

OBITUARY



THE REVEREND LAWRENCE CAMPBELL 1941 - 19 January 2012

Lawrence Campbell died on 19th January, and branch chairman Terry attended his funeral at Sandringham church, to represent the Legion: the branch standard was also present. Born in Belfast in 1941, Lawrence Campbell lost his mother at the age of 12, and felt called to the priesthood from that age. He studied theology in Dublin with Robin Eames, who later became Primate of All Ireland. The Reverend Campbell's first curacy was in 1963, and he quickly became involved with many social activities in his pastoral work, and had a rapport with younger people, which may have prompted his decision to volunteer to become a Royal Navy chaplain. He first served in the Far East Fleet, along with shore appointments in Portsmouth and Rosyth.

After leaving the Royal Navy, the Rev Campbell was appointed rector of Brancaster, Burnham Deepdale, Titchwell and Choseley, and spent the rest of his life in this part of Norfolk, his children attending Glebe House School, Hunstanton. He retired in 2008. Along with his membership of the Legion, he was Chaplain to the Royal Naval Association and Chaplain to the Hunstanton lifeboat.

He is remembered for graciousness, charm, humour and strength of character.