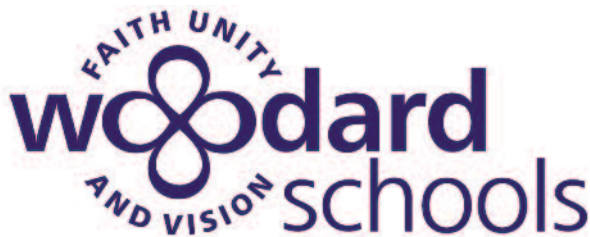


# Westminster Abbey



A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING TO  
CELEBRATE THE 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE BIRTH OF  
NATHANIEL WOODARD,  
21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 1811



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
Noon

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHAIRMAN OF WOODARD SCHOOLS

Shoreham in West Sussex, where Nathaniel Woodard founded his first schools in the 1840s, was a place of deprivation and lack of ambition. The founder's initial vision was to meet the challenges of Victorian society with a Christian education provided for the middle classes at an affordable fee. As he moved northwards the trust he bequeathed to us declared the objective 'to extend education to all classes.' By the time of his death he had established eleven schools: no mean achievement for a single individual.

Today Woodard Schools is a group of forty-six schools and academies, in both independent and maintained sectors. Concern for social justice remains embedded in our organisation: our pupils raise funds for a wide variety of charities selected by them; we are fully engaged in the Government's Academy programme; many of our affiliated schools serve areas of significant twenty-first-century deprivation and low achievement; and, collectively, we are celebrating our Founder's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday year by raising funds to build a secondary school in Kenya, yet another area of deprivation, to which you are being asked to add your gifts today. Our motto *Qui diligit Deum diligit et fratrem suum* finds its expression in the love and loyalty that binds our schools, and the people in them, together at every level giving them the means to achieve more for society through co-operation and collaboration. In our pursuit of a first class holistic education for all the children and young people we serve, we continue to encourage and manifest the Christian values by which we strive to live. Christian tradition and spirituality provide the foundation on which we build, with the Eucharist at its core.

Looking to the future, what will we become? Woodard Schools has the charitable object to promote and extend education in a Christian environment. The urgent need which exists in our society for a huge improvement in educational attainment offers us striking opportunities right now. As we welcome you all to join in our service today we would like to express our gratitude to all who believe in us as a distinctive educational provider, many of whom are present here in the Abbey. Today we ask you to give us that extra inspiration which will enable us, in the tradition of our Founder, to leave a far greater legacy for future generations. As we come together humbly conscious of our role as heirs of the past and children of the present, may we all, by God's grace and help, take up the challenge and become makers of the future.

+Anthony Russell  
*President*

Tom Fremantle  
*Chairman*

## THE WOODARD DIPTYCH



The travelling icon is a commission for the Woodard 2011 celebrations. Crafted by Helen McIlldowie-Jenkins [helen@elenisicons.co.uk] it was blessed at Lancing College Chapel on 21<sup>st</sup> March, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nathaniel Woodard's birth, and it will be centre stage on 24<sup>th</sup> November in Westminster Abbey at the National Service of Thanksgiving.

Woodard's original governing Society was under the patronage of St Mary and St Nicolas (the dedications of the two churches in Shoreham) and so Our Lady and St Nicolas are the principal images. Within the folds of St Mary's cloak is St Benedict: Nathaniel was born on St Benedict's Day in the old *Sanctorale* and so St Benedict stands for the Founder. Around the outside of the icon are the co-patrons of Woodard's other four regions:

In the Midlands: St John  
In the West: St Andrew  
In the North: St Aidan  
In the East: St Edmund

## THE WOODARD SCHOOLS

### **Incorporated Schools**

1. Abbots Bromley School for Girls including Roch House Preparatory School
2. Ardingly College including Ardingly College Preparatory School
3. Bloxham School
4. The Cathedral School, Llandaff
5. Denstone College
6. Ellesmere College
7. Hurstpierpoint College including Hurstpierpoint College Preparatory School
8. King's College, Taunton
9. King's Hall School, Taunton
10. The King's School, Tynemouth
11. Lancing College including Lancing College Preparatory School, Hove
12. The Peterborough School
13. Prestfelde School, Shrewsbury
14. Queen Mary's School, Topcliffe
15. Ranby House School, Retford
16. St James' School, Grimsby
17. St Margaret's School, Exeter
18. Smallwood Manor Preparatory School, Uttoxeter
19. Worksop College

### **Academies (Sponsored By Woodard)**

1. The Littlehampton Academy
2. St Augustine Academy, Maidstone
3. St Peter's Academy, Stoke-on-Trent
4. The Sir Robert Woodard Academy, Sompting

