

## FFWPU UK: Honouring The Legacy Of Our Departed Brothers And Sisters

Michael Balcomb  
August 20, 2023



### Commemorative Ceremony Honouring The Legacy Of Our Departed Brothers And Sisters

On a radiant Sunday morning, families gathered in Stanton Fitzwarren for the annual Memorial Service at Holy Oak Memorial Woodland. A day of remembrance, unity, and heartfelt connections.

The sun was brightly shining on this beautiful Sunday morning on August 20th. Brothers and sisters from all over the country travelled with their families to Stanton Fitzwarren to attend the annual Memorial service. They arrived at the Holy Oak Memorial Woodland, a special holy place where their loved ones were once laid to rest.



The service started with uplifting songs with Ron G. accompanying us on his guitar. It brought us all together ready to listen to the message of the day. Our brother Franklin F. then spoke eloquently about

what bereaved members experience dealing with their grief and how their lives are drastically changed by what they are going through.

Annerose A., our MC for the day, then introduced Ruth J. who gave her moving testimony about her experience losing her dad. Françoise M. then gave a brief report on the progress of the Seonghwa Caring Ministry which tries to define itself in offering the best support for our bereaved families.



Roses were then given to all present to be laid on the won jeon. We were blessed to have Dr Michael and Fumiko Balcomb with us on the special day. They gave the final blessing prayer then joined us at the Won-Jeon. They went around and offered prayers for each of our ascended brothers and sisters. We laid our flowers and reminisced about our dear members who left us for their eternal homes.

There was a serene and beautiful atmosphere. We shared a potluck lunch together and conversations started to flow everywhere. It was so good to see each other and renew our bonds as part of our Heavenly Parent Holy Community. On this special day, we also remind ourselves about our True Father's 11th anniversary of his Seonghwa [passing]. Without True Father and True Mother, we would not be here together on this special Memorial day. - Françoise M.

Many thanks to everyone who came and helped on the day and a special thanks to Kumiko L. from the Holy Oak Memorial Woodland for preparing the ground and welcoming us.

You can listen to Franklin F.'s message and Ruth J.'s testimony through this link:  
[www.youtube.com/channel/UCL5BeM2V4a71SvZ5A\\_LS5bQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL5BeM2V4a71SvZ5A_LS5bQ)