



**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

JOURNALISTS' COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Conflict and Calling



Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 6:30pm

**St Bride's Church
Fleet Street, London EC4**

Introduction

As consumers of news in a fast-changing world, we demand a great deal of our journalists, correspondents, photographers, sound-crew and camera-crew. We expect them to keep us informed and enlightened about difficult and complex situations in the trouble spots of the world, often at great personal risk, and sometimes, tragically, they pay the ultimate price.

So it is important that, as representatives of the media industry, we honour their memory in this service and remind ourselves of the sacrifice they make in order to bring us the truth.

We commemorate and support, too, the support staff – drivers, translators, fixers – who make it possible for them to carry out their work.

But we also come together in this spiritual home of the media – local, regional, national and international – to celebrate the industry, its people and its achievements.

Choir

Psalm 121

Henry Walford Davies

Welcome & Opening Prayer

The Rector

Almighty Father,
in whose perfect realm
no sword is drawn but the sword of justice,
and no strength known but the strength of love:
guide and protect all who seek to bear witness
to the truth of your troubled world;
all who seek to give a voice to the voiceless,
and to tell stories that would otherwise remain untold.
We remember especially this day all members of this profession
who have died, or whose fate is unknown,
that you may bless their work,
and strengthen and sustain those who love them.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Hymn

My song is love unknown

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.

O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.

But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend!

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?

He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.

Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.

Here might I stay and sing:
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!

This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

First Reading

Wisdom 1. 1-5, 7-8

Read by Robert Hardman

Daily Mail columnist and royal biographer

Choir

The peacemakers

Sasha Johnson Manning

Second Reading

Do or die: *In the words of Pyae, an exiled journalist from Myanmar*
Read by Fiona O'Brien
UK Director, Reporters Without Borders (RSF)

Choir

Fire and rain
James Taylor arr. Matthew Morley

Third Reading

Excerpt from *Rebel women between the wars* – Sarah Lonsdale
Read by Katie Davis
Chief Foreign Reporter - Digital, The Sun

Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd

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.

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.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Address

James Waterhouse
Ukraine Correspondent, BBC News

At least 53 journalists
have been killed since
November 2024, according to
Reporters Without Borders.

On the following three pages
is a selection of journalists
and staff who have been killed
in the last twelve months.

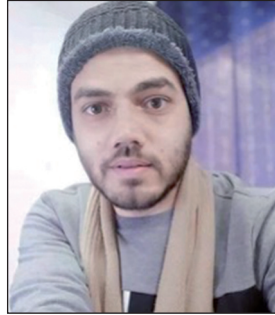
This group has been chosen
to reflect a range of regions
and professional roles
and is presented in
no particular order.



Ahmad Qalaja



Ahmed Abu al-Rous



Ahmed al-Helou



Anas al-Sharif



Areej Shaheen



Asaduzzaman Tuhin



Fatma Hassouna



Hassan Abu Warda



Hassan Fadl al-Mawla Mousa



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Hossam Shabat



Mustafa Tursynbayev



Watson Flexy Munyaka



Chhoeung Chheng



Anas Alkharboutli

Choir

Eternal light

Edmund Jolliffe

(Words: Alcuin of York, 8th century)

During which candles will be lit for those

- *who have lost their lives*
- *who are missing or held captive*
- *who continue to report at great risk*

Prayers

The Rector

Ending with

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Hymn

Ye holy angels bright

Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good or ill,
who ever lives.

My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

Blessing

The Rector

Organ Voluntary

Elegy – George Thalben-Ball

*A retiring collection will be taken and shared between
St Bride's Church, the spiritual home of journalists throughout the world,
and Reporters Without Borders (RSF), defending the right of every
human being to have access to free and reliable information*

*There will be a reception after the service at the
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