



# Lifeboats



RNLI WELLS LIFEBOAT STATION

# 61ST ANNUAL LIFEBOAT SERVICE

Conducted, for the final time before she retires  
from active service, from the lifeboat

*Doris M Mann of Ampthill*

**Sunday 28 August 2022, 7pm  
on the Quayside**

The lifeboat will leave the boathouse to arrive Quayside  
under the command of Coxswain/Mechanic Nicky King.

**With grateful thanks to Fakenham Town Band, Jack Richards Transport  
and the Port of Wells Harbour Commissioners.**

## WELCOME AND BIDDING PRAYER

The Reverend Neil Woodruff, Lifeboat Chaplain, Minister of Wells Congregational Church

### HYMN: Eternal Father, Strong to Save – Melita

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep,  
Its own appointed limits keep.  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.
2. O Christ whose voice the waters heard,  
And hushed their raging at Thy word,  
who walkest on the foaming deep,  
And calm amid the storm didst sleep.  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.
3. O Holy Spirit who didst brood  
Upon the waters dark and rude,  
And bid their angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace.  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.
4. O Trinity of love and power,  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour,  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe;  
Protect them whereso'er they go;  
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

### READING: Fisherman's Version of the 23rd Psalm

Read by Coxswain/Mechanic, Nicky King

### HYMN: The Lord's My Shepherd – Crimmond

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness  
E'en for His own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me,  
And Thy rod and staff me comfort still.
4. My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

### READING: St Mark Chapter 4, verses 35-41

Read by Head Launcher, Nicky Beck

### HYMN: Lead Us, Heavenly Father Lead Us

1. Lead us, Heavenly Father,  
Lead us, o'er the World's tempestuous sea;  
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
For we have no help but Thee.  
Yet possessing every blessing,  
If our God, our Father be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
All our weakness Thou dost know;  
Thou didst tread this earth before us,  
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
Through the desert Thou didst go.
3. Spirit of our God descending,  
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
Love with every passion blending,  
Pleasure that can never cloy:  
Thus provided, pardon'd, guided,  
Nothing can our peace destroy.

## READING: PSALM 107 verses 23-31

Read by ALB Crew Member, Fred Whitaker

### HYMN: Will Your Anchor Hold

1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?  
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

*Chorus:*

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
Fastened to the rock which cannot move,  
Grounded firm and deep in the saviour's love.*

2. Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear?  
When the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rave and the wild winds blow,  
Shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?

*Chorus*

3. Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,  
When the waters cold chill your latest breath?  
On the rising tide you can never fail,  
While your anchor holds within the veil

*Chorus*

4. Will your eyes behold through the morning light,  
The city of gold and the harbour bright?  
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore  
When life's storms are past for evermore?

*Chorus*

### THE ADDRESS

#### HYMN: The Day Thou Gavest Lord, is ended

1. The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
The darkness falls at thy behest.  
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
2. We thank Thee that thy Church unsleeping,  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping  
And rests not now by day or night.
3. As o'er each continent and island,  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.
5. So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away.  
Thy kingdom stands and grows for ever,  
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.



## PRAYER AND BLESSING

During the singing of the final Hymn, the Lifeboat will slowly return to the Boathouse

### HYMN: Abide with Me – 'Eventide'

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens: Lord with me abide;  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee.  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O' Thou, who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
5. Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
Heaven's Morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death O Lord abide with me.



**A collection for Wells Lifeboats and the RNLI will be made  
by members of the Wells Lifeboat Guild**

Please keep this as a reminder of the 2022 Wells Annual Lifeboat Service and as a reminder of the service that the Lifeboat gives all day and every day of the year. Your generous gifts and prayers are an essential part of that Service to those in peril on the Sea.