



Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre



**Platinum Anniversary of the Dedication
of the
Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre Chapel
Saturday 14th May 2022 – 3:30pm**



Welcome - Malcolm Dyer – Overstone SASU Manager

Opening Music

Imagine

Imagine there's no Heaven
It's easy if you try
No Hell below us
Above us only sky

Imagine all the people
Livin' for today
Aaa haa

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too

Imagine all the people
Livin' life in peace
Yoo hoo

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man

Imagine all the people
Sharin' all the world
Yoo hoo

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one

Introduction – Gary Jackson – Chair of the Overstone Management Team

Scouting at Overstone has been taken place for over 90 years in some shape of form. There have been many changes and additions to the site over that time, but it was here 70 years ago on the 10th May 1952 on a sunny Saturday evening, that the Bishop of Peterborough, Dr Spencer Leeson, performed the act of dedication for the Chapel.

The service on that day was attended by Scouts and their Leaders and was conducted by Rev. George North (Group Scoutmaster of 4th Christ Church) assisted by Rev. J.D. Ashplant. Notable attendees included Eric Chapman, George Moss and Capt. W.H.D. Friedberger, the County Commissioner.

Since then, this Chapel at Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre, has been the centre of prayer, reflection, and remembrance for both Young People and Adults. Today the 14th May 2022 we celebrate over 70 years of use, we will remember loved ones and Scouters that have Gone Home as well as everyone who has suffered during the Covid Pandemic.

As we look back and remember all of times that have gone before us it is also time for looking forward, I'm sure there are likely to be many more changes at this fantastic site in the future, we look forward to the continuing use of this Chapel.

Bidding – Reverend Alan March – NDS District Advisor

Baden-Powell believed that Scouting should be independent of any single faith or religion, but still held that spirituality and a belief in a higher power are key to the development of young people. This service is based in the Christian faith, but Scouting embraces those of all faiths and none, so please receive our service and prayers in whatever way you express your own spirituality.

We are gathered here to mark with thanks seventy years of service of this Chapel, and also to remember with love and gratitude members of Northampton Scouts who have died. Gracious God, in darkness and light, in trouble and joy, help us to trust your love and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading – Elaine Farr – Chair of the District Executive

Take Time

Take time to think, it is the source of power.
Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to play, it is the secret of staying young.
Take time to be quiet, it is the opportunity to see your God.
Take time to be aware, it is the opportunity to help others.
Take time to love and be loved, it is your God's greatest gift.
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.
Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream, it is of what the future is made.
Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth.
Take time to reflect, on this wisdom is built.
Take time to give your time, it is the greatest gift of all.

Hymn

Kumbaya

Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya
Oh, Lord, kumbaya

Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya
Oh, Lord, kumbaya

Someone's singing, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's singing, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's singing, Lord, kumbaya
Oh, Lord, kumbaya

Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya
Oh, Lord, kumbaya

Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya
Oh, Lord, kumbaya

Remembrance & The Lighting of a Candle of Remembrance – Reverend Alan March – NDS District Advisor and a Scout

In Memory of all Scout Members called to Higher Service

A Prayer of Entrusting and Commending as a candle is lit

Almighty God, as you bring us face to face with our mortality,
we thank you for making each one of us in your own image
and giving us gifts in body, mind and spirit.

We thank you now as we honour the memory of those members of Northampton Scouts
whom you gave to us and have taken away.

We entrust them to your mercy, and pray that you will show us the path of life,
and the fullness of joy in your presence through all eternity. **Amen.**

Remembrance & Unveiling of a Plaque in Memory of all who lost their lives to Covid – Reverend Alan March – NDS District Advisor & Elaine Farr, Chair of the District Executive

For those who have died

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care those who died from the effect of,
or with complications caused by, Covid-19
We give thanks for them and for their contributions to the world while they were with us.
We treasure the memories of those we know and grieve for those we never knew.
Look in mercy on all who mourn. Give them comfort in times of darkness and strengthen
them with the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For hospital staff, care workers, medical researchers and key workers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure
Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health.
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Entrusting and Commending as a plaque is unveiled

Almighty God,
we thank you as we honour the memory of those who have died from or with Covid, and we
give thanks for those who skills and care alleviate suffering and seek to cure or relieve
symptoms. **Amen.**

Prayers & Blessing - Reverend Alan March – NDS District Advisor

The Scout Law Prayer (from US Scouting – slightly amended)

Dear Lord,
Bless all those everywhere who contribute to shape the hearts, minds and bodies of young
people. Let us remember what they have taught and apply it daily.
When facing deceit and dishonesty, let us be Trustworthy.
If we see hypocrisy and faithlessness, let us be Loyal.
Where disregard of others prevails, let us be Helpful.
When we find people in despair, let us be Friendly.
In an atmosphere of bad manners, let us be Courteous.
Where some measure power in brutality and crudeness, let us be Kind.
Though dishonesty and corruption are common, let us be Obedient.
While others grumble and grouch, let us be Cheerful.
In an environment blighted by waste and extravagance, let us be Thrifty.
When confronted with danger and temptation, let us be Brave.
Where we see filth and pollution everywhere, let us be Clean.
While witnessing impiety, let us remember to be Reverent.
In short, in a world that has for generation after generation lamented the lack of good
examples, let us, as Scouts, stand out, grow up, and become real adults. **Amen.**

Prayer for the chapel and those who built and use it

Holy God, we give you thanks for the vision and skills of those who built and maintained this Chapel that has stood at the heart of Overstone Scouts Camping Ground for seventy years.

Here you have been praised and asked for help and consolation. Here young people and adults have pondered the meaning of their Scout Promise. Here those who have "Gone Home" are remembered. Sitting beside busy roads in the heart of the activity on site, the Chapel challenges and reminds all who pass by that you are here in the midst of us. Help us to aspire to be all that Baden-Powell wanted for us as we live out our Scout Promise. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.**

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no-one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Reading – A Scout

Go Confidently in the Direction of Your Dreams

Life is for living,
and as you strive for other things,
comes realisation that, if it is your desire,
you can strive alone.
But to work with others as part of a team
You can go towards the light of knowledge,
The light of reason,
And the light of endeavour.
With this endeavour,

The light of your inner self will shine through,
As one with another fuels the flame of friendship, love, understanding and trust.
Go Confidently in the Direction of Your Dreams

Closing Music

Lean on Me

Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain, we all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's, always tomorrow
Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long, till I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on
Please swallow your pride
If I have things, you need to borrow
For no one can fill
Those of your needs, that you won't let show
You just call on me brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem, that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on
Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long, till I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on
You just call on me brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem, that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on
If there is a load
You have to bear, that you can't carry
I'm right up the road, I'll share your load
If you just call me
(Call me) Call me
(Call me) Call me
(Call me) Call me
(Call me) If you need a friend

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