

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2025

2.00pm

THE OLD ACHIMOTAN ASSOCIATION UK



OAA UK ANNUAL

REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Led by

REV TONY MILES

DEACON MYRTLE POXON

REV STEPHEN POXON (PREACHER)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev Tony Miles

(Superintendent Minister, Methodist Central Hall Westminster)

HYMN

When morning gilds the skies.

My heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer

To Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

To God, the Word, on high

The hosts of angels cry:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let mortals, too, upraise

Their voice in hymns of praise:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round

In joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air, and sea, and sky

From depth to height reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,

My canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song

Through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon Myrtle Poxon (Methodist Central Hall Westminster)

A WORD FROM THE 1977 YEAR GROUP

Akora Dedo Rampe

BIBLE READING

Psalms 121: 1-8

Akora Batilie Bentil-Mensah (OAA 1994)

1 I will lift up my eyes to the hills —

From whence comes my help?

2 My help comes from the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

3 He will not allow your foot to be moved;

He who keeps you will not slumber.

4 Behold, He who keeps Israel

Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord is your keeper;

The Lord is your shade at your right hand.

6 The sun shall not strike you by day,

Nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;

He shall preserve your soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in

From this time forth, and even forevermore.

THE SCHOOL HYMN

Grey city of the outlaws' hill

Quick with the hope, which makes sublime

Still in thy youth, thou dare'st to look

Far on to centuries of time

Born but to rule through service given

The ages all belong to thee

O may thy life more humble grow

Through him whose service makes us free

He who wept o'er Jerusalem

And yearned to turn the chastening rod

Longs in His steadfast love to build

In thee a city for our God

Well may thy sons and daughters say

As back to thee they look with joy

Praise God who gave us there to share

The freedom of His grand employ

Wellsprings of wisdom are in thee

With harvests rich thy hillsides sing

Thou gavest life so mayest thou be

For aye a City of our King

Though set upon a desert hill

May living waters rise in thee

And from thy children wider flow

The rivers of eternity

Alexander G Fraser

THOUGHTS OF AN AKORA

Akora Dr Kofi Agyare (OAA 1977)

BIBLE READING

Ephesians 2: 11-22

Akora Derrick Osafo (OAA 1978)

11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called ‘uncircumcised’ by those who call themselves ‘the circumcision’ (which is done in the body by human hands) – **12** remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. **13** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **14** For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, **15** by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, **16** and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. **17** He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. **18** For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. **19** Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. **21** In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. **22** And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

SONG

Achimota, Mother Ours,
Day by day we learn thy powers;
As the years grow long, we show
The loyalty to thee we owe.

Chorus

*All ye Ewes, Gas and Fantis;
All Nzimas and Ashantis,
Make our school resound with song,
With our joyous farewell song*

Year ago we came to school,
Knowing not of prefects’ rules;
Now we come to take our share
In the life and labour there.

Chorus

Achimota, Mother ours,
Bless us in these parting hours
Now behind us college days,
Now goodbye to college ways.

Chorus

LIGHTING OF CANDLES & ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING (1)

Akora Karen Arbenser (OAA 1977)

FOUNDING FATHERS

Sir Gordon Guggisberg
Rev Alexander Garden Fraser
Dr James Emmanuel Kwegyir Aggrey

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING (2)

2024 Roll of Departed Akoras

STAFF MEMBERS

Akora Adelaide Abena Dufie Kwami	Headmistress (2003-2007)
Akora Kofi Tweneboah- Kodua	Teacher (1973-1981)

OLD ACHIMOTANS

Akora Elsie Sowah (née Djabanor)	1940
Akora Felix Konotey-Ahulu	1949
Akora Isaac Kofi Boateng	1949
Akora James Samuel Gyakye Jackson	1950
Akora Catherine Coker (née Ampah)	1952
Akora Dinah Reindorf (née Quarshie-Idun)	1954
Akora Christopher Tettey Atiagbo Kpene	1954
Akora Albert Ababio Owusu	1955
Akora Alexander Augustus Bruce-Tagoe	1955
Akora Comfort Akorli	1955
Akora George Atta Dako	1957
Akora Joseph Kingsley Twumasi	1958
Akora Theresa Ekua Dadson	1959
Akora Augustine Kofi Kuttin Nuamah Mensah	1960
Akora Ellen Ziddah-Sawyerr	1960
Akora Mike Hamenoo	1960
Akora Adu Poku	1961
Akora David K Atubrah	1961
Akora Seth Dosavi Sosu	1961
Akora Theresa Kapongo (née Chigabatia)	1961
Akora Phyllis Lillian Quarshie	1962

