



The Chapel of  
The Transfiguration



Sung Eucharist  
with  
The Commemoration  
of the Fallen

# Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
7.30 am



Remembrance Sunday is when we remember those who have died in war. It is a time to honour their sacrifice, to pray for all who continue to suffer as a result of conflict, and to renew our commitment to work together for justice and peace, trusting in God whose purposes are good and whose power sustains the created world.

Music before the service

*Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott, BWV 721*

(Have mercy, on us, O God)

*J. S. Bach (1685–1750)*

# S.Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia

## In Memoriam

While we remember and thank God for the life and good example of the Rt Rev'd Dr James Chapman, the first Bishop of Colombo and Founder of S.Thomas' College, together with all Wardens, Sub-Wardens, Chaplains, and Staff who served the School from 1851 to 1918 at Mutwal, we give special thanks today as we remember –

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All Headmasters, Tutorial Staff, Administrative Staff and Support Staff and all our Old Boys who have gone to their rest.

✠ *Requiescant in pace* ✠

# Order of Service

*The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**  
Remain seated as the choir enters*

## The Gathering

*All stand as the procession of clergy and servers enter and move to the chancel step*

*The celebrant gives*

## The Bidding

God is our refuge and strength;  
a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46. 1

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may,  
together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain  
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow  
those whose lives, in wars and conflicts past and present,  
have been given and taken away.

## Remembering

*An older person says*

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.

*A younger person replies*

At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

*All affirm: **We will remember them***

*The last post is sounded*

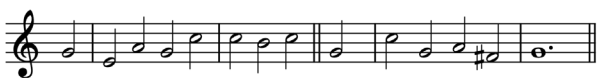
*Silence is kept for two minutes*

*At the end of the silence, the bell tolls, and the celebrant continues,*

Ever-living God  
we remember those whom you have gathered  
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Hymn  
*during which the altar is censed*



**O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home;**

*Upper voices only* **Under the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.**

*Lower voices only* **A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.**

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Music: St. Anne  
William Croft (1678–1727)  
Descant: John Scott (1956–2015)

*The lay assistant invites all to confess their sins*

## Prayers of Penitence

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

*All kneel and silence is kept*

Most merciful God,  
**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**we confess that we have sinned in thought,**  
**word and deed.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**  
**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**  
**help us to amend what we are,**  
**and direct what we shall be;**  
**that we may do justly, love mercy,**  
**and walk humbly with you, our God.**  
**Amen.**

*The choir sings*

Kyrie Eleison	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
Christe Eleison	<i>Christ, have mercy</i>
Kyrie Eleison	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>

*The celebrant pronounces the Absolution*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The lay assistant continues*

## The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you  
**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things in thy beloved Son,  
the King of all: Govern the hearts and minds of all them that are  
in authority, and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn asunder by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject unto his just and gentle rule;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Job 19. 23–27a

‘O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated*

## Psalm 17

Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint; •  
listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.

**Let my vindication come forth from your presence; • let your eyes behold what is right.**

Weigh my heart, examine me by night, •  
refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.

**My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards; •  
I have heeded the words of your lips.**

My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments; •  
my feet have not stumbled in your paths.

**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; •  
incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.**

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, •  
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.

**Keep me as the apple of your eye; •  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

From the wicked who assault me, •  
from my enemies who surround me to take away my life.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever.**

**Amen.**

## The New Testament Reading

A reading from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians  
2.1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand to sing*

### Gradual Hymn



**Rejoice, O land, in God thy might,  
His will obey, him serve aright;  
For thee the Saints uplift their voice:  
Fear not, O land, in God rejoice.**

**Glad shalt thou be, with blessing crowned,  
With joy and peace thou shalt abound;  
Yea, love with thee shall make his home  
Until thou see God's kingdom come.**

**He shall forgive thy sins untold:  
Remember thou his love of old;  
Walk in his way, his word adore,  
And keep his truth for evermore.**

Words: Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

Tune: Wareham  
William Knapp (1698–1768)

*Remain standing and face the Gospel*

## The Gospel Reading

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**All repeat:**



**Choir:** Greater love has no one than this,  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**And with thy spirit**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. Luke, 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter, beginning at the 27<sup>th</sup> verse

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.

St. Luke 20. 27–38

*At the end,*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

*Remain standing until invited to be seated*

**Sermon**

*given by*

Mr. Asanka Perera

*Acting Warden*

*A time for silent reflection is kept following the sermon.*

*All stand to sing*

## Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God,  
**the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten  
of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
By whom all things were made:  
Who for us men, and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the  
Virgin Mary, and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate,  
He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory to judge  
both the quick and the dead:  
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spake by the Prophets.**

**And we believe One Holy Catholic  
and Apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism  
for the remission of sins.**

**And we look for the Resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

*All kneel or sit*

## Prayers of Intercession

*during which the following response is used*

Lest we forget,  
Prince of Peace, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*All stand*

## Greeting of Peace

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Preparation of the Table Offertory Hymn