### **Affiliated Schools**

1. Archbishop Temple School, Preston
2. The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School, Tupsley
3. Bishop Stopford School, Kettering
4. The Bishops' Blue Coat Church of England High School, Great Boughton

5. Crompton House Church of England High School, Shaw
6. The King's CE School, Wolverhampton
7. St Marylebone CE School, Westminster
8. St Michael and All Angels Church of England Academy, Camberwell
9. St Olave's Grammar School, Orpington
10. St Peter's Church of England Aided School, Exeter
11. St Peter's Collegiate School, Wolverhampton
12. St Saviour's and St Olave's Church of England School, Southwark
13. St Wilfrid's Church of England Academy, Blackburn
14. Trinity Church of England School, Belvedere
15. Wren Academy, North Finchley

### **Associated Schools**

1. Alderley Edge School for Girls
2. Derby High School
3. Exeter Cathedral School
4. King's School, Rochester

*Members of the congregation are kindly requested to refrain from using private cameras, video, or sound recording equipment. Please ensure that mobile phones, pagers, and other electronic devices are switched off.*

*The Abbey is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.*

*The service is conducted by The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster.*

*The service is sung by the combined choirs of Woodard Schools, directed by Colin Albery, Director of Music, King's College, Taunton, and the Junior Choir, directed by Colin Walker, Director of Music, Abbots Bromley School for Girls.*

*The organ is played by Andrej Kouznetsov, Organ Scholar, Westminster Abbey.*

*Music before the service:*

*Moon Yiu, winner, Senior Category, Woodard Musicians of the Year, plays:*

Nocturne Op 9 no 1 *Frédéric Chopin (1810–49)*

Jesus bleibet meine Freude *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
*from Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben BWV 147 *(1685–1750)**

Arabesque *Claude Debussy (1862–1918)*

Improvisation *Moon Yiu*

*Cameron McEwan, winner, Junior Category, Woodard Musicians of the Year, plays:*

Waltz for Autumn *Terry Seabrook*

Allegro con spirito *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*  
*from Sonata No 7 in C K 309* *(1756–91)*

Impromptu No 2 in E flat *Franz Schubert (1797–1828)*

Consolation No 3 in D flat *Franz Liszt (1811–86)*

*The Woodard Fellows process to their place in the Lantern.*

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

*The Junior Choir sings*

### THE INTROIT

**A** GLORIOUS dawn o'er all the world is breaking,  
arise! You are called to bear the Saviour's name,  
the fire of his Spirit in faithful hearts is burning,  
arise! You are called to gold aloft its flame.

*Arise and shine forth, a light unto the nations,  
a beacon of salvation, a standard o'er the earth.  
Arise and shine forth to fill a world in darkness  
with the brightness and the glory of the Lord.  
Arise and shine forth!*

A glorious dawn o'er all the world is breaking,  
for the prophets again have heard the voice of God.  
He speaks from the heavens to ev'ry tongue and people,  
'Arise! You are called to spread his word abroad'.

A glorious dawn o'er all the world is breaking,  
the hour is at hand when Christ will come to reign.  
When goodness and mercy will govern all creation,  
arise! You are called to usher in the day.

*Sally DeFord*

*All stand to sing*

### THE WOODARD HYMN

*during which the Collegiate Procession  
moves to places in the Quire and Sacrarium*



**L**ORD, we gather here today in your presence.  
Help us as we learn to pray in the silence.  
As we taste the bread and cup and the scriptures lift us up:  
*May we know you, may we follow you, daily love you.*

In the temple as a child, teachers teaching,  
law and grace were reconciled, wisdom reaching.  
May we find, as we find you, what endures and what is true:

Bless'd are they, the pure in heart, like your mother;  
and the meek who, like her, start full of wonder;  
bless'd was she who stood beside you, Lord Jesus, as you died:

Your disciples longed to pray; so you taught them  
how to reach out day by day as love sought them;  
through the taste, the smell, the touch of a world God loves so much:

As we face a world in need of compassion,  
make our service, not our greed, our one passion.  
As we pray your kingdom come, so on earth you will be done:

Give us wisdom as the test of our learning;  
let imagination's zest fire our yearning,  
that the energy of youth may inspire our search for truth:  
*So we'll know you, so we'll follow you, daily love you.*

*Woodard*  
*Simon McEnery*

*Jeremy Davis*

*All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, says*

## THE BIDDING

**W**ELCOME to Westminster! Almighty God has been worshipped daily here in the heart of our nation, where Westminster Abbey and the Palace of Westminster, potent symbols together of Church and State, have stood side by side for over a thousand years.

Here monarchs have been crowned since 1066. Here kings and queens have been buried. Here the men and women who developed this nation's character and world-wide influence are memorialized. Here have taken place national occasions of celebration and commemoration. Here young people have been educated and nurtured in the Christian faith.

