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A SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEATH AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

STEPHEN LAWRENCE

23 APRIL AT 3PM
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, TRAFALGAR SQUARE

INTRODUCTION BUILDING HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



Today, the 23 April 2018, we come together from all walks of life – the young, the old, Government Ministers, MPs, Peers, community leaders and supporters of the Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation– to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the death of my son, Stephen, and give recognition to his life and legacy.

Stephen had great ambition and a real zest for life; he was cruelly taken from us, his loving family – killed for the colour of his skin. He loved to study and could have gone on to achieve his dream of a career in architecture.

I wish for Stephen's name not to be defined by his murder, but by the mark he has left on this country and the wider world and for the role model he was and continues to be for many young people today, even though the majority of them would not have been born at the time of his death.

I am sure Stephen would be impressed to see what his name and legacy has achieved over the years. It is quite remarkable.

I have campaigned tirelessly for fairness, justice, and equality for all. I believe that the Foundation has made a significant impact on many young peoples' lives, giving them a positive future.

My family and I wish to thank everyone for the help and support you have given to us over the years. It has been a long journey that is not over yet, for there are many injustices that are still taking place today.

The Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon OBE

LETTER OF SUPPORT
HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES



CLARENCE HOUSE

It hardly seems possible that twenty-five years have passed since Stephen Lawrence was so cruelly taken from his family. I remember vividly the profound shock that I felt at his senseless murder, a feeling shared by so many people across this country and beyond. I remember, too, just how deeply moved I was by the determination of Stephen's family to build something positive from the tragedy they endured and to ensure that Stephen's story did not end with despair, but continued with hope.

A quarter of a century later, we can only imagine the man who Stephen would have become, and just how his extraordinary potential might have been fulfilled. Stephen's family have honoured the promise of his life with everything that they have done in his name – the change they have brought about, and the remarkable things they have achieved.

As you remember Stephen, and mourn what has been lost, it is my special hope that you might all find some comfort in knowing just how much there is to be thankful for – in Stephen's life and in all that it has inspired.

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LETTER OF SUPPORT



10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA



THE PRIME MINISTER

Today we remember Stephen. We remember a young man brutally murdered at the start of his life. We remember a family and their unimaginable loss. And we remember the spotlight Stephen's death shone upon our own society.

As Home Secretary, and now Prime Minister, it has been my privilege to meet Doreen Lawrence, Neville Lawrence and those who have campaigned for Stephen. In their search for justice they have never given up. Although as a country we have taken positive steps forward since Stephen's murder, much more remains to be done. Too many young people still lose their lives to violent crime. Too many feel they lack the positive choices to get on.

I hope that by "Listening to the Voices of the Young", and building upon our progress, we can give everyone the best possible start in life, so they can go as far as their talents and hard work will take them.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Theresa May', with a long horizontal line underneath.

March 2018

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LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

Twenty-five years ago, Stephen Lawrence died in the most hateful and shameful of circumstances. The racist killing of this young man with his life ahead of him brought institutional racism and state failure into clear view. This tragic event changed Britain.

Stephen's mother, Doreen, lived through this unspeakable loss, which she transformed into a powerful drive to change society for the better. Doreen is a remarkable example of what we can achieve in the most difficult of circumstances.

For the past twenty-five years, Doreen has campaigned for a fairer and kinder world in which nobody should live with the pain of losing a child to racist brutality. Doreen's inner resilience and enormous compassion makes her an inspiration to everyone in the Labour Party and in communities around the country.

Today, we remember Stephen, and we thank Doreen for all she has done to transform society, reform policing, and educate and empower our young people. Our world is a better place for all she has done.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jeremy Corbyn'.

Jeremy Corbyn

ORDER OF SERVICE

*We would be very grateful if you could please refrain
from taking any photographs inside the church*

‘One Breath’ Gospel Choir sings as guests arrive

**Welcome, Introduction and Opening Prayer:
The Reverend Dr Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields**

Hymn: O Lord my God when I in Awesome Wonder

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

**The Desmond Tutu Prayer:
The Reverend Richard Carter and St Martin’s Voices**

Goodness is stronger than evil.
Love is stronger than hate.
Light is stronger than darkness.
Life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours through Him who loved us.