Akora Lt Cdr Sas Nuno	1962
Akora George Duncan Osafo	1965
Akora Joseph Bampo Atiemo	1966
Akora Danny Mainoo	1966
Akora Gerald Annan Forson	1966
Akora Nana Konadu Agyeman Rawlings	1966
Akora John Kudzo Anato Dumelo Snr.	1967
Akora Anthony Tengey	1968
Akora Nene Ahorlu Ofoe Amegatcher	1969
Akora Elizabeth Agyeman (née Mensah)	1969
Akora Isaac Kobina Nketia Barnes	1969
Akora Edwin Addo	1969
Akora O'Neil Renner (Anatoma)	1971
Akora George Wilson Acquaaah	1973
Akora Gordon Quartey	1974
Akora Michael Tackie	1974
Akora Desmond Dankwa Osafo	1976
Akora George Allotey Acquaye	1976
Akora Ophelia Larbi	1978
Akora David Kojo Mensah Ofori Banson	1979
Akora Kofi Charles Bentsi-Enchill	1979
Akora Janet Oboshie Wentum	1979
Akora Esther Poku-Kankam	1979
Akora George Bright Yao Marcells	1980
Akora Love Divine Eliplim Mensah	1980
Akora Kwaku Gyimah Boateng	1981
Akora Mercy Mawufenya Ackumey	1981
Akora Georgette Laing	1983
Akora Jules Oppong	1984
Akora Lucille Abla Osafo (née Deh)	1984
Akora Victoria Marian Akoto (née Ofori-Mensah)	1987
Akora Eric Hiamey	1988
Akora Naadu Lawson	1988
Akora Emmanuel Attua Asante	1989
Akora Sylvester Mensah	1989
Akora Nii Dodoo	1989
Akora Emmanuel Owusu Boakye Jnr	1989
Akora Harriet Clara Abutiate-Nyarko	1990
Akora Ralph Adotei Brown	1990
Akora Dr Damaris Yamoah-Lang	1991

Akora Rex Awua	1992
Akora Amazing Grace Anim-Yeboah	1992
Akora Ottomie-Quartey	1993
Akora Philip Kwasi Besa Zanu	1995
Akora Kenneth Nii Ashitey Dormon	1995
Akora Lovelace Amponsah Boakye Adu Asamoah	1997
Akora Bismark Odetsi-Martey	1998
Akora Edward Tetteh Quarshie	2001
Akora Marian Nartey	2002
Akora Yesutor Amedofu (née Gbewonyo)	2003
Akora Oforiwaa Mantey (née Quansah)	2006
Akora Edmund Kudzo Zilevu	2011
Akora Emmanuel Kofi Kwasi Asiedu	2015
Akora Joana Deladem Aku Yabani	2021
Akora Maame Ekua E. Acquah	2023
Akora Lilian Makafui Akorli	2024
Akora Davida Boateng	2024

TRIBUTES

Akora Akosua Bame (OAA 1985) – OAA UK President

Akora Adelaide Abena Dufie Kwami	Headmistress (2003-2007)
Akora Kofi Tweneboah- Kodua	Teacher (1973-1981)

HYMN

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

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.

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.

Isaac Watts 1674 – 1748

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING (3)

Akora Isaac Quist (OAA 1977)

1977 YEAR GROUP

Akora James Tandoh
Akora Julius Owusu-Ansah (aka Onassis)
Akora Tony Roger Okai Tetteh (aka Nash)
Akora Larbi Adams
Akora Vera Bampoe
Akora Cynthia Nuamah
Akora Ernest Paul Kuma (aka Wadede)
Akora Emmanuel Asante (aka Shaft)
Akora Harold Hasford
Akora Christopher Kwesi King
Akora Nicholas Adi-Darko (aka Niche)
Akora Emmanuel Quist (aka Kotosko / Apathè)
Akora Constance Atiase (née Tetteh)
Akora Viktor Xorlalikplime Offori
Akora Kenneth Sevor (aka Sevoo)
Akora Ernest Asamoah (aka Epicurus)
Akora David Gawu-Mensah (aka Sammy Davis)
Akora Caroline Naa Jama Odunton (née Oddoye)
Akora Peter Batse
Akora Christiana Quansah
Akora Monica Owiredo
Akora Sybil des Bordes
Akora Ellen Koranteng
Akora Ebenezer Nii Otu Djan Tetteh (aka Alatee—Don Bonano Tettesia)
Akora Phillip Sinbad Abeka
Akora Nana Yaa Ofosuhemaa Agyeman
Akora Marguerita Adriana Maame Ama Kumah De Heer
Akora Lewis Victor Kofi Dobi Onny

SONG

Blemen Ayekoo

A few more days,
Blemen shall go home and come no more
Shall go home, shall go home,
Shall go home and come no more.....

