

# Order of Service



for the Commissioning Ceremony of  
**HMS DARING**



*Victory Jetty, HM Naval Base - Portsmouth*  
*Thursday 23 July 2009*

# HMS DARING



## Guests of Honour

HRH The Countess of Wessex

Admiral Sir Trevor Soar KCB OBE, Commander in Chief Fleet  
and  
Lady Anne Soar

The service will be conducted by  
The Venerable John Green QHC  
Chaplain of the Fleet

Musical accompaniment will be provided by  
The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, Portsmouth



# Programme of Events

**0830 -1030**

Families arrive at Trafalgar Gate Car Park

**1020**

"Divisions Fall In"

**by 1030**

All families to be seated

(Selection of Music performed by The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marine, Portsmouth)

**1045**

VIPs arrive

**1058**

Admiral Sir Trevor and Lady Anne Soar arrive

**1100**

HRH The Countess of Wessex arrives

Parade Start, Royal Salute, followed by National Anthem & Inspection of Parade  
CO reads the Commissioning Warrant  
Religious Ceremony

**o/c**

Commanding Officer and HRH The Countess of Wessex addresses  
and exchange of gifts

**o/c**

Mr Tony Kelly (Firmins) Presents CO with a Ceremonial Sword

**o/c**

Commissioning Cake is cut by Mrs J McAlpine (Wife of the Commanding Officer)  
and AB Small, the youngest member of the Ship's Company

**o/c**

HRH The Countess of Wessex accompanied by the CO depart  
Parade falls out - Ship's Company and guests proceed to marquee's

**1200-1245**

Champagne Reception/Lunch

**1230**

Ship open to visitors

**1400**

Bus run commences until 1600

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The Commanding Officer will read the Commissioning Warrant

## The Act of Dedication

*The Commanding Officer shall address the Ship's Company in these words:*

Seeing that in the course of our duty *we are* set in the midst of many and great dangers, and that we cannot be faithful to the high trust placed in us without the help of Almighty God, let us unite our prayers in seeking his blessing upon this ship and all who serve in her.

*The Commanding Officer shall call on the Ship's Company to ask for God's Blessing on the ship, using this ancient call:*

## From the Gaelic Blessing of 1589

*The Commanding Officer* I call upon you to pray for God's blessing on this ship. May God the Father bless her.

*Ship's Company:* **Bless our ship.**

*The Commanding Officer:* May Jesus Christ bless her.

*Ship's Company* **Bless our ship.**

*The Commanding Officer:* May the Holy Spirit bless her.

*Ship's Company:* **Bless our ship.**

## Hymn

*He who would valiant be  
Gainst all disaster,  
Let him in constancy  
Follow the Master.  
There's no discouragement  
Shall make him once relent  
His first avowed intent  
To be a pilgrim.*

*Who so beset him round with  
dismal stories  
Do but themselves confound  
His strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay his might,  
Though he with giants fight;  
He will make good his right  
To be a pilgrim.*

*Since Lord, thou dost defend  
Us with thy spirit  
We know we at the end  
Shall life inherit  
Then fancies flee away!  
I'll fear not what men say,  
I'll labour night and day  
To be a pilgrim.*

# The Reading of the Gospel

## St Mark Chapter 4

With the coming of evening that same day, he said to them, 'Let us cross over to the other side'. And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on a cushion asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him!'

*Let us pray:*

### The Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

### The Prayers

*Let us give thanks to God for all who have inspired us by their example and pray that we may uphold the best traditions of the Royal Navy.*

Almighty and everlasting God, the creator and upholder of all, who has in every age inspired your servants with courage and skill, we give you thanks for the example of those who have gone before us; for the seafarers of our nation; for all who in ships, great or small, have braved the perils of the deep; for all who have given their lives for their country. For ourselves grant, O Lord, that we may be conscious of your ruling hand. May we be found watchful at our posts. Make us ever mindful of the needs of others, sharing our joys and bearing their burdens in the work which you have given us to do; and keep us always in your love and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray for our home s families and friends:*

O God, who sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to live in an earthly home for our sakes, we pray you to bless our homes, and all who live in them; grant that we may always remain faithful to them, and they to us, and help us to remember that though time and distance part us, *we* are all one in you for ever; through *Jesus* Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray for perseverance - after Sir Francis Drake:*

O Lord God, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour in any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning but the continuing of the same until it be thoroughly finished that yieldeth the true glory; through him, who for the finishing of thy work, laid down his life; our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **The Naval Hymn**

1. Eternal Father, strong to save  
Whose arm doth bind 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.

3. O sacred spirit who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
Who best it angry tumult cease,  
And gavest light and life and peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

2. O Saviour, whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard  
Who walked'st on the foaming deep,  
And calm amid its rage didst sleep;  
us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power,  
Our brethrens shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them whereso'er they go:  
And ever let there rise to thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

### **The Blessing of the Ship**

*The Chaplain of the Fleet:*  
*Ship's Company:*  
*The Chaplain of the Fleet:*

Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
**Who has made heaven and earth.**  
Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, let your Blessing be upon this Ship and her Ship's Company. May the strength of God pilot them. May the power of God preserve them. May the hand of God protect them. May the way of God direct them. May the shield of God protect them in all dangers and temptations, and may the Blessing of God Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon them this day and for evermore.

**Amen.**

*All shall say together the Lord's Prayer:*

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 following prayer shall be said by the whole Ship's Company*

### **The Naval Prayer**

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the *sea*; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; be pleased to *receive* into Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants, and the fleet which *we* serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea and of the air, and from the violence of the enemy; that *we* may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, and *her* Dominions; and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our Islands and Commonwealth may in *peace* and quietness serve thee our God; and that *we* may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours, and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy Holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

*The Chaplain of the Fleet gives the Blessing:*

Go forth into the world in *peace*; be of good courage; hold fast to 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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all evermore.

**Amen.**

# HMS DARING

## FACTS & FIGURES

### Dimensions

Displacement	7500 tonnes
Length	152.5 m
Beam	21.2 m
Draught	7.4 m
Complement	191

### Weapons

Sea Viper Anti Air Missile System  
1 x 4.5" Mk 8 Mod 1 Gun  
2 x 30mm Automated Guns  
Seagnat Decoy Launchers  
Phalanx  
General Purpose Machine Guns  
Small Calibre Guns

### Sensors

1 x Type 1045 Multi Functional Radar (MFR)  
1 x Type 1046 Long Range Radar (LRR)  
2 x Type 1047 Navigational Radars  
1 x Type 1048 Navigational Radar  
1 x IFF Radar  
Electronic Surveillance System  
2091 Active/Passive sonar

### Communications

Fully Integrated Communications System (FICS)  
SCOT Satellite Communications System

### Aircraft

1x Lynx helicopter fitted with:  
    Sea Skua Anti-Ship Missiles  
    Stingray Torpedoes  
    Machine Guns  
Or 1x Merlin Helicopter









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