

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

ITEM 6

REPORT TO: STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DATE: 8 MARCH 2017

SUBJECT: HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE: 27 JANUARY 2017

This annual event is to pay respect and remember the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Sudan.

The theme for this year's annual event is "How can life go on?" and people from across the country were asked to think about "what happens after genocide and of your responsibilities in the wake of such a crime".

Newport City Council hosted the Holocaust Memorial Day in the city, with a special service at St Woolos.

- The service was officiated by the Venerable Jonathan Williams.
- Very well attended, approximately 350 were at the service.
- Pupils from 23 Newport schools attended.
- Caerleon Comprehensive School choir led the singing including renditions of 'Look at the World' and 'O Danny Boy'.
- Readings were by pupils from both Caerleon Comprehensive and Rougemont schools.
- A reading was also made by the Mayoress of Newport.
- St Josephs RC High School pupils led the prayers which were introduced by the Mayor's Chaplain, Mr Graham Lynch.
- Primary school pupils from Langstone School led the candle procession through the cathedral and whilst this procession was taking place Caerleon Comprehensive choir sang 'The Irish Blessing'.
- Music throughout the service was by Gwent Youth Brass Ensemble who performed Stal Himmel by Alan Fernie.
- Dignitaries included the Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Gwent, the Mayor, Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Leader of Newport City Council and MPs and AMs for both Newport East and West.