**St Andrew's Church**

Orford with Longford

in the Diocese of Liverpool



**Dedication Festival**

**3rd September 2017**

#### THE GATHERING

**Preparation:** *(please remain seated to sing)*

383 ‘Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here’

Priest: How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

**Introit hymn:** *(stand)* 208 vv. 1, 5-9 ‘Christ is made the sure foundation’

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: We are a temple of God’s indwelling Holy Spirit, yet we have grieved him. The temple of our bodies does not belong to us, but was bought at the price of Christ’s precious blood. So we come, in sorrow yet with confidence, to ask forgiveness of our Father in heaven.

(After a period of silent reflection)

All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

Priest: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All ♪ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord

God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Collect:** Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **A reading from the first book of Kings** *(1 Kings 8. 22–30)*

Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, ‘O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, “There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.” Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, “My name shall be there,” that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(please remain seated)* 392 ‘Bright the vision that delighted’

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews** *(Heb. 12. 18–24)*

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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**Gradual hymn:** *(please stand)* 211 ‘We love the place, O God’

##### THE GOSPEL

Priest: Lord, we love the house of your habitation

and the place where your glory abides.

All ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew *(Mt. 21. 12–16)*

All ♪ Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, ‘It is written, “My house shall be called a house of prayer”; but you are making it a den of robbers.’ The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David,’ they became angry and said to him, ‘Do you hear what these are saying?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Yes; have you never read, “Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself”?’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All ♪ Praise to you, O Christ

##### The Sermon

All stand to say the Nicene Creed:

Priest: We believe in one God,

**All: the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Intercession *(please kneel)*

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Leader: For the Church universal,

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For a sense of fellowship with Saint Andrew our patron and all your saints.

**All:** **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

O God, from living stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling-place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit, those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

* **those who are ill:** (4) Su Williams, Eleanor Moran, Carol Latimer, Kerrie Hadland, Tracy McLaughlin, Gary Cooper, Vera Wood (3)Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray (2) Mary Lowe, Jenson Wright, Barbara Cook, Kirsty Humphries, Val Carter, Bill Lowson (1)Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eric Tickle, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Rhia Roberts
* **those who have died:** Yvonne Sutcliffe, Bob Fitzsimmons, Sue Machin
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time:**

***Sunday:*** Doris Jepson

***Wednesday:*** John Holmes snr, Joseph Melia, Marjorie Roughley, Jack Carter

***Thursday:*** Alice May Savage, Doug Lewis

***Friday:*** Elsie Gough, Jean Chadwick

***Saturday:*** John Young, Brian Cudlip

#### THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

**The Peace**   *(Please stand)*

Priest:Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father.

Peace to this house from his Son, who is our peace.

Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.

**Offertory Hymn:** 380 omit verses 4 and 6 ‘At the name of Jesus’

**Eucharistic Prayer E** *(please kneel)*

Priest: The Lord is here.

♪All: His Spirit is with us.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

♪All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, enthroned upon the praises of your people. We thank you for this house of prayer, in which you bless your family as we come to you in pilgrimage. Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs, and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace. Here you build your temple of living stones, and bring the Church to its full stature as the Body of Christ throughout the world, to reach its perfection at last in the heavenly city of Jerusalem, which is the vision of your peace. Therefore, in union with the heavenly Jerusalem, with angels in joyful assembly, with all whose names are written in heaven, and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, we lift up our voices to join in the triumphal song of praise:

♪All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are

full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, highest. Hosanna in the highest, the highest, the highest, the highest.

Priest: We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

♪All: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Priest: Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Saint Andrew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Priest: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us

All: 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.

Priest: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

♪All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Priest: God’s holy gifts for God’s holy people:

All: Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father

Holy Communion is administered at the front of Church. Everyone is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion at this Eucharist. Those who prefer to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward at the same time.

**Hymns during Communion:**

351 ‘In our day of thanksgiving’

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,

and all these things will be added unto you: Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia.*

You shall not live by bread alone, but by ev’ry word

that proceeds from the mouth of God; Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia.*

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find;

knock, and it shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia.*

**After Communion:**

Priest: Let us pray:

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

**Hymn:** 81 ‘Lord for the years’

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##### THE DISMISSAL GOSPEL

Priest: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**♪All: Glory to you, O Lord**

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Priest:Christ, whose glory is in the heavens, fill this house and illuminate your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Priest: Like living stones precious in his sight,

go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Services and Notices for the coming week:**

**Today: 12 noon Holy Baptism**

Tues 5th: 7.00pm Parish Office and Choir Practice

Wed 6th: 7.00pm Eucharist

Thurs 7th: 10.30am Eucharist

12.30pm Funeral of Sue Machin

8.00pm Thursday Ladies' Club meets at the vicarage

**Next Sunday The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**(10th Sept) 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

**After the service**: please join us for a glass of something to celebrate the Dedication. Soft drinks available. Everyone welcome.

**Advance notice:** The **PCC** will meet on Tuesday 19th at 8.00pm

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