

A Service of Celebration on the

30th Anniversary of



HIGH CROSS CHURCH

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Sunday, 15th March 2020



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*30 years at the heart
of community*

Those taking part in today's service:

Revd Catherine Bowstead

Methodist Circuit Superintendent Berkshire, Surrey Borders Circuit

Mary Cooper

Member of High Cross Church

Revd Alan Costello

Methodist Minister of High Cross Church

Revd Clare Downing

Moderator of the Wessex Synod of the United Reformed Church

Pat Fahey

Member of High Cross Church

Colin Morey

Member of High Cross Church

Sue Shoveller

Church Secretary of High Cross Church

Revd Mike Thomason

United Reformed Church Minister of High Cross Church

Revd Dave Tomlinson

Writer and Church of England Priest

The music group is led by **Flynn Everard**, the choir conducted by **John Wood**, and the Organist is **David Markby**.

With grateful thanks to **Chris Alexander** and **The Camberley and District Silver Band** for all their support.

Welcome

Revd Mike Thomason

Call to Worship

Let us worship God, for it is written
"If the house is not built by the Lord,
The builders will labour in vain."

So come into his gates, giving thanks
And enter his courts with songs of praise,
Bring him thanks, sing praise to his name.

**All: See, how the Lord is good!
See, for eternity his love!
He is faithful, age after age!**

Hymn

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 love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
*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.*

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.*

Marty Haugen (1950-)

Prayer *Revd Catherine Bowstead*

Reading John 21: 15-25 *Pat Fahey*

Hymn (Tune: Arky, Arky Song)

The Lord said to Camb'ley
'You need a new churchey, churchey'
Lord said to Camb'ley
'You need a new churchey, churchey'
So two groups can go and mergey, mergey'
Children of the Lord.

*So, rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory
Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory
Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory
Children of the Lord.*

The Lord said to Camb'ley
'Go give them the landy, landy'
Lord said to Camb'ley
'Go give them the landy, landy'
Space to build with parking handy, handy'
Children of the Lord.
So, rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory ...

And so the new building,
It started to risey, risey,
Br - ick by br - ick,
It started to risey, risey
Had no worries about the pricey, pricey
People of High Cross.

Prayer of Dedication (said together)

**Lord God, yours is the greatness and the power and the glory.
Everything in heaven and on earth is yours, and all our riches and all
our wealth come from you. Now we thank you, and in our giving
praise your glorious name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Prayers *Mary Cooper*

Lords Prayer *Colin Morey*

Hymn

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name!*

Follow the path on which our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:

Each new-born soldier of the Crucified
Bears on their brow the seal of Him who died:

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine:

From farthest regions let them homage bring,
And on his cross adore their Saviour King:

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw the world to thee:

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)
and George William Kitchen (1827-1912)

Dismissal and Blessing *Revd Mike Thomason*

Now our worship has ended: may our service begin. Amen

Our mission to continue
What does the future hold?
Lord fill us with your spirit
The Gospel to uphold
For we will ever praise you
Throughout the coming years
High Cross will stand for ever
For all who hold it dear

David Markby (1938 -)

Sermon

Revd Dave Tomlinson

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down!
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place;
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Offertory

Today is a great celebration in the life of High Cross Church, and we are glad that you are able to share it with us. Many have asked for an opportunity to support the work of High Cross Church. So we greatly value the encouragement your gifts will provide.

*So, rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory ...
The Lord said to High Cross
'Now go into Camb'ley, Camb'ley
Help all the lonely
And lost ones my lambsies, lambsies
Welcome all and make them my fam'ly, fam'ly'
Children of the Lord.
So, rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory ...*

So High Cross has been here
For thirty odd yearsies, yearsies
Helping each other
Through cheersies and tearsies, tearsies,
Thanks to staff and volunteersies, 'tiersies,
People of High Cross.
So, rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory ...

Mary Cooper

History of High Cross

Sue Shoveller

Time of Reflection

Camberley and District Silver Band

Act of Commitment

Revd Clare Downing

(adapted from the original in 1990)

The members and fellowship of High Cross Church are invited to stand;

Today, gladly we affirm our commitment to each other as one fellowship in Christ, in all things to worship, pray and serve together for the building up of the Body of Christ.

We give thanks to God for all that has been achieved through the lives and ministries of High Cross Church over the past 30 years.

We commit to work by God's grace to ensure that High Cross remains a Church at the heart of Community.

**As the members of High Cross Church, we pray
For the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to make us loveable,
For the love of God to make us loving, and
For the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to bind us together.
And may the presence of God Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Help us to live up to our calling and our name. Amen**

Choir Anthem

This is my Father's World

Renewing our Covenant together *Revd Clare Downing*

I invite you now to covenant together before God and each other.

**Creating and redeeming God, we give you thanks and praise.
Your covenant of grace was made for our salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**We come this day to covenant with you
and with our companions in discipleship
to watch over each other in love
and to walk together in ways known and still to be made known.**

**Pour down your Spirit upon us, help us so to walk in your ways
that the promises we make this day, and the life that we live
together,
may be an offering of love, our duty and delight,
glorifying to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

**This day we give ourselves to the Lord and to each other
to be bound together in fellowship
and to work together in the unity of the Spirit
for the sake of God's mission: in this congregation, and in this town.**

**We commit all we have and all we are
to fulfilling God's purposes of love.**

As an act of unity, the entire congregation is asked to stand;

We dedicate this fellowship
to live to the glory of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Creator God, we praise you
that you made the whole earth
to shine with your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you
that you lived among us,
and we have seen your glory;
that you were lifted up on the Cross for us,
raised from death, and exalted to heaven.
Holy Spirit, we praise you
that on the day of Pentecost you gave birth
to the Church of Jesus Christ,
and still you gather God's people
for worship, fellowship and mission.

Now we pray for this community of your people,
that they may be rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ:

a worshipping community
**living in your love
and seeking your will;**
a missionary community
**where Jesus Christ is proclaimed
as Saviour and Lord;**
an inclusive community
**where all are welcome
and the peace of Christ is shared;**
a sacrificial community
**where the servant way is honoured
and self is left behind;**
a prophetic community
**witnessing to God's kingdom
and seeking the Spirit's work in the world.**

As this church continues in fellowship
we pray for the grace to support and encourage one another,
that we may all grow together in the unity of the Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn (Tune: Aurelia)

In joyful celebration
Our church in Camberley
For thirty years of service
Heart of community
We kneel in adoration
With gratitude and love
Lord bless this congregation
With love sent from above

With cross held high we sing Lord
Our talents for to bring
Whatever they may be Lord
We worship Christ the King
In all His glorious splendour
He showed us how to live
A life made up of service
To neighbours we must give

You helped us be united
In thought and deed and word
To all we have invited
One faith, one church, one Lord
To all there is a welcome
Of fellowship with thee
With acts of blended worship
To sing in harmony