

Battle of Shrewsbury Anniversary Commemoration & unveiling of the Harry Hotspur portrait.

At the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Battlefield, Shrewsbury, SY4 3DB

2pm Sunday 21st July 2024

Guest and visitors please assemble at the church by 1.50pm. Please note, there is NO public car parking at the church – please use the Battlefield 1403 Centre.

- 1.45pm** Procession of the historical re-enactment group, *The Shrewsbury Levy*, from the Battlefield 1403 Visitor Centre to the Church of St Mary Magdalene.
- 2pm** Introduction by Mr Anthony Rich of *The Battlefields Trust*: A brief background to the painting by Stephen Hopper, the artist; The unveiling of the portrait by Councillor Alex Wagner, Deputy Mayor of Shrewsbury.
- 2.25pm** A commemorative service for the dead of the Battle, including Hotspur, led by the Revd Hannah Lins, Priest-in-charge, Severn Loop Parishes.

Some reflections on the eve of the Feast of Mary Magdalene A Prayer of Commemoration

As we recall the Battle of Shrewsbury, Harry Hotspur and all who died, we pray:

Prayer 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

1 Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

2 In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

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2.40pm A tour of the Church with Ms Judith Hall and an opportunity for photographs.

2.55pm A short Battlefield Tour, organised by The Battlefields Trust.



Prints and cards of the painting will be on sale with a percentage of the proceeds going to The Churches Conservation Trust & The Battlefields Trust.