*during which the bread, wine and water are placed on the altar,  
and a collection is taken for the work of the chapel*



**For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
For a just and equal sharing  
Of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
Help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us, Father, into freedom,  
From despair your world release;  
That redeemed from war and hatred,  
All may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
Fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living,  
Let it from the earth be banned;  
Pride of status, race or schooling,  
Dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
May we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, Creator God, have written  
Your great name on humankind;  
For our growing in your likeness  
Bring the life of Christ to mind:  
That by our response and service  
Earth its destiny may find.**

Words: Fred Kaan (1929–2009)

Tune: Westminster Abbey  
Henry Purcell (1659–95)

*Remain standing. The celebrant invites all to say,*

All things come from you  
**and of your own do we give you, Creator and Lord  
of the universe, ever adored by the holy Angels.  
Accept these gifts of bread and wine and these  
offerings which we present at your holy table and  
with them the dedication of our lives for your ser-  
vice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Remain standing. The celebrant continues*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**And with thy spirit**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them up unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God  
**It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden  
duty, that we should at all times, and in all  
places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord,  
Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

And now we give thee thanks,  
for thou dost call us to remember with thanksgiving  
those who gave their lives for freedom and peace.  
As thou didst raise thy Son from the grave,  
so bring all who have fallen in war  
into the light of thine eternal kingdom.

Therefore with Angels, and Archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name,  
evermore praising thee, and saying:

*The choir sings*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee,  
O Lord most high.

*The people may sit, kneel or remain standing*

Holy indeed are you Almighty Father eternal Sovereign, who in  
all your gifts and works manifests your holiness to all humanity.  
Holy is your Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ, through whom you  
did order the universe. And Holy is your ever blessed Spirit who  
reveals all things, even the deep things of you O God. Just as you  
yourself are holy, so also you created us in your own image that  
we might live in holy fellowship.

And when we disobeyed your commandments, you did not abandon us but you guided us as a merciful Father; you revealed yourself to us through the Sages, the Law and the Prophets, and through your redeeming acts in history, and when the time was ripe, you came among us through your Son Jesus, whom you sent into the world to share our human nature in order that the Lord Jesus might revive your own image in us.

**Generous God, Jesus loves us  
and sacrificed himself for us  
and heralded the new life  
in breaking bread with companions.**

On the very night that he was betrayed to suffer death upon the cross for us, the Lord Jesus took bread and when he had given thanks to you Almighty Father, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same manner after supper, he took the cup also, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them saying:

Drink, all of you from this,  
for this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the Bread of Life

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory**

And so Father, we present this bread and cup in communion with your whole church, in fellowship with (Blessed Mary, and ....) and all the saints, and in union with all creation we celebrate your Son's death and victory; giving thanks for all that Christ has done for us; for preparing us for all that lies ahead, we receive the benefits of Christ's life, death, resurrection and session in glory, and we eagerly await the heavenly banquet after Christ's coming again.

And we entreat you most merciful God to hear us and send your All Holy Spirit on us and on these your gifts, that they being blessed and hallowed by that life giving power, may be for us the Body and Blood of your most dearly loved Son, to the end that we receiving the same may be sanctified and filled with your grace and heavenly blessing.

**Accept this our sacrifice of praise and  
thanksgiving; make us one body in Jesus Christ our  
Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be to  
you Almighty Father, world without end.**

*All sing:* **Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break  
is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

**We being many are one bread,  
one body for we all partake of the one bread.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray

*All sing*

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 celebrant continues*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

The gifts of God for the people of God

*The choir sings*

Benedictus

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## Deep Silence

*The choir sings*

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world  
Have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world  
Have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world  
Grant us thy peace.

## Giving of Communion

*The celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying*

Draw near with faith and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*All sit. If you receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so here.*

*Remain seated or kneeling to sing*

### Communion Hymn



**We turn to you, O God of every nation,  
giver of life and origin of good;  
your love is at the heart of all creation,  
your hurt is people's broken brotherhood.**

**We turn to you that we may be forgiven  
for crucifying Christ on earth again.  
We know that we have never wholly striven  
to share with all the promise of your reign.**

**Free every heart from pride and self-reliance,  
our ways of thought inspire with simple grace;  
break down among us barriers of defiance,  
speak to the soul of all the human race.**

**On men who fight on earth for right relations,  
we pray the light of love from hour to hour.  
Grant wisdom to the leaders of the nations,  
the gift of carefulness to those in power.**

**Teach us, good Lord, to serve the need of others,  
help us to give and not to count the cost.  
Unite us all, for we are born as brothers,  
defeat our Babel with your Pentecost!**

Words: Fred Kaan

Tune: Highwood  
Sir Richard Terry (1865–1938)

*All kneel or remain seated*

## Prayers after Communion

*The celebrant says,*

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.

**God's mercy endures forever.**

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.”

