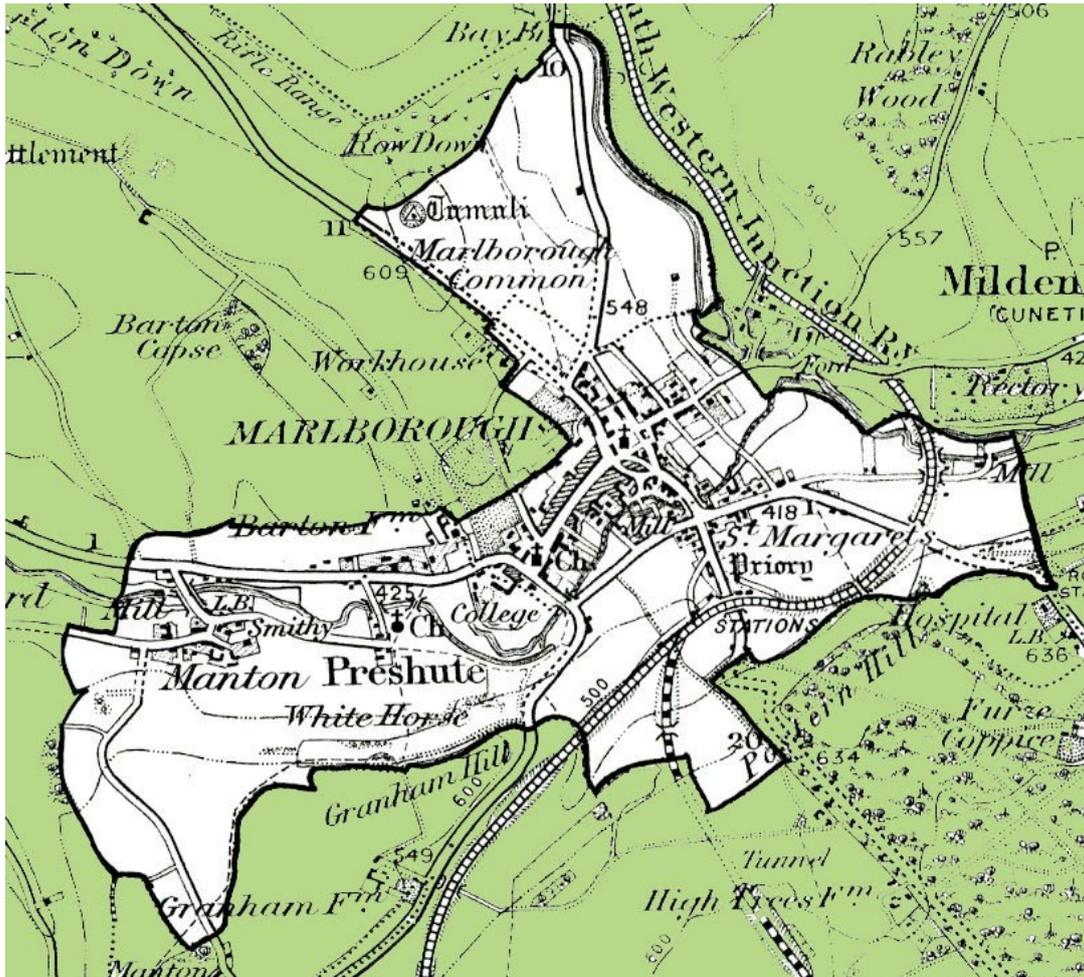


# Civic Service at St Mary's Church

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018



**A Celebration of  
Schools & Education**

**Processional Hymn 573 Praise to the Lord, the almighty**

**Bidding Prayer**            *The Revd Canon Andrew Studdert-Kennedy*  
*Team Rector, Marlborough Anglican Team*

We meet today to we celebrate and give thanks for education in Marlborough. We give thanks for our local schools: Marlborough St Mary's Primary School, St John's Academy, Preshute Primary School and Marlborough College, and we ask for God's blessing on all who study and work there.

We will pray for all who live and who work in this Town, in particular with children and young people. In the presence of Mayors from other towns in Wiltshire, The Mayor of Marlborough and Town Councillors, will be commissioned and we will pray for support in their service for the local community.

We have come to a holy place, rich with generations of Christian worship, to thank God for the many blessings of life and for the privilege of public service. We come asking for strength always to strive for the greater good.

Living God,  
in this building used to the sound of singing;  
in this building, where people have come to be married,  
or to celebrate the birth of a child;  
in this building where people have wept and been filled with joy;  
in this building where you have so often been with your people,  
we ask you to be with us now. **Amen**

## Preshute Primary School Choir sings 'Genies and Rainbows'

### Confession

God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

### Words of Forgiveness

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.

*All* **Amen.**

## Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Song      **Jesus be the centre, be the wind in these sails**

Jesus, be the centre  
Be my source, be my light  
Jesus.

Jesus, be the centre  
Be my hope, be my song  
Jesus.

*(Chorus)*  
*Be the fire in my heart,*  
*Be the wind in these sails,*  
*Be the reason that I live*  
*Jesus, Jesus.*

Jesus, be my vision  
Be my path, be my guide  
Jesus. *(Chorus)*

**Reading**    Luke 10.25-37    The Good Samaritan  
*Read by Ellie Slater, Head Girl, St John's Academy*

**Address**    *The Revd Dr Janneke Blokland*  
*Chaplain to the Town Mayor*

**Piano interlude by Frankie Griest, St John's Academy**

**Creed**

*All*    **We believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world.**

**This is our faith,  
we believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**Hymn      88    Brother, sister let me serve you**  
*(Offertory Hymn – for the Mayor's Charities)*

**Marlborough St Mary's School choir sings 'Why we sing'**

## Prayers

*Read by pupils from Marlborough St Mary's School*

Loving God, we thank you for gifts and talents you have given us.  
We pray that we may use them to help each other and serve you.

Creative God, who gives us good things, we pray for the this Town;  
for shops and public places, for all who work and live here.

We give thanks for our local schools: Marlborough St Mary's School,  
Preshute Primary School, St John's Academy and Marlborough College.  
We thank you for all who have been to school here throughout the  
years, and for the gift of learning and teaching.

We pray for all our leaders in local and national government. Today we  
pray especially for our Town Mayor and Councillors, that they look to  
you for wisdom as they lead this community.

Lord, you are a God who sees and cares for the lost, the lonely, the  
broken and the hopeless. You know the needs of the people in our  
community. We pray that you comfort those who are suffering.

In a moment of silence, we bring before you the people in our  
community and the people we know who are having a hard time;  
we ask you to be with them now.

*We keep a moment of silence together.*

Let us pray together as Jesus himself has taught us:

## The Lord's Prayer

**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 Commissioning**

*The Town Mayor and Councillors are asked to come to the front and face the congregation.*

*All stand*

*The Team Rector addresses the Town Mayor:*

Will you, Councillor Lisa Farrell, having been elected to the office of Town Mayor of Marlborough Town Council, declare that you will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of it according to the best of your judgement and ability?

*The Town Mayor replies: **I will.***

*The Team Rector addresses the Town Councillors:*

Will you, Councillors, declare that you will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of it according to the best of your judgement and ability?

*The Town Councillors reply: **We will.***

*The Team Rector addresses the Congregation:*

Will you, people of Marlborough, declare that you will support these people to duly and faithfully fulfil their duties to the best of your judgement and ability?

*All **We will.***

*All return to their seats.*

## **The Blessing**

**Hymn 525 One more step along the world I go**

*Everyone is invited to the Town Hall afterwards for refreshments.*



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