

AllSaints



'A Joyful Assembly'

Order of Service

**Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving
for the completion of the Rock refurbishment project**

11am Sunday 6th October 2024

All Saints Church, Weston, Bath

Thank you for coming to this very special service of celebration and dedication as we give thanks to God for this beautifully refurbished church building and for all the hard work and dedication that has gone into the ROCK Project over the past 12 years.

Whether you were present when the ideas were conceived; or you prayed and encouraged along the way; or maybe you have recently come along to All Saints, perhaps as part of the construction team, you are most welcome to this service.

There are a number of examples of first-rate design and craftsmanship in the new building – not all of it seen. One thing in particular to note is the glass sculpture in the Memorial Chapel, which is shown on the front cover of this service booklet. The title of the work is ‘Joyful Assembly’ and it has been created by Rachael Stone, a longstanding member of All Saints Church and a nationally recognised glass designer.

Our prayer is that this building will see many, many Joyful Assemblies in the years ahead and in so doing it will continue to glorify God and serve the community for many future generations to come.

May we know God’s presence and his blessing as we follow Jesus the Good Shepherd together today and in the days that follow.



Before the service begins at 11am, the band led by Phil Day and our organist Chris Carrick will play a selection of music and hymns including 'This earth belongs to God' a hymn based on Psalm 24 which was sung at the consecration of the new church in 1832 and at the dedication of the enlargement of the church in 1893.

Psalm 24 verses 3-6 & 10

*Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.*

*They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God their Saviour.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.*

*Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is he, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty — he is the King of glory.*

*Before the service starts, there will be a moment of silence
after which the congregation will please stand*

The Greeting

Bishop Michael

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

All: And also with you

O Lord, open our lips

All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

Opening Hymn

Tell out my Soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word –
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same –
his holy name: The Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith

Welcome

Revd Tom Yacomeni

Opening prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

All: And kindle in us the fire of your love.

All who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

The story of the Rock Project

Tom Peryer

Richard Lewis

Prayers of Dedication

Bishop Michael

Prayer over the water to be used for blessing and dedication

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You are our light and our salvation.

From the deep waters of death
you have raised your Son to life in triumph.

Grant that all who have been born anew
by water and the Spirit

may daily be renewed in your image,
walk by the light of faith,

and serve you in newness of life;
through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Bishop then proceeds to dedicate the building:

At the Holy Table in the Chancel

God of all mercies, we thank you for the mystery of your love and the grace extended to us in your son Jesus Christ. As we remember his death upon the cross, may this table be a place of welcome and communion for all, where we find forgiveness and healing, so we may worship you in Spirit and in truth.

All Amen

In the North Transept

God of all welcome, as you opened the doors of the kingdom to all who would follow you, may these doors be always open to those who seek you. Let people of every age, stage and ability find their place in your church, that we may all walk in your footsteps and bring the light of your love to others.

All Amen

In the South Transept

God of all peace, we thank you for your Word which is living and active, sharper than a double-edged sword. May all that is said, seen and recorded in this place draw people to hear and respond to the life-giving message of Christ, hope of the nations.

All Amen

In the Nave

God of all love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we thank you for your people and this place in which we gather. May this whole building reflect your life, your light, your grace and your welcome. We dedicate it to you now for the praise of your name for generations to come.

All Amen

The Bishop then prays for the church and community:

Will all those who have been hands-on involved in the Rock project please stand:

Father we give thanks for all those whose hard work and faithful dedication has brought about the completion of this project. May they know your abundant blessing and joy for this moment, and peace, assurance and protection in the days ahead.

All Amen

Will everyone else, including all who have given, encouraged and supported the work please stand, if you are able:

Lord we thank you for the provision and generosity of this community. As this place is a testament to your favour and grace, may your people here continue to know your love both now and in the years to come. Through the life and witness of this church, we pray for a rich harvest of lives transformed by the saving power of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Bishop invites the congregation to dedicate themselves to God

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All With the help of God, I will.

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign,
one God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Songs of Worship

Give thanks to the Lord (Forever)

Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King:
His love endures forever.
For he is good, he is above all things.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever, God is faithful,
forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
By the grace of God, we will carry on.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise.

My Jesus, my Saviour

Darlene Zschech (Hillsong)

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like you;
all of my days
I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath,
all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King:
mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
for ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand;
nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Reading

Ephesians 2: 12 – 21 Christ Jesus the Chief Cornerstone

Revd Tim Watson (Rector of All Saints 1982 – 1994)

Remember that you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you, who once were far away, have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Sermon

Bishop Michael

Song of response

Cornerstone *Hillsong Worship*

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all*

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless I stand before the throne

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
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Act of Blessing

Passing the church keys from the oldest to the youngest

Prayers **Revd Patrick Whitworth (Rector of All Saints 1995 – 2016)**

Concluding with The Lord's Prayer:

**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 for ever.
Amen**

Duet: Let us build a house

Geoff White & Rich Newman

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

**All: Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

***All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
(Repeat)***

Notices and invitation

Revd Emma King

Closing prayer

Tom Yacomeni

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

Final Blessing

Bishop Michael

Hymn

Lord for the Years

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith

Thank you for coming and for making this such as special celebration!

Immediately after the service: please proceed directly outside through the south doors for group photos and the cutting of the ribbon by Bishop Michael.

Lunch Arrangements: We are anticipating up to 250 people for lunch. Much as we would like everyone to eat together in the new church building, this would not be practical or safe. So we plan to seat 125 in church and 125 in the All Saints Centre. It will be the same menu in both venues. Specially invited guests and those who would find going down to the Church Centre difficult are welcome to stay in the church. The Church Centre will be a more family-friendly venue and toys will be out for the children. Others are welcome to choose whichever venue they would prefer but if all the seats are taken in one venue, we hope you would not mind moving to the other one!

Offering: We are so grateful to God that the Rock project has been financed through the enormous generosity of church members, trusts and legacies, plus a loan from Methodist Chapel Aid. If you would like to support the work of All Saints, your donations would be most gratefully received. There are collection boxes at the exits, or you can give electronically via our website or using the card terminal by the South doors. Thank you!



Scan this QR code to give online and read more about the Rock project financing

Finally... Alpha: If you are interested in finding out more about the Christian faith, do join our next **Alpha course** for friendly discussion over a delicious free meal. Over 25 million people have attended Alpha around the world and it is a wonderful opportunity to make friends and explore the big questions about life, purpose and meaning. Alpha starts Tuesday January 14th 2025 at 7pm in the All Saints Centre. Please see allsaintsweston.org.uk/alpha for more information.

