



**Memorial commissioned by the
RAF Locking Apprentice Association**

Royal Air Force Locking

Apprentices

1952-1976



Memorial Dedication

At 12 Noon

Saturday 19th November 2011

Welcome to the dedication service of the memorial to commemorate the Royal Air Force Locking Apprentices.

Introduction

Chairman RAFLAA Hans Kuhle 87th Entry

Unveiling

President RAFLAA Air Cdre Martin Palmer 91st Entry

Service of Dedication *Canon Allan Viller 79th Entry*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen

Maker of all, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: May we discern your hand in all your works and serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things now and forever.

All: Amen

The Lords Prayer.

Reading: Secretary RAFLAA Chris Bryan 87th Entry

Philippians Chapter 4 verses 8 and 9.

Brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise think about these things; and the God of peace will be with you.

Dedication:

We come to dedicate this memorial that there may be a place so that all who pass by, both young and old may know of the service those who we commemorate this day rendered to their country.

Almighty God, sanctify this place of memory for loved ones, friends and colleagues of all Royal Air Force, Locking, Apprentices. Bless this stone that has been carved to honour them, that it may stand as a memorial to their lives, their duty and their skills. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

All: The Apprentice Prayer

*Teach us good Lord, to be thankful
For all the good times we had, The skills we have learned
The friendships we have shared and
The companionship we have enjoyed.
May all who have served the apprenticeship of the Wheel
Be ever mindful of the needs of one another.
Amen*

Tribute: Memorial Project Secretary Dave Gunby 72nd Entry

This Memorial stone stands proudly for all RAF Locking Apprentices. We will cherish it for as long as we are able and our heirs and successors will cherish it long after that. Certainly, to everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under Heaven; a time to be born and a time to die. A thousand ages in God's sight are but as yesterday when it is passed. But may our friendships of yesterday remain with us today and for all our tomorrows.

A short period of reflective silence

Blessing: Canon Allan Viller

The Lord bless you and watch over you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord look kindly upon you and give peace; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and all whom you love, now and for ever more.

Amen