BIBLE READING

Mark 6:31-34

Akora Rita Kpeglo (OAA 1993)

31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'

32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. **33** But many who saw them leaving recognised them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. **34** When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

SERMON "Christ our cornerstone"

Rev Stephen Poxon (Methodist Central Hall Westminster)

HYMN

Fill Thou my life, O Lord my God,
In every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim
Thy being and Thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,
Nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
Of praise in every part!

Praise in the common things of life,
Its goings out and in;
Praise in each duty and each deed,
However small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise;
Let all my being speak
Of Thee and of Thy love, O Lord,
Poor though I be, and weak.

So shalt Thou, Lord, from me, e'en me,
Receive the glory due;
And so shall I begin on earth
The song forever new.

So shall no part of day or night
From sacredness be free;
But all my life, in every step,
Be fellowship with Thee.

Horatio Bonner (1808 – 1889)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Deacon Myrtle Poxon (Methodist Central Hall Westminster)

THE SCHOOL PRAYER

O God, who art the King of kings and Lord of lords and the Father of this people,
We thank thee for this School and all the opportunities that we have in it.
Bless thou this place and may thy glory dwell herein.
May its sons and daughters come to know the life that is life indeed and go forth
from it as living water to a thirsty land, for thy name's sake. **Amen**

HYMN

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest –
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

OFFERING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Rev Stephen Poxon (Methodist Central Hall)

THE SCHOOL SONG

From Gambaga to Accra,
From Wiawso to Keta
We are brothers and our mother is our School!
She will guide us all and each,
So to learn that we may teach,
So to subjugate ourselves that we may rule

Chorus

*Play the game, shout her name,
Spread her fame afar;
She's the head of all the host,
She's the school of whom we boast,
She's the glory of the Coast – Achimota!*

When our books are laid aside
And we scatter far and wide,
We remember with affection all we gained,
How we learned to take our share
In the life and labour there,
Where the men whom we are proudest of were trained

Chorus x 2

The OAA 1977 Year Group would like to thank all Akoras, families, friends and well wishers for their continuing support.

Those present with us at the Hall today are invited to the George Thomas Room for refreshments immediately after the service.

We hope that you have been blessed by this service and we, along with Methodist Central Hall Westminster, look forward to your company in 2026 and thereafter.

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OAA '77 YEAR GROUP – ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The first Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service in the UK was organised by the 1977 Year Group in September 2002 in appreciation of the vision of the Founding Fathers and for the school's impact on Ghana and the world, through its provision of "living waters to a thirsty land"; and finally, to remember the members of the 1977 Year Group who had passed away. The Jubilee Year Group service has since become an annual event and broadened to remember all other Akoras who have passed away within the year.

The inception and continuity of this Service owe a great deal to the guidance, goodwill and hospitality of Reverend Martin Turner, the Superintendent Minister of Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, in 2002, and his successor, Reverend Martyn Atkins, and their staff. Both ministers, pioneers of this Service, are now retired and the mantle was passed on in 2020 to Reverend Tony Miles, who led our first online service during the pandemic. OAA UK and the 1977 Year Group are sincerely grateful to all at Methodist Central Hall Westminster for their generous support over the years. Our prayer is for this partnership to last beyond our years.

As we pause to remember those who have passed away, we also have much to be thankful for. As a year group, we've bonded initially as school mates, as friends, and now, as a family. Even as we have spread afar, we have kept together in her name, her fame, Achimota. Of a truth, in our joys and in our sorrows, in our days of toil and hours of ease, in our cares and in our pleasures, in our losses and in our gains, we have remained one. Beloved, with oneness of voice, therefore, we the 1977 Year Group, the Jubilee class, welcome you once again to share with us in thanking the Lord for all His enduring mercies.

"To Him be all the glory!"