



He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more. Isaiah 2:4 [NIV]

We Remember

Mike Quinnell – CPA Regional Coordinator (British Army veteran and retired Police Officer)

As you read Isaiah 2:4 (above), we are reminded that God wants us to live in peace and harmony. Earlier this year we remembered VE Day 75. All those years ago we called upon our armed forces to protect us from the powers of evil. So many paid the ultimate price. Sadly, in conflicts since World War I and World War II we have called again and again upon our armed services to protect us from fear and oppression, with brave men and women paying the ultimate price.

Having served in the British Armed Forces I appreciate the risk our service personnel have to face so that we can live in peace. So, as we come to remember those who have given us freedom, let us remember the poem called 'For the Fallen' by Robert Laurence Binyon. It was written in mid-September 1914, a few weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. The poem is a standing memorial to all those who have lost loved ones:

*"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."*

Let us also remember what God's ultimate purpose is, and it will happen on the day of His return. We will finally see the weapons of war turned into weapons of peace.

Prayer

Lord, we remember those who fought in conflicts past and present to keep our world safe. They gave their lives so that we can live without fear or intimidation. We long for the day of your return when weapons of destruction will become instruments of peace.

Allow your Holy Spirit to be with each one of us and to protect those who protect us. In your name We Remember.

Amen

On & Off Duty



An update on National Police Memorial Day (27th September 2020)

In this Remembrance issue of On and Off Duty we remember all those police officers and staff who have laid down their lives in the course of their duties.

It was so moving to be able to watch the annual NPMD event despite

the current pandemic restrictions. The Reverend Canon David Wilbraham MBE is the NPMD Coordinator. We were reminded how important NPMD is for the relatives of the officers killed, their friends, their colleagues, the wider police family, and our nations.

The importance of this act of remembrance was even more compelling when we heard the sad news on Friday 25th September, that Sgt Matt Ratana of the Metropolitan Police had been murdered on duty.

During the event the NPMD service remembered those who have lost their lives during the past year:

Police Sergeant Matt Ratana, Metropolitan Police
Police Constable Chris Miller, Metropolitan Police

Special Constable Resham Singh Nahal, West Midlands Police
Police Constable Matthew Lannie, South Yorkshire Police
Police Constable Nick Dumphreys, Cumbria Constabulary
Detective Constable Jonathan Mark Hicken, Dorset Police

Police Constable Roy Buggins, Police Scotland

Within the service there was a dedication that we have repeated here. It is a prayer that we could all present to our GOD:

“May I become at all times, both now and forever a protector for those without protection, a guide for those who have lost their way, a ship for those with oceans to cross, a bridge for those with rivers to cross, a sanctuary for those in danger, a lamp for those without light, a place of refuge for those who lack shelter, and a servant to all in need.” Amen

We are so grateful for all the hard work that the team at NPMD carry out each year. If you were not able to join in with NPMD 2020 on the day itself, it can still be viewed via <https://nationalpolicememorialday.org/>

Thursday 5 November 2020, online Service of Prayer and Remembrance for the Armed Forces – Update from CPA Community Partner – the Defence Christian Network [DCN]

The DCN is a unified, multi-denominational Christian Network for both military personnel and MOD Civil Servants. Its mission is to connect, support and inspire Christians across Defence, make a Christian contribution to Diversity and Inclusion, and support the MOD's engagement objectives by reaching out to Christians in wider society.

Each year, members of the Royal Navy, Army, RAF and Civil Service have come together for the annual Service of Prayer and Remembrance for the Armed Forces. Owing to the pandemic, this year's event will be produced online. It will be hosted on the Defence Christian Network's YouTube channel.

As part of the wider Defence contribution to Remembrance, the Service of Prayer and

Remembrance for the Armed Forces is a distinctly Christian event, which seeks to both honour the fallen and pray for the living. Its primary purpose is to encourage individuals, organisations and churches to pray for HM Armed Forces personnel and their families, within the context of Remembrance.

This year's pre-recorded, online service will be led by Royal Naval Chaplains and takes 'Hope and Healing' as its theme. It will have a maritime flavour, including music from the Royal Marines Band and a reading from Bear Grylls, in his role as Honorary Colonel Royal Marines. The service will mix traditional elements of Remembrance with more contemporary expressions of worship, including gospel worship from the Redeemed Christian Church of God.

Service of Prayer and Remembrance for the Armed Forces

5 November 2020 - 9.00am

Youtube.com - Defence Christian Network



Quintus Smit – In remembrance



Quintus was the Co-founder of the Christian Police Association in South Africa and served several years as the President of the CPA in South Africa. Don Axcell (retired UK CPA Executive Director) remembers

Quintus who recently passed into Glory:

How do you remember a man like Rev Quintus Smit? It will obviously depend on what your relationship with him was. Husband, Father, Grandfather, colleague, chaplain, inspirational speaker. The list could go on. I first met Quintus in 1998 when he came to the second International Conference for Christian Police Fellowships held in London accompanied by his colleague Rev Why Duvenhage. A Christian Police initiative had been started in South Africa in the very early part of the last century but had fallen by the wayside. Quintus and Why were instrumental in rekindling the flame and restarting a Christian Police Association in the RSA shortly before joining us for the conference. By this means I had a double bond with Quintus – as a brother in Christ and as a colleague in the work of the Christian Police Association.

This bond was to get even stronger in 2000 when we both trained to be instructors with the Pointman

Leadership Institute (PLI). This was a natural progression for Quintus as he had a strong leaning towards ethics training in the RSA police. He went on to become the Regional Director for PLI in Africa and was used by God to take Ethical Leadership and Anti-corruption training all over that continent. It was my privilege to join him on one of those opportunities when we undertook a mission to the Police Training Centres in Nigeria at the invitation of another CPA and Pointman colleague, Mike Daniel (Okuo).

Quintus had that rare quality of an intensity of purpose coupled with a healthy, and sometimes mischievous sense of humour. Both were in evidence as we travelled across Nigeria together and tales of the trip were often recounted at subsequent meetings. In 2008 Quintus came back to the UK to be the opening speaker at the weekend to celebrate 125 years of CPA in the UK. He gave a challenging message on 'Hope that works' which was well received. I subsequently went to a national CPA gathering in South Africa to share something of the history and work of CPA worldwide.

On 31 August 2020 Quintus was called suddenly into the presence of his Lord and Saviour. The shock was felt worldwide. He will be sorely missed but his legacy and memory live on and his life and witness is a challenge to all who knew him.

From the Director

In Mike Quinnell's lead article he mentions the poem 'For the Fallen' by Robert Laurence Binyon. That poem ends with words that are equally relevant today, when we remember all those who have lost loved ones:

**As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,**

**As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.**

Lee Russell MA – Executive Director



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- Be a National Voice for Christians in Policing.
- Encourage and support Christians in the Police Service.
- Communicate in words and action, the truth, message and hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ to colleagues and the community we serve.
- Build bridges between the Christian community and the Police.

OUR VISION is to see

- The CPA as a national charity which actively leads on issues relevant to Christians in Policing.
- An active and growing branch of CPA in every Police Service in the UK and every Christian in the Police Service to fulfil their potential in Jesus Christ.
- Colleagues and those we serve to know Jesus Christ personally.
- Police and Churches working together in every community to reduce crime and improve quality of life.

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