

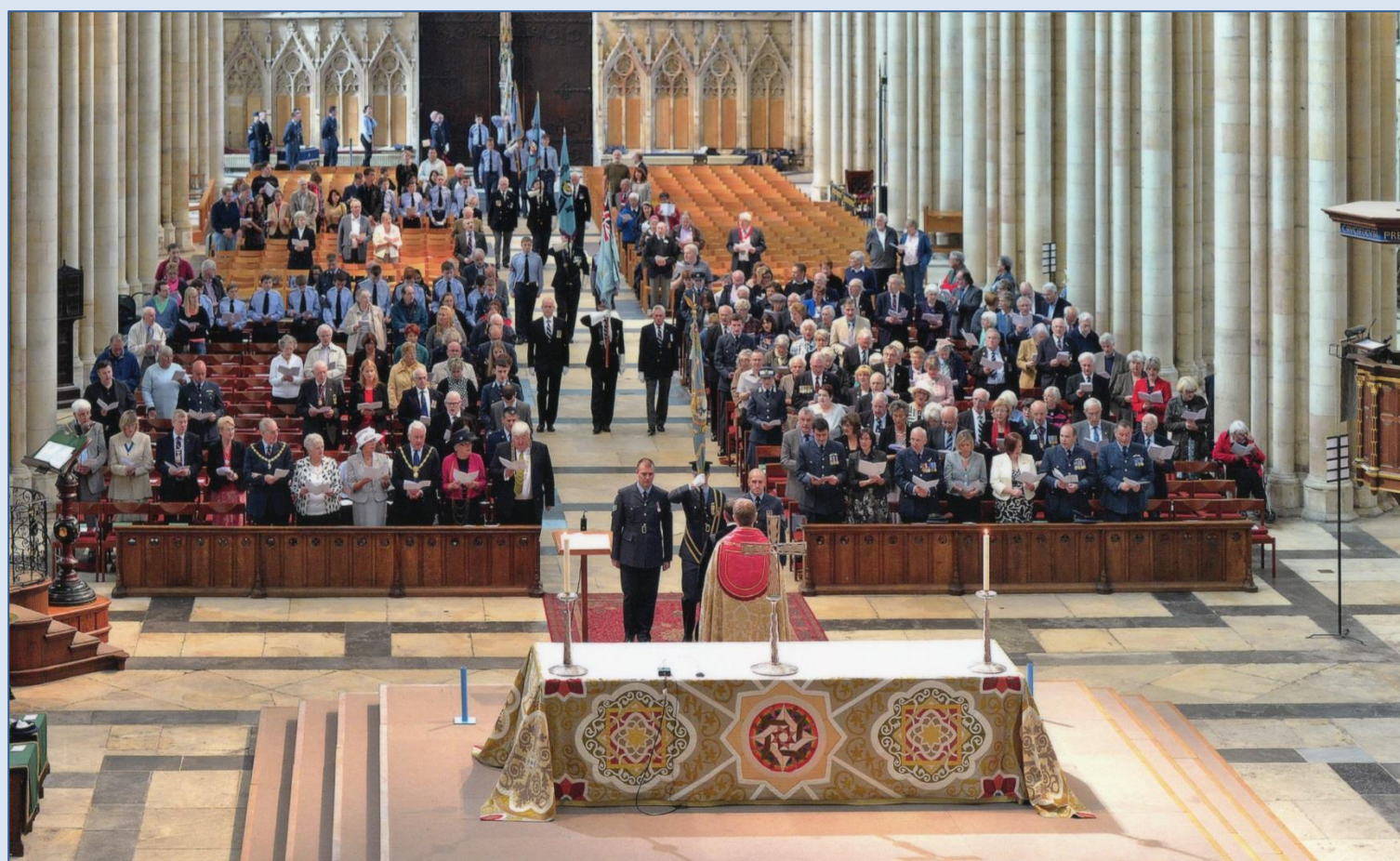
Battle of Britain Services 2014



YORK MINSTER

20 Group ROCA were invited to parade the National Standard at the Battle of Britain Commemorative Service held at York Minster in September.

The Standard of No. 72 Squadron RAF, from Linton on Ouse, was placed on the Altar at the start of the service.



The ROCA National Standard can be seen advancing down the aisle, leading the other standards on parade. The Standard bearer that day was Tim Kitching, escorted by Brian Tomlinson and Terry Baynes.

Photograph by courtesy of RAF Linton-on-Ouse

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Once again the Association was invited to present its National Standard at the Service to Commemorate the Battle of Britain at Westminster Abbey.

Standard Bearer that day was Rosemary Ward of Oxford Group. *Pictured right.*



Pictured below are the other ROCA members who attended the Service at Westminster.

From Left to right are: Merle Rendell-Read, John Shere, Andrew Ramek, Pat Tanner, Keith Arnold (Bentley Priory) Simon Craine and Edwina Holden MBE.



BENTLEY PRIORY

The Heritage Team were privileged to be invited to take their display to the Annual Battle of Britain Open Day at the Bentley Priory Museum held on 20th September. The Curator of the Museum had kindly collected the Post instrument from its store at Stafford for use on the display. Each member was dressed in authentic WWII dress – Edwina was acting in her capacity as a volunteer at the Museum and dressed in Land Girl uniform. As usual there were comments such as ‘I didn’t know such a Corps existed and how much they did to plot enemy ‘planes or to save so many of our chaps coming home when their navigation instruments had failed’.



From L to R: Edwina Holden, Kitty & Andy Bowles of the Bury St. Edmunds War Room, Justyn Keeble, & Simon Craine – ROCA Heritage Team. Below:- Heritage Team Display