Matthew 5.9

Almighty God,

**we thank you for feeding us**

**with the Body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through Christ we offer you ourselves**

**to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live**

**and work to your praise and glory.**

**Amen.**

*All sit. The choir sings*

## Anthem

*Written in September 1914, shortly after the outbreak of the First World War, 'For the Fallen' honours those who gave their lives in battle. Its words convey both sorrow and pride, and the 4<sup>th</sup> stanza beginning "They shall grow not old..." has become one of the most enduring and solemn expressions of remembrance throughout the Commonwealth.*

They shall grow not old,

as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them,

nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Words: Laurence Binyon (1869–1943)

Music: Douglas Guest (1916–1996)

*All stand and the celebrant continues*

## An Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

**We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

**We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

**We will.**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us  
that have not yet been cast out by love:  
may we accept the hope you have placed  
in the hearts of all people,  
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.

**Amen.**

## The Dismissal

## The Blessing

May the God of peace and justice,  
who in compassion for a world broken by our sins of pride,  
desire, selfishness, and ambition brought reconciliation to all  
who seek Him, strengthen us to seek peace and pursue it,  
to forgive as we are forgiven;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*All stand*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

*during which the servers and clergy depart*



**Thy hand, O God, has guided  
Thy flock, from age to age;  
The wondrous tale is written,  
Full clear, on every page;  
Our fathers owned thy goodness,  
And we their deeds record;  
And both of this bear witness,  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
To greatest, as to least;  
They bade men rise, and hasten  
To share the great King's feast;  
And this was all their teaching,  
In every deed and word,  
To all alike proclaiming  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness,  
Through many a scene of strife,  
The faithful few fought bravely  
To guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
Sin pardoned, man restored,  
Was all in this enfolded,  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy mercy will not fail us,  
Nor leave thy work undone;  
With thy right hand to help us,  
The victory shall be won;  
And then, by men and angels,  
Thy name shall be adored,  
And this shall be their anthem,  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

Words: Edward Plumptre (1821–91)

Tune: Thornbury  
Basil Harwood (1859–1949)

*Remain standing as the choir moves out, then sit.  
You are invited to be seated for the playing of the organ voluntary  
or you may leave quietly at this point.*

## Music after the Service

Nimrod

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)



## Notices

### Sunday Fellowship

You are all invited to a time of fellowship on the chapel steps.

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H. V. Diancono  
B. C. Zannet  
Lieut. E. H. Nicholas  
G. M. Green  
E. C. Richardson  
F. Welch

\* The only Ceylonese to be awarded the Victoria Cross — Britain's highest honour for exceptional gallantry — was Lt. Basil Horsfall, one of only 1,355 recipients in the 130-year history of this distinction.

\*\* Lt. M. Keyt was among the few Ceylonese officers to be awarded the British Army's Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry.

# S. THOMAS' COLLEGE, MOUNT LAVINIA ROLL OF HONOUR (1939 – 1945)

\*\*\* Flt. Sgt. G. F. D. Abayasekera

Flt. Sgt. M. Jonklass

Flt. Sgt. Shelton Flammer-Caldera

Corp. M. S. Suriyapillai

\*\*\*A letter written by Flt. Sgt. D. Abeysekera, a former Head Prefect of the School, reflecting on the future of Ceylon and including a poem about S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, was received after his death in action during World War II. These are preserved in the College Museum.



On this Remembrance Sunday, we give thanks to God for those Old Boys who laid down their lives — or who are still listed as missing in action — to protect the freedoms we enjoy, including those who served during our own civil war, which ended in 2009.

Deputy Inspector General P. Rajeswaran  
Wing Commander J. E. Peiris  
Major W.A. Goonetilleka  
Major R. P. P. S. Wijesinghe  
Captain J. F. S. de Fonseka  
Squadron Leader B. S. P. Mendis  
Lieutenant Colonel K. Dharmawardena  
Wing Commander R. R. Pakianathan  
Flying Officer J. C. Martenstyn  
Wing Commander T. C. Kaluaratchchi  
Squadron Leader S.V. Perera  
Commander C. D. Martenstyn  
Major S. M. De Silva  
Lieutenant Commander M.A. S. Amarasekara  
Major Sean Anthonisz

S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, lost fourteen of her sons in the thirty-year Sri Lankan Civil War.

Our Roll of Honour includes eighty killed in World War I and four in World War II.

The proud Thomian military tradition includes the only Victoria Cross ever won by a Ceylonese — that awarded to Lt. Basil Horsfall for outstanding gallantry. He was killed in action in 1917. Lt. Horsfall was also a member of the 1914 S. Thomas' College First XI Cricket Team and served as twelfth man at the Royal-Thomian.

The tradition of sporting and military excellence continued into the Sri Lankan conflict, as several of those fourteen who died for their country were also distinguished sportsmen.

S. Thomas' College can also take pride in having contributed significantly to the Sri Lankan Armed Forces and Police, with a number of Old Thomians having gone on to command a branch of the Armed Forces or to serve as Chief of Staff or Inspector General of Police.

[Adapted from Thomiana Australia, 2009]

