

89th BANNER SERVICE 12TH MAY 2019, ST GEORGE'S CHURCH - ROYAL AIR FORCE HALTON - HP22 5PG

We would like to extend an invitation to you from Sheila Beales and Karen Johnson to attend our Annual Banner Service on Sunday 12th May 2019 at 3.00pm, please be seated by 2.45pm.

The first banner service was held in 1928 and has become a unique and enjoyed annual event in the Bucks calendar with only a couple of years when it hasn't been held. This will be the 89th occasion a banner service has been conducted. Many of our Divisions and Districts have their own unique banners which are paraded at this event with the designs all being relevant to the local area they represent.

This year the theme for the Service will be Moving with the Times and the collection is going to be donated to Alexander Devine Hospice. We do hope that you will be able to attend this special service which is unique to Girlguiding Buckinghamshire.

Given below are further practical details -

Commissioners - If you have a Division or District Banner we would ask that you or your representative make a special effort to bring your Banner to this service. It really is a fantastic sight when the Banners are paraded; please help us to keep this tradition going. If you as a Commissioner are unable to attend please nominate someone else in your place. It will however be necessary for the Banner carrier to attend a rehearsal, at the Church, at 1pm prompt prior to the service. They should bring a packed lunch with them - we will provide drinks. Please bear in mind that the person carrying the Banner does need to be strong enough not only to carry the Banner but also to walk with it lowered. If your Division or District has a new Banner which is to be dedicated at this service please let the [County Office](#) know as soon as possible.

Please will you advise the [County Office](#) - by the 3rd May at the latest whether or not your Division/District will be bringing a Banner to the service?

Car parking at RAF Halton is at a premium and we need all available space near the church for disabled car parking and special guests. It will therefore be necessary for people bringing Banners to park by the Nuffield Sports Pavilion which is about a 5 minute walk from the Church. Arrangements will be made for Banners to be dropped at the Church so that they do not have to be carried from the car park. A small minibus will be running from 2pm between the Nuffield car park and the church and back to the car park at the end of the service.

We are aware that not everyone has access to emails so ask that you please make a special effort to ensure that all members of your Division, District, Unit Teams and Trefoils, who may not have received an invitation personally, are made aware that they are also very welcome to attend.

Ranger Leaders - Please encourage your Unit Helpers, Rangers and Young Leaders to join you at this service.

Guide Leaders - Please encourage your Unit Helpers, Young Leaders and Guides to join you at this service.

Brownie & Rainbow Leaders - Please encourage your Unit Helpers and Young Leaders to join you at this service. Brownies and Rainbows are always welcome at the service but please be aware that the service is designed more for adults and our older girls.

Light refreshments will be provided after the service when you will have the opportunity of meeting our special guests and friends.

It is necessary for seating and refreshment purposes that we know the approximate number of people intending to come to this service, so please will you respond to the [County Office](#) - **by the 3rd May at the latest.**

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the [County Office](#).