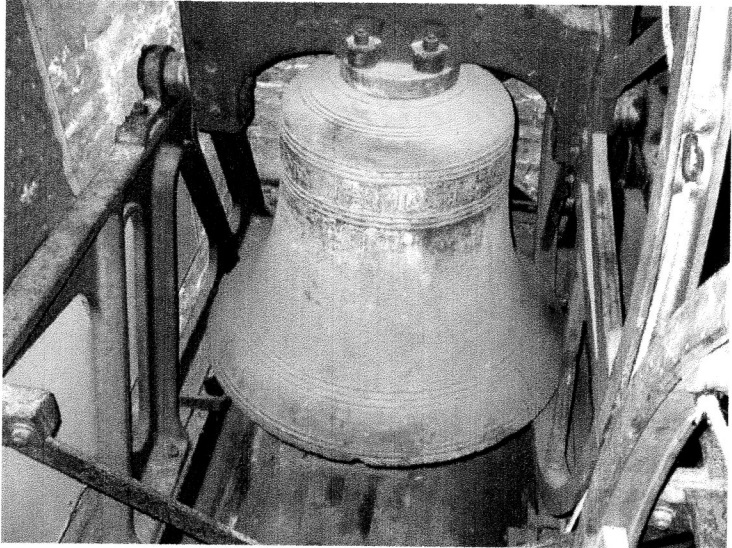




THE PARISH OF ST JAMES BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON



**CELEBRATION OF 300 YEARS OF
BELLS
1706 - 2006**

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
All **and also with you.**

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
All **Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.**

HYMN 170

The Church's one foundation

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Prayers of Penitence

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 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.

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from your sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Blessed are you, sovereign God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You led your people to freedom
by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.
May we who walk in the light of your presence
acclaim your Christ, rising victorious
as he banishes all darkness from our hearts and minds.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The day is almost over, and the evening has come;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your Spirit come down upon us
to set us free to sing your praise
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,*
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter *
and our tongue with songs of joy.
- 3 Then said they among the nations, *
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, *
and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, *
as the river beds of the desert.
- 6 Those who sow in tears *
shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, *
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

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 Reading

Jeremiah 45:1-5

HYMN 146

When Morning Guilds the Skies

Second Reading

Matthew 20.20-28

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.

All **The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.

All **The Lord is the strength of my life.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All **The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

Gospel Canticle The Magnificat

1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

2 For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

3 For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.

4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.

5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.

6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts

7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for
ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Sermon & Bell Ringing

HYMN 209

Through all the changing scenes of life

The Creed

**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.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

The Collect is said.

**Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay,
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.**

**Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray**

**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**

The Conclusion

HYMN 203

O praise ye the Lord

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.**

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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