

WELL STREET CHURCH

Buckingham
(Methodist and United Reformed)



OPENING AND DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHURCH

Saturday, 4th April, 1987

3.00 pm.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS THE MINISTERS ENTER

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Revd.J.W.Bell: Vicar of Buckingham)

HYMN

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING (Tune: Richmond)

- 1 O FOR a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of thy name.
- 3 Jesus—the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
- 4 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.
- 5 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.
- 6 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!
- 7 See all your sins on Jesus laid:
The Lamb of God was slain;
His soul was once an offering made
For every soul of man.
- 8 In Christ, our Head, you then shall know,
Shall feel, your sins forgiven,
Anticipate your heaven below,
And own that love is heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

(Revd.Dennis Williams: Chairman of the Oxford and Leicester
District of the Methodist Church)

SOLO

(Mr.Paul Hodges)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 KINGS 8: 22 - 30

(Mr. Arthur Robinson: Senior Church Steward)

EPISTLE

1 PETER 2: 1 - 10

(Mr. Andrew Mashiter: Property Committee)

HYMN

THY HAND O GOD HAS GUIDED (Tune: Thornbury)

- 1 THY hand, O GOD, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness:
One church, one faith, one Lord.
- 2 Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest, as to least;
They bade men rise, and hasten
To share the great King's feast;
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, right restored,
Was all in this enfolded:
One church, one faith, one Lord.
- 3 Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
The vict'ry shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem:
One church, one faith, one Lord!

E. H. Plumptre (1821-91)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Mrs. Kathryn Mashiter: Church Secretary)

OFFERTORY

(For Aylesbury Vale Hospice Appeal)

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERTORY

UNVEILING OF PLAQUE RECORDING GRATEFUL THANKS

(By Mrs. L. Brenchley)

HYMN

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION (Tune: Aurelia)

- 1 THE church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word;
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.
- 3 'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.
- 4 Yet she on earth has union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 15: 1-17

(Mrs. Alice Crosland: Local Preacher)

THE REDEDICATION OF THE CHURCH

(Rev. JOHN SLOW: Moderator of the East Midlands
Province of the United Reformed Church)

HYMN

WE LOVE THE PLACE O GOD (Tune: Quam Dilecta)

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| 1 We love the place, O God,
Wherein Thine honour dwells;
The joy of Thine abode
All earthly joy excels. | Of comfort in the strife
And joys that never cease. |
| 2 It is the house of prayer,
Wherein Thy servants meet;
And Thou, O Lord, art there,
Thy chosen flock to greet. | 4 We love to sing below
Of mercies freely given.
But O we long to know
The triumph song of heaven! |
| 3 We love the word of life,
The word that tells of peace. | 5 Lord Jesus, give us grace,
On earth to love Thee more,
In heaven to see Thy face,
And with Thy saints adore. Amen. |

William Bullock, (1798-1874)

SERMON

(Mr. Paul Bartlett Lang: Joseph Rank
Benevolent Trust)

HYMN

THE DAWNING DAY IS OPEN TO THE SUNRISE (Tune: Martinsmead)

The dawning day is open to the sunrise,
The flowers awake, the songs of birds begin.
Our life awaking, opens to God's newness.
O Light of God, the Living God, come in.

The work-filled day is waiting for our caring.
The people that we meet, their troubles bring.
O'erflow our hearts with love, the burden sharing.
O Love of Christ, the Saving Christ, come in.

As evening comes, the striving is not ended.
The calm and rest we seek are not within.
We need His Spirit sent by Christ ascended.
Spirit of God, with peace and power come in.

O God, the Light and Love, the peace and power,
So fill us with your grace, cast out our sin.
Enthroned within our hearts, each holy hour,
O Trinity, O Three in One, come in.

Alice T. Crosland

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Mr. Don Crosland and Mrs. Margaret Culver:
Local Preachers)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

LORD OF GOOD LIFE (Tune: Eastwood)

LORD of good life, the host of the undying
Hail Thee as conqueror on the heavenly field;
So we on earth, to their great song replying,
Here to Thy claim our earthly service yield.

- 2 Take Thou our strength, for Thou hast proved the
stronger,
Victor in wars our weakness never knew;
Take Thou our love, for Thou hast loved the longer;
Take Thou our truth, for Thou hast proved more
true.
- 3 Take Thou our courage, for Thy trumpets call us
On where new perils still our manhood greet;
Take Thou our fears that weaken and enthral us,
Tread them to dust beneath Thy conquering feet.
- 4 Glory to God, who thus to man has given
Best of His gifts, the call to share His strife!
Glory to God, who bids us fight for heaven
Here in the dust and joy of human life!

Geoffrey Hoyland

BLESSING

(Revd. J.W. Bell: Vicar of Buckingham)