

Westminster Abbey



Ceremonial Notes

The Dedication of a Memorial Stone
to Dr John Rae

Tuesday 30th September 2014

4.00pm

Distribution: Dean, RG, Canons, Minor Canons, Vergers (x4), Protocol (x3), NVOH, Tessa Everington, Sue Palin, Dave Smith, Hon. Stewards – C/O John Wright (x5), Scott Craddock, Marshals (x4), Cleaners (x4), Events (x2), Conservation, Press, Jim Vincent

Email to: Andrew Appleby

Preparations

- Location:** Chapel of St John the Evangelist (and adjoining chapels)
- Dress:** Red and Black (Dean, JEMS, CS)
- Microphones:** None required
- Toilets:** Poets' Corner toilets available
- Press:** As arranged with Press; AD and 1 television camera in front of pillar nearest Follett
- Wreath and Flowers:** Delivered to Dean's Verger's office ahead of time and moved by DV to N Ambulatory ahead of the service.
- Stone:** Veiled with purple cloth.
- Arrangement:** All standing (space very tight). The Clergy and those involved in reading and unveiling standing nearest the stone. Others gathered around, if necessary, spilling into the adjoining chapels. Additional space is available in the N Ambulatory.

Nb. Area around the Chapel of St John the Evangelist to be clear of Abbey visitors by 1600

Service of Dedication

- 1540 CS to meet Andrew Appleby, The Revd Fraser Macnaughton, Ken Mcgoogan, The RtHon. Alistair Carmichael MP, and wreath / flower layers in the Chapel of St John the Evangelist
- 1550 Dean, JEMS, CS robe in Jericho
- 1557 Clergy move to Chapel of St John the Evangelist

1600 Service begins

- The Welcome:** The Dean
- The Reading:** The Revd Fraser Macnaughton reads Isaiah 58: 9-14

A Reflection: by Ken McGoogan

Dedication: The Rt Hon.Alistair Carmichael unveils and introduces; the Dean replies

A wreath and flowers are laid by Mary Davey and Jane Hamilton.

Music: Jennifer Wrigley, a fiddler, plays *Air for Dr John Rae*

The Prayers: Lead by CS and JEMS

The Blessing: The Dean

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Abbey Clergy simply move towards the Unknown Warrior and wait to greet the family.

1700 Evensong in Quire; DV to arrange for reserved seating for those associated with the memorial dedication

c1745 Evensong ends and Rae party depart for reception at Dover House.

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