Confident in God's goodness and love for each of us, we assemble today to give thanks to almighty God for the birth two hundred years ago of Nathaniel Woodard, to celebrate the achievements of the Schools and Corporation he founded, and to pray God's blessing on Woodard schools now and for the future.

*All sit. Sir Robert Woodard KCVO DL, together with Sam Kelly and Cerys Jones, pupils, Lancing College Preparatory School, read*

#### THE WOODARD PREAMBLE

**N**ATHANIEL Woodard, Clerk in Holy Orders, sometime Canon of Manchester, who was called to his rest on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1891, and whose body lies buried at Lancing College, founded this Corporation in the faith and fear of almighty God, for the love of his Church and the good of his country. And he left written, over his own hand, declaration of his intentions in so doing, which the Corporation has ordained to be inscribed in its Roll, to the end that none who may be elected Members of it may accept office in ignorance of his mind and purpose.

He declared it to be his earnest wish, and the object of intention of all the benefactors of the Corporation of SS Mary and Nicolas, that for all future time the Sons of any of her then Majesty's subjects should be taught, together with sound grammar learning, the fear and honour of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, according to the doctrines of the catholic faith as it is now set forth in the book of the *Offices* and administration of the sacraments of the Church of England.

And he charged every Member of the Corporation to use his utmost influence to defend and protect those his wishes and intentions, for the glory of God, the exaltation of the faith, and the blessedness of their fellow subjects, as he or they should answer the same at the Day of Judgment.

And he declared that in laying this obligation, under the most solemn objurgations, upon the Members of the Corporation, he did it also in the name and by the wishes of many thousand good and self-denying Catholic Christians, who had united with him in this work out of love for the souls of their fellow creatures and from motives of true patriotism towards their country.

And he implored the civil government, of whatever sort it might be, to respect the rights of property and of conscience. But if evil days should come and their property be seized by the civil power and be applied, under specious pretences, to purposes other than those herein designated, then he directed that the Members of the Corporation should be exempt from their obedience and their engagements, if they assisted not in the work of spoliation but peaceably withdrew with loss of goods, but under protest, and awaited the return of a reign of justice and of truth.

*Nathaniel Woodard (1811–91)  
drafted in his lifetime, but not promulgated  
established as Preamble to the Roll of Members in 1916*

*All remain seated for*

## TESTIMONIES

*by*

Taylor Carey

*Former pupil, Lancing College*

*and*

Canon David Bilton

*Chief Executive Officer, Woodard Schools*

*The Chamber Choir of King's College, Taunton, sings*

## TAKE TIME

**T**AKE time to think: it is the source of power. Take time to play: it is the secret of perpetual youth. Take time to read: it is the fountain of wisdom. Take time to pray: it is the greatest power on earth. Take time to love and to be loved: it is a God-given gift. Take time to be friendly: it is the road to happiness. Take time to laugh: it is the music of the soul. Take time to give: it is too short to be selfish. Take time to work: it is the price of success. Take time to do charity: it is the key to heaven.

*Matthew Owens (b 1972)  
composed for Lady Hobson MBE*

*anonymous*

*Thomas Bridges, Woodard Composer of 2011 and pupil, St Olave's Grammar School, reads*

1 ST JOHN 4: 7–14

**B**ELOVED, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

*The combined choirs sing:*

PSALM 150

**O** PRAISE God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.  
Amen.

*Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)*

Tom Fremantle DL, Chairman, Woodard Schools, reads

ST MATTHEW 7: 24–27

WHOSOEVER heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

*All stand to sing*

THE HYMN

*during which Woodard Schools' Banners  
are borne through the Abbey*



YE watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,  
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,  
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,  
Alleluia!

O higher than the Cherubim,  
more glorious than the Seraphim,  
    lead their praises, Alleluia.  
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord.  
    Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,  
    Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,  
all Saints triumphant, raise the song,  
    Alleluia!

Thou monarch blest of great renown,  
thou who dost wear the victor's crown;  
    Alleluia, Alleluia.  
O great Confessor, sainted king,  
O holy Edward, with us sing,  
    Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing,  
    Alleluia, Alleluia.  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
    Alleluia!

*Lasst uns erfreuen 478 NEH*  
*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*  
*adapted from Geistliche Kirchengesang Cologne, 1623*

*Athelstan Riley (1858–1945)*  
*and Graeme Napier (b 1966)*

## THE ADDRESS

*by*

The Dean

*All remain seated. The combined choirs sing*

#### THE ANTHEM

**I** WAS glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city: that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*Hubert Parry (1848–1918)*

*Psalm 122: 1–3, 6–7*

*All kneel or remain seated. The Reverend Michael Macey, Minor Canon and Precentor, leads*

#### THE PRAYERS

Let us pray.

