



Songs of Praise



2nd October 2016, 5:30pm

St Lawrence Church Chobham

Welcome to this **Songs of Praise Service** – a veritable celebration of many of our well known and well-loved hymns. The service will proceed with a collection of readings, the church and school choirs and the wonderful Chobham Handbell Ringers. As part of this year's Chobham Festival this evening we can all sing our hearts out!

During the service there will be a collection for the repair to St Lawrence Church Tower.

Welcome

Please stand

Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful....

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky;

All things bright and beautiful....

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

All things bright and beautiful...

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty,
who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful...

We Respond in Prayer

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you**

Gracious God who fills our senses with glory:
attune our minds to the rhythm of your Spirit!

All **Lord, open our hearts to worship**

Descend your choir of angels Lord,
and raise us to meet your glorious song!

All **Lord, open our hearts to worship**

May all who stand before you in Earth and Heaven
sing songs of everlasting praise!

All **Lord, open our hearts to worship**

Begin the music, strike the timbrel,
play the melodious harp and lyre!

All **Lord, at your name we sing today!**

A Guiding Story

The Carrot, The Egg, and The Coffee Bean

Hymn: O God Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while troubles last,
and our eternal home!

The St Lawrence Chobham Handbell Ringers

The ringers will play for us:

Onward Christian Soldiers

What a Wonderful World

Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

The School Choir

Valley End, St Lawrence and Coworth Flexlands Schools will be singing:

'Shine Jesus Shine', followed by 'I the Lord of Sea and Sky'

A Guiding Story

The Mustard Seed

Our Prayers

The St Lawrence Choir

*The Choir will sing 'How Lovely are the Messengers', by Mendelssohn'
Followed by John Parry singing "To Power Immortal" from Handel's
Belshazzar.*

A collection will be taken up during the hymn.

Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free,
he sets the prisoner free,
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, list'ning to His voice,
new life the dead receive,
new life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ,
your loosened tongues employ,
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of Thy name.

A Final Blessing

Hymn: Thy Hand O God has Guided

Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
their wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
thy people owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness;
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
thy victory shall be won;
and then, by all creation,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

The Organ Voluntary

**Our thanks go to the children of Coworth-Flexlands, St Lawrence Schools
and Valley End schools, and to James West and St Lawrence Church Choir
for their contributions to this service.**