

Seafarers Service

Wednesday June 25th 2025

7:30pm

Holderness Road Methodist Church

All welcome

Collection in aid of
Sea Cadets and
Sailors' Children's Society
Singing supported by
Greatfield Community Choir



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The Day of the Seafarer (25 June) was established in a resolution adopted by the 2010 Diplomatic Conference in Manila to adopt the revised STCW Convention (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers). Its stated purpose is to recognize the unique contribution made by seafarers from all over the world to international seaborne trade, the world economy and civil society as a whole.

The resolution "encourages Governments, shipping organizations, companies, shipowners and all other parties concerned to duly and appropriately promote the Day of the Seafarer and take action to celebrate it meaningfully".

Day of the Seafarer is recognized by the United Nations as an observance day.

United Nations Secretary-General's message

- António Guterres - 25 June 2025 -

"Seafarers keep global trade flowing – delivering food, medicine, and vital goods around the world. Their work is essential to our lives and economies.

Yet too often, their rights are denied, and their safety is put at risk.

This year, we shine a light on harassment and discrimination faced by many seafarers, including women, young workers and those in isolated or vulnerable conditions.

Zero-tolerance policies and inclusive workplace cultures that support the mental health of seafarers are essential. So, too, is coordinated action – among governments, industry and workers – to uphold labour standards and ensure safe, fair and humane conditions at sea.

On this International Day of the Seafarer, let us commit to a maritime sector anchored in equality, respect and dignity."

Welcome - by Pastor Steve Clayton

Song Greatfield Community Choir - I Am Sailing.

Hymn - Amazing Grace with a short introduction about the Hymn's writer, John Newton, by Ian Pearson.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Reading Proverbs 8: 22-31 read by a Sea Cadet

Wisdom's Part in Creation

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—

when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he

assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I

was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Gospel Reading Matthew 4: 18-22 Read by Revd Tim Linkens, Mission to Seafarers Chaplain to Humber Ports

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Address by Ms Anne McLaren, Stella Maris Senior Area Port Chaplain, Hull and Goole

Song Greatfield Community Choir - Rivers of Babylon.

Psalm 23 - Mariners Version *Loosely based on Psalm 23, adapted for seafarers everywhere... read by a Sea Cadet*

The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift.
He guides me across the dark waters.
He steers me through deep channels.
He keeps my log.
Yea, though I sail 'mid the thunders
and tempest of life,
I shall dread no anger, for He is with me;
His love and His care, shelter me.
He prepares a quiet harbor before me.
He anoints the waves with oil
My ship rides calmly.
Surely sunlight and starlight
shall guide me on the voyage I take,
And I will rest in the heaven's port forever.

Mission to Seafarers and *Capt John H Rogers, 1874*

Hymn - Wide, Wide as the Ocean by Charles A Miles.

Wide, wide as the ocean,
High as the heaven above
Deep, deep as the deepest sea
Is my Saviour's Love.
I, though so unworthy,
Still am a child of His care;
For His Word teaches me
That His Love reaches me
EVERYWHERE! (repeat this verse three times)

Prayers

For those who serve in navies, merchant ships, and fishing fleets, and for all who support and protect them. Hear our prayer.

For the families of the fallen and all who serve in the armed forces today. Hear our prayer.

For those who inspire love for the sea and teach skills in navigation and engineering. Hear our prayer.

For young people training for life at sea, and for their teachers and mentors. Hear our prayer.

For ship owners, builders, unions, and all who ensure ships are safe and well-equipped. Hear our prayer.

For those who rescue others at sea, crew lifeboats, and guard our coasts. Hear our prayer.

For sick, elderly, or injured seafarers, and for those who care for them. Hear our prayer.

For those who have died at sea fleeing danger, victims of piracy, and all who have endured suffering. Hear our prayer.

For gratitude for the sea's beauty, for those who protect its life, and for forgiveness for our harm to the oceans. Hear our prayer.

For seafarers far from home, their families, and those who support them. Hear our prayer.

Bless, O Lord, all who sail the seas and rivers, and those who care for them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer -

Please say the Lord's Prayer in whatever version or language you wish. The traditional one is below:

Our Father, which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth,

As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that 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 - Eternal Father

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'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.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst 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.

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Blessing - by Rt Rev'd Steven Benford

Songs/Shanties Greatfield Community Choir - Shanties

- South Australia

Chorus

**Haul away you rolling king
Heave away, haul away
Haul away, you'll hear me sing
We're bound for South Australia**

- Row Me Bully Boys Row

Chorus

**And it's row me bully boys,
We're in a hurry boys,
We got a long way to go
And we'll sing and we'll dance,
And bid farewell to France,
Row me bully boys row**

- John Kanaka

I heard, I heard the old man say,

John Kanaka-naka too-ray-ay

That today, today is a holiday,

John Kanaka-naka too-ray-ay.

**Singing too-ray-ay, oh too-ray-ay,
John Kanaka-naka too-ray-ay.**

- Drop of Nelson's Blood

Chorus

**And we'll roll the ol' chariot along
And we'll roll the ol' chariot along.
And we'll roll the ol' chariot along
And we'll all hang on behind!**

- Drunken Sailor

Chorus

**Hooray an' up she rises,(x3)
Earlye in the morning.**

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- **SEA CADETS**
- **SAILORS' CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

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