**F**OR the foresight and compassion of Nathaniel Woodard and of all those who helped to found the Woodard Schools for the benefit of the poor and disadvantaged, let us bless the Lord:

**thanks be to God.**

*Magnus Mowat, Honorary Fellow and former Governor, says:*

**F**OR the opportunity to learn, for the richness of knowledge imparted and gained, and for the immeasurable value of service offered to the community for more than 150 years, let us bless the Lord:

**thanks be to God.**

*Chris Wright, Director of Education, Woodard Schools, says:*

**L**ET us pray for students, staff, and governors, both past and present; that all Woodard Schools may build on the foundations laid by former generations; and that we may continue to be communities in which we value knowledge, wisdom, and one another, and where the love of God is known and enjoyed.

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

*The Reverend Kes Grant, Chaplain, St Augustine Academy, Maidstone, says:*

**F**OR those who support the work of the schools nationally, in our local authority and diocese, and for parents, students, and volunteers who give time, skills, and resources for the benefit of those who are preparing for life after school.

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

*Jonathan Wheeler OBE, Bursar, Worksop College, says:*

**F**OR our schools in times to come, that with Jesus Christ as Teacher and Guide, they may continue to be places of love and compassion, teaching and learning, fellowship and friendship, for the good of all, and for the building up of the body of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

*The Precentor concludes:*

All these our prayers and praises let us now present before our heavenly Father, in the prayer our Saviour Christ has taught us:

**O**UR 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.

*All stand to sing*

THE HYMN



**T**AKE my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart: it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

*Innocents 249 AMNS  
The Parish Choir 1850*

*Frances Ridley Havergal (1836–79)*

*All remain standing for*

## THE RECOMMITMENT

*The Right Reverend Dr Anthony Russell, President, Woodard Schools, says:*

Praise God who made heaven and earth;  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

**B**ROTHERS and sisters; as we give thanks to almighty God for the first two hundred years of Woodard Schools and our founder's vision, let us commit ourselves anew to the Church's mission and ministry in educating and nurturing young people in the service of Christ.

*The Reverend Canon Brendan Clover, Senior Provost, Woodard Schools, says:*

**W**ILL you be faithful in supporting and extending the work of Woodard Schools through prayer and personal commitment?  
**By the help of God, we will.**

Will you do all in your power to ensure our schools are alive with the Good News of God in our Lord Jesus Christ?  
**By the help of God, we will.**

*The Right Reverend Lindsay Urwin OGS, Provost of the South, Woodard Schools, says:*

**W**ILL you actively uphold the dignity and value of everyone as a child of God, inspire one another in the pursuit of wisdom and truth, and strive to develop the gifts which God has given you for the benefit of all?  
**By the help of God, we will.**

May God who has given you the will to make these commitments, give you also the strength to fulfil them by the power of his Spirit. **Amen.**

All sing

THE HYMN

1. And did those feet in an - cient  
time walk up - on Eng - land's moun - tains green? And was the  
ho - ly Lamb of God on Eng - land's plea - sant pas - tures seen? And did the  
coun - te - nance di - vine shine forth up - on our clou - ded  
hills? And was Je - ru - sa - lem build - ed here a - mong those dark sa - tan - ic  
mills? 2. Bring me my bow of burn - ing  
gold! Bring me my ar - rows of de - sire! Bring me my spear! O clouds un -  
fold! Bring me my cha - ri - ot of fire! I will not cease from men - tal  
fight, nor shall my sword sleep in my hand, till we have built Je - ru - sa -  
lem in Eng - land's green and plea - sant land.

Jerusalem 488 NEH  
Hubert Parry

William Blake (1757-1827)

*All remain standing. The Dean pronounces*

## THE BLESSING

**G**O forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no-one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; 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, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Music after the service:*

Coronation March: Orb and Sceptre *William Walton (1902–83)*  
*arranged by William McKie (1901–84)*  
*Organist of Westminster Abbey 1941–63*

*All remain standing as the Procession moves to the west end of the Abbey.*

**Members of the congregation are requested to remain in their places until invited to move by the Stewards.**

**A retiring collection is taken in aid of the work of  
The Kariandusi School Trust, Kenya.**

‘It was felt appropriate to celebrate our Founder’s birth by supporting an educational project in Kenya. A registered British charity, The Kariandusi School Trust ([www.kariandusi.co.uk](http://www.kariandusi.co.uk)) is currently building the first Woodard school in Africa. The secondary school for 540 pupils will be known as the Woodard Langalanga Secondary School. All Woodard Schools have been involved with fundraising for this project and today’s collection will go towards the completion of the school. Please Gift Aid your donation using the envelope provided.’

*The bells of the Abbey are rung.*

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