Stuart Lawrence: Reflections

**Doreen Lawrence, The Baroness Lawrence
of Clarendon OBE: 25 Years On**

***Tears in Heaven* sung by Karina Garvey**

**Sir Lenny Henry CBE introduces and
interviews three young people:**

Ms Stephanie Edwards

Stephanie received a bursary to study architecture from the Building Futures Programme. She is now director of a start-up practice and has been elected as Council Member for the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

Miss Victoria Ibitoye

Victoria received a scholarship as part of the Stephen Lawrence Day Foundations partnership work with the Daily Mail and City University. She now works for news agency MLex.

Mr Tyerone Trotman

Tyerone is on the Freshfields Stephen Lawrence Scholarship scheme and is now in his second year of an Economics and Finance degree at De Montfort University.

***A Change is Gonna Come* sung by Beverley Knight**

Message of support to be read by a special guest

Reading: The Right Honourable Sadiq Khan

FOR LOVE

I shall stand for love,
even with a broken soul,
even with a heavy heart.

I shall stand for love,
for the world is wounded.
Not just my little piece of land,
where I am mostly safe,
where I am mostly well,
but our world, everywhere.
Every day.

I shall stand for love,
because we need more light,
not more deaths,
not more power,
not more bombs.

I shall stand for love,
so that our children are safe,
so that our friends are sheltered,
so that our borders are open.

I shall stand for love,
even with a broken soul,
even with a heavy heart.

Dorothy Oger
Brussels, 23 March 2016

Reading: The Right Honourable Jeremy Corbyn MP

...That was my mission, to liberate the oppressed and the oppressor both. Some say that has now been achieved. But I know that that is not the case. The truth is that we are not yet free; we have merely achieved the freedom to be free, the right not to be oppressed. We have not taken the final step of our journey, but the first step on a longer and even more difficult road. For to be free is not

merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others. The true test of our devotion to freedom is just beginning.

I have walked that long road to freedom. I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way. But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance that I have come. But I can rest only for a moment, for with freedom come responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not yet ended.

Nelson Mandela, *Long Walk to Freedom*
(London: 2013) 750-751

Hymn: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

**Scripture Reading: The Prime Minister
The Right Honourable Theresa May MP**

Jesus said: 'Let not your heart be troubled;
you believe in God, believe also in Me.

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so,
I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare
a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am,
there you may be also. And where I go you know,
and the way you know.'

Thomas said to Him, 'Lord, we do not know where You are going,
and how can we know the way?'

Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.'

'My peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, not as the world giveth do I
give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.'

John 14:1-6 and 27 New King James Version (NKJV)

Address: The Reverend Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin

***Fallen Soldier* sung by Beverley Knight**

Prayers of Intercession: The Reverend David Cruise

On this day, as we remember Stephen and his enthusiasm for life,
we pray for all young people who have a vision and seek to make
this world a better place.

We LISTEN to them, we REFLECT and we are CHALLENGED.

On this day, as we remember Stephen and his tragic death, we pray for all
young people who face daily violence in their communities and on the streets
and who live in fear.

We HEAR them, we REFLECT and we are CHALLENGED.

On this day as we remember Stephen and his ambition to succeed, we
pray for the Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation in its work of firing
imagination, opening doors and helping young people to fulfil their
potential.

We LISTEN, we REFLECT and we are CHALLENGED.

On this day as we remember Stephen, we pray for ourselves, that we may
be united in striving for a society where all feel they have a place, are
valued and have something to give.

We LISTEN, we REFLECT and we are CHALLENGED.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer from African Sanctus: St Martin's Voices

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.

Hymn: Tell Out My Soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

Blessing: The Reverend Dr Sam Wells

'One Breath' Gospel Choir sings as principal guests leave

Please remain seated until invited to depart by the stewards

*A retiring collection in aid of the Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation
will be taken at the rear of the church.*

*Donations to the Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation may be made through
Gift Aid using the envelopes provided, and handed to the
stewards in the baskets provided.*

*Cheques should be made payable to
'The Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation'.*

LETTER OF SUPPORT



Home Secretary

2 Marsham Street
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www.gov.uk/home-office

Stephen's murder was a tragedy and my thoughts are once again with his family as we mark this 25th anniversary.

