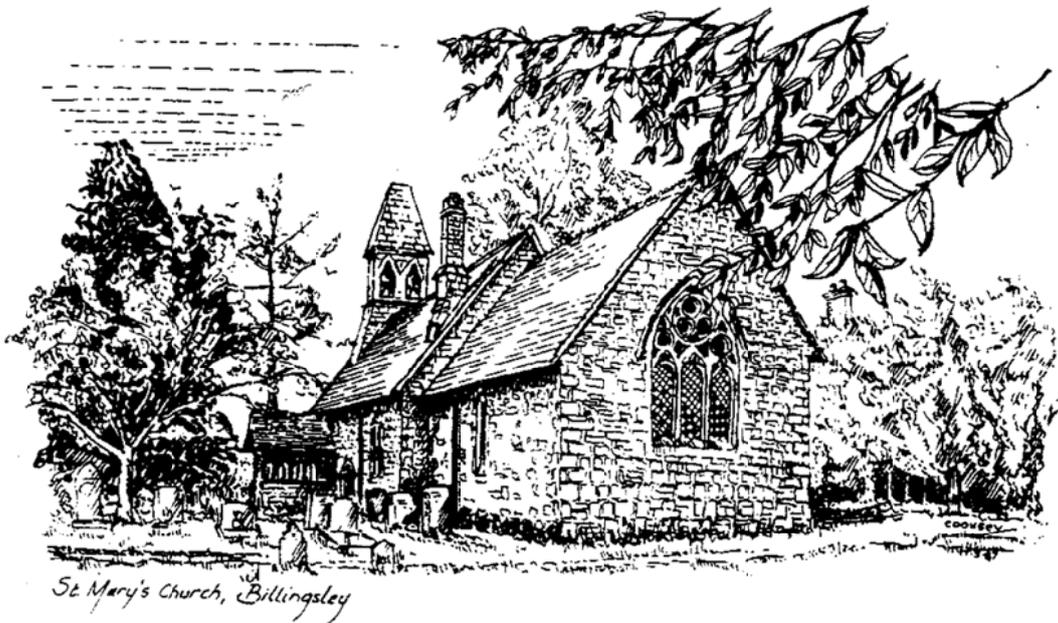


Service of Evening Prayer and Re-dedication of the Church Bells

**St Mary's Church
Billingsley**



Sunday 8th July 6pm

**Service conducted by The Rt Revd Alistair
Magowan, Bishop of Ludlow.**

Leader Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All **And also with you**

FIRST HYMN

He Who Would Valiant Be

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories
Do but themselves confound - his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might; though he with giants fight,
He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit,
We know we at the end, shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

Leader Let us pray with one heart and mind

All **That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful**

Leader Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night

All **To you be praise and glory for ever**

Leader By the light of Christ, your living Word

All **Dispel the darkness of our hearts**

Leader That we may walk as children of light

All **And sing your praise throughout the world**

Leader Jesus says “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.” So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All **Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your
love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse
us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your
salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Leader May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All **MAGNIFICAT**

- 1** **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord**
- 2** **My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour**
- 3** **For he has looked with favour on his lowly
servant**
- 4** **From this day all generations will call me
blessed**
- 5** **The Almighty has done great things for me**
- 6** **And holy is his name**
- 7** **He has mercy on those who fear him**
- 8** **From generation to generation**
- 9** **He has shown strength with his arm**

**10 And has scattered the proud in their conceit
11 Casting down the mighty from their thrones
12 And lifting up the lowly
13 He has filled the hungry with good things
14 And sent the rich away empty
15 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel
16 To remember his promise of mercy
17 The promise made to our ancestors
18 To Abraham and his children for ever**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen

FIRST BIBLE READING

1 Peter: 4-10 (*read by Mr Christopher Gill*)

PSALM 48 (said by all)

1 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, ♦ in the city of our God.

2 His holy mountain is fair and lifted high, ♦ the joy of all the earth.

3 On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place, ♦ stands the city of the great king.

4 In her palaces God has shown himself ♦ to be a sure refuge. *We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God.*

5 For behold, the kings of the earth assembled ♦ and swept forward together.

6 They saw, and were dumbfounded; ♦ dismayed, they fled in terror.

7 Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in labour, ♦ as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

8 As we had heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God: ♦ God has established her for ever.

We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God.

9 We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God, ♦ in the midst of your temple.

10 As with your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; ♦ your right hand is full of justice.

11 Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad, ♦ because of your judgements, O Lord.

12 Walk about Zion and go round about her; count all her towers; ♦ consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,

13 That you may tell those who come after that such is our God for ever and ever. ♦ It is he that shall be our guide for evermore.

We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God.

Father of lights, raise us with Christ to your eternal city, that, with kings and nations, we may wait in the midst of your temple and see your glory for ever and ever.

SECOND HYMN

Lord of all Power

Lord of all power, I give You my will,
In joyful obedience Your tasks to fulfil,
Your bondage is freedom, Your service is song,
And, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give You my mind,
Rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find,
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard,
Is taught by Your Spirit and shines from Your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give You my heart,
I praise and adore You for all You impart,
Your love to inspire me, Your counsel to guide,
Your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give You my all,
For if I disown You I stumble and fall,
But, sworn in glad service Your word to obey,
I walk in Your freedom to the end of the way.

SECOND BIBLE READING

Mark 6 vs 1-13 *(read by Mrs Mary Nelson)*

READING

“Thank you By Numbers” – A letter to God
(read by Ms Zoe Baggott)

TALK *(Bishop Alistair)*

CREED (said by all)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of
the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into

heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THIRD HYMN

Guide me oh Thou Great Redeemer

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me now and evermore;
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer;
Be thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Sit or kneel for prayers beginning with The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

PRAYERS *(led by Revd Val Smith)*

THE COLLECT (the special prayer for the day)

Time of prayer concluded by all saying.....

**Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift
of your holy word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
a light upon our paths,
and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us
to love and serve all people;
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

FOURTH HYMN

Ring Out Glad Bells (to the tune of “Jerusalem”)

Ring out, glad bells! Arouse our hearts,
Shame our indifference and our strife;
Call us again to leave behind
All that impedes our spirit's life --
And with your wide and son'rous mouths
Inspire our mouths to sing anew
The praise of Him who reigns above,
The righteous One, the Just, the True.

Your substance once was hid from sight
Mute in the darkness of the earth,
But by man's skill, to give delight,
You were brought forth and given birth.
We are from nothing; may we be
Found, when this mortal life is done
True-cast by God the Father's love
To bear the image of the Son.

Ring out, glad bells! From belfries dark
Call us, with loud resounding voice
Into that light which never dims,
Wherein the Holy Ones rejoice;
And, as your sound goes boldly out,
So may we go, to make Christ known,
Till all the sons of God shall shout
With endless joy before His throne!

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

(during which the bells will be rung by Mrs Cairen Stedman).

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council we would very much like to thank you all for coming this evening, and especially to Bishop Alistair for leading this special service.

We hope you can all stay and join us for some refreshments and enjoy looking at our display board featuring information and photographs about the restoration work and local history.

Zoe Baggott and Rebecca Hadley
Church Wardens

The Parochial Church Council would like to thank the community of Billingsley and surrounding parishes for all of their help and support towards our fundraising appeal. The individual donations are too many to mention but our thanks and prayers go out to you all.

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