society has repeated every year since.*

Loving Father, almighty God of compassion and mercy, we humbly bow in adoration before you today.

In our own weakness and unworthiness, we ask your forgiveness and seek your help, peace and comfort once again as we give you thanks for this time of remembrance together and for all who lost their lives 35 years ago.

Heavenly Father, even with the longevity of time, we confess that our hearts still ache for the loss of our loved ones and friends on that terrible evening on the 6 March, 1987 - which remains vividly in many of our minds.

We therefore remember each one by name; not forgetting of course, the survivors and rescuers whose bravery was outstanding and selfless. We commend them, all who go down to the sea in ships, and also ourselves into your everlasting arms and care, asking you to sustain and strengthen all people in every place, who mourn and are sorrowful in loss.

Gracious God, help us in our remembering, never to forget, that our tomorrows are better known to you than our yesterdays are to ourselves. Also that you will be our God forever and we may safely leave all to the unerring wisdom of your sovereignty, knowing that you are devoted to our total good in all of your planning.

In every dark and distressing hour, by faith, let us find strength in the Lord our God. This we ask for through that name above every name, who asks us to remember him in his death on the cross at Calvary for each one of us; the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Lord's 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.