The consequences of Stephen's murder have had a fundamental impact on policing and the law in this country.

The Macpherson Report into the handling of the murder was instrumental in securing reform of the police as a whole. There has been progress - the police is more representative than ever before, and we are taking robust action to tackle hate crime.

However, I recognise how important it is that we continue to be vigilant and the legacy of Stephen Lawrence's murder and Lord Macpherson's report is never lost.

That legacy was to change fundamentally and forever the way we think about race and listen to the voices of young people in this country. In the context of policing and our proudly diverse communities, Stephen's legacy has laid down the challenge to us all to combat racism and hate crime.

Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP

MESSAGE OF SUPPORT

On this 25th anniversary of the death of Stephen, I pay tribute firstly to his memory.

I never had the privilege of meeting Stephen, but from everything I have learnt I know him to have been a brilliant young man, who made his parents proud, with a fantastic future ahead of him.

None of us in the wider world would have been likely to have had any knowledge of Stephen but for the determination of his parents, Doreen and Neville, to see justice done, and not to allow his death to have been in vain.

There's a long way to go to make a reality of equal rights in our society. But without Doreen and Neville we'd be much further behind than we are.

The Right Honourable Jack Straw
Home Secretary 1997 - 2001

STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY FOUNDATION

Baroness Lawrence has campaigned tirelessly for fairness, justice and equality for all. We are proud of our continuing commitment to supporting young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to create a fairer society in which everyone, regardless of their background, can flourish. Last year we supported over 2,000 young people through training, mentoring, bursaries and other activities.

Some of the highlights of our work last year include:

- Our Careers programme provided 1-2-1 advice, bursaries, career guidance, industry talks and work experience leading to real jobs to over 2500 young people aged 13-30.
- We gave over £150,000 of bursaries to support students who would otherwise struggle to stay in education.

- In 2020 Baroness Lawrence launched the Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation, established amid unprecedented growing global awareness of racial inequality, exists to inspire a more equal, inclusive society, and to foster opportunities for marginalised young people in the UK.

The Foundation is the home of Stephen Lawrence's legacy and has education at its core. We describe what we do in 3Cs: Classrooms, Community and Careers.

We are developing programs and activities around the 3Cs that run 365 days a year, with each 22 April a point to recognise and celebrate the progress made.

The Foundation relies on charitable donations for its survival. To support the work we do visit stephenlawrenceday.org/donate



STEPHEN LAWRENCE RESEARCH CENTRE

Stephen Lawrence's shocking murder and his inspiring legacy – the latter created, guarded and guided by his mother Doreen Lawrence – have had profound effects on British history and society.

25 years on, we know there is still much more to understand if we are to combat racism and make meaningful changes to attitudes and society. That mission will drive the work of the Stephen Lawrence Research Centre at De Montfort University.

The university's academic strength and its commitment to the public good form the

cornerstones of the centre and its work, which will focus on the history of ethnic minorities and West Indians in post-war Britain; the concept, practice and elimination of 'institutional racism'; the experience of major 'denials of justice'; and the personal psychology of racial violence.

Set within an inspiring research and exhibition space, the centre will also be home to a comprehensive archive celebrating the life and legacy of Stephen Lawrence.



WITH THANKS

The Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields
The Home Office
The Mayor of London
The Metropolitan Police
Virgin Money London Marathon Events
The Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation
De Montfort University

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Photography: Sharon Wallace

On 22 April 1993 Stephen died.

On the 6 May 1993 Nelson Mandela at his own request met with Doreen and Neville. Without that meeting and the publicity it brought we might not be gathered in this church today.

So it is fitting on this occasion to recall his words:

'I have walked that long road to freedom. I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way. But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come. But I can rest only for a moment, for with freedom come responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not ended.'

NELSON MANDELA



