

**THE ROYAL MILITARY CHAPEL  
THE GUARDS' CHAPEL**



A Service of Thanksgiving  
for the Life of

**NICHOLAS BOGGS-ROLFE**  
(14 February 1940 - 20 December 2020)



Friday 9th July 2021

The service is conducted by

The Reverend John Vincent CF  
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Musicians from Band of the Grenadier Guards perform by kind permission of  
Major General CJ Ghika CBE

General Officer Commanding London District and Major General Household  
Division

*Music Before the Service*

Dido's Lament (Henry Purcell)  
Ave Maria (Johann Sebastian Bach/Charles Gounod)  
Cantique de Jean Racine (Gabriel Fauré)  
Nimrod from the Enigma Variations (Sir Edward Elgar)

**Introit** — Be Still, My Soul (Jean Sibelius)

**Welcome and Bidding**

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here to remember before God, Nicholas Boggis-Rolfe; a man greatly loved, much respected and sadly missed by us all. We have come to give thanks for his life of service and unshakeable loyalty, his many talents and his influence for good.

We remember Nicholas for his vision and calm courage, his generosity of spirit, his modesty and, not least, the integrity of his character which was the mainspring of all his actions. We recall, especially, his love for his family, his loyalty to his friends, his high sense of duty, his devotion to his Regiment and the affection he invoked in others. We pray that God will temper our sense of loss with deep gratitude for having had the good fortune to know him.

**Reading** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

*Read by The Rev'd Paddy MacBain*

**Gloria** ('Cum Sancto spiritu')

from Messa di Milano (Giacomo Rossini)

**Address**

Richard Boggis-Rolfe OBE

**Anthem** — Libera me from Requiem (Gabriel Fauré)

*Soloist: Pauls Putnins*

### **Reading**

read by Edward Boggis-Rolfe

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much;  
Who has gained the respect of intelligent men, and the love of little children;  
Who has filled his niche and accomplished his task;  
Who has left the world a better place than he found it;  
Who has looked for the best in others and given the best he had;  
Whose life was an inspiration, whose memory is a benediction.

*Robert Louis Stevenson*

### **Address**

Major General Sir Robert Corbett KCVO, CB

**Solo** — Susanin's Aria from A Life for the Tsar (Mikhail Glinka)

*Soloist: Pauls Putnins*

### **Reading**

read by Sophie Boggis-Rolfe

Remember me when I am gone away,  
Gone far away into the silent land;  
When you can no more hold me by the hand,  
Nor I half turn to go, yet turning stay.  
Remember me when no more day by day  
You tell me of our future that you planned:  
Only remember me; you understand  
It will be late to counsel then or pray.  
Yet if you should forget me for a while  
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:  
For if the darkness and corruption leave  
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,  
Better by far you should forget and smile  
Than that you should remember and be sad.

Christina Rosetti

## **Prayers**

*concluding with 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.**

*Please Stand*

### **The Commendation**

I said to the Man who stood at the gate of the Year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put thine hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to thee better than light and safer than a known way.'

O Eternal God, before whose face the generations rise and pass away, Thyself unchanged, abiding, we give our thanks to Thee for Nicholas, for all that he was, and is, to each of us, his family and his friends. Life is eternal and love is immortal and death is only a horizon, and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.

### **Last Post**

### **Grenadiers March**

### **Reveille**

*Please sit*

**Nunc Dimittis in A** (Charles Villiers Stanford)

*Please Stand*

**Collect of The Grenadier Guards**

O God, grant that Thy servants, the Grenadier Guards, may ever be mindful of their proud and costly heritage, that continuing to guard what is right, and fighting for what is just, they may so serve Thee here in this life that they may be counted worthy to join those who now continue their service in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**The National Anthem**

O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
Your children shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,  
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

**Blessing**

**Music after the Service**

Toreador Song from Carmen (Georges Bizet)  
Some moments from Gilbert and Sullivan

Donations from the service:

Friends of The Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath and The Guards'  
Chapel.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,  
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;  
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,  
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

*John Masefield*

Think of me when you are sad,  
but think of me when you are glad  
and think of all the fun we had  
when you remember me.

