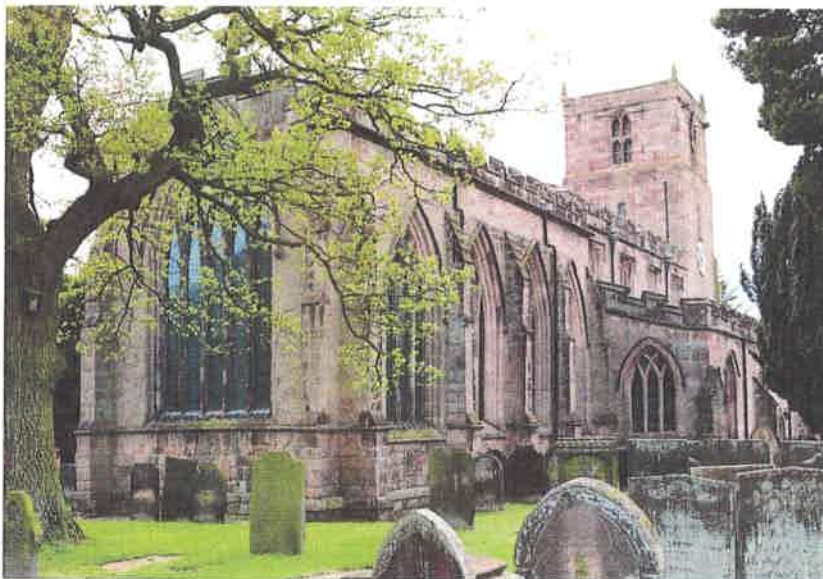


St Mary & All Saints', Checkley

A SERVICE OF
THANKSGIVING



FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE
BELLS PROJECT

Sunday 23rd July 2017

11:00 am

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome Hello and welcome to St Mary & All Saints' Church in Checkley. I'm the Reverend Irene Smith and we welcome listeners to BBC Radio Stoke who join us for our worship.

We begin our service with...

HYMN **Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,**
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honour the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;
all honour and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Introduction **The Bells Project in Checkley**

HYMN **Angel- voices ever singing**
round thy throne of light,
angel-bells for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee,
and confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can see,
can it be that thou regardest
our poor hymnody?
Yes, we know that thou art near us
and wilt hear us
constantly.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

Reading **Numbers 10:1-10** read by Ewan Forsyth

The Bell Ringers' Hymn

Unchanging God, who livest
Enthroned in realms on high,
To men the power thou givest
Thy name to magnify.
We raise the bells for ringing
With ready mind and will,
And come before thee, bringing
Our hearts, our strength, our skill.

We call, from tower and steeple,
Upon the day of days,
All faithful Christian people
To worship, prayer and praise;
We ring with joyous gladness
When man and wife are blessed;
We peal in muffled sadness
For loved ones laid to rest.

By union free and willing
The work of God is done;
Our Master's prayer fulfilling,
We would in him be one:
One, as the Church our Mother
Would have her children stand,
Befriending one another,
A strong and steadfast band.

Our lives, like bells, while changing,
An ordered course pursue;
Through joys and sorrows ranging,
May all those lives ring true.
May we, through Christ forgiven,
Our faults and failures past,
Attain our place in heaven,
Called home to rest at last.

Address given by the Archdeacon of Stoke,
The Ven. Matthew Parker

HYMN

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
the sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
and let's give the message to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

Go through the park, on into the town;
the sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
the people of darkness are needing our friend.

So light up the fire.....

Open your eyes, look into the sky,
the darkness has come, the sun came to die,
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
but Jesus is living, and his Spirit is near

So light up the fire.....

Prayers read by Mrs Judithe Best

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours, now and forever. Amen**

HYMN

Now thank we all our God,
With heart, and hands, our voices,
Who wondrous things hath clone,
In Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath bless'd us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us ;
And keep us in His grace.
And guide us when perplex'd,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With Them in highest Heaven,
The One Eternal God,
Whom earth amid Heav'n adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Dedication of a Commemorative Picture

The Blessing

Thank you for being here today.

Please stay with us for wine and nibbles at the back of the church.



St Mary & All Saints' Church, Checkley

Local Vicar

The Rev'd Irene Smith

Churchwardens

Mr Derek Chesters

Mrs Wendy Carr

PCC Secretary

Mrs Shelagh Taylor

BELLS APPEAL

Appeal Chairperson

Mrs Heather Graham

Tower Captain

Mr David Johnson

Vice Tower Captain

Mr Brian Morley

Bell Appeal Officer

Mr Clive Smith

Bell Founders

Whitechapel Bell Foundry

MD Mr Alan Hughes

