

Merchant Navy Day Service
St Georges Churchyard
Thursday 3rd September 2020

Some 40 or more hardy souls attended the Merchant Navy Day Service organised by Portland Town Mayor Sandy West which was held in St Georges Churchyard on Thursday 3rd September, braving the damp, windy and generally miserable conditions. The Service was led by the Rev. Tim Gomm, ably assisted by Paula Brown the Mayors Chaplain. After the appropriate hymns and readings were said the congregation joined in with the Exhortation to the Fallen. The Last post was sounded and the Standards of Portland Branch RNA, HMS Ajax Association, Weymouth RNA and the Royal Air Force Association were dipped. After the reveille was sounded the congregation joined together in singing the Naval Hymn, (Eternal Father, Strong to Save). Prior to dispersal we joined together in singing the ‘National Anthem.

My thanks go to Shipmates Alex, Peter, Doc, Dave the Booty, Ginge, Dusty and Alf for braving the elements.



Next ‘events’ are the Battle of Britain Service at Weymouth War Memorial at 1500 on Tuesday 15th Sept 2020 followed by a Churchyard Service at the Battle of Britain Memorial in Warmwell Church at 1730.