



Manchester Christ Church
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Welcome to Christ Church
as we celebrate the
150th Anniversary of
Christ Church Primary School

Primary School



Welcome to Christ Church for our special anniversary service.

Please don't take photos during the service - school staff will do this.

Once the children arrive, Rev'd Carol welcomes the school and our honoured guests.

We stand to sing

During the Hymn, Bishop Joe processes in, with pupils carrying the newly made celebration altar cloth, school cross, Bible and lights

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 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 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.

The Greeting

Bishop Joe: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you

Pupils bring the newly made school altar cloth and place it on the altar ready for worship.

We open the Bible,
As we remember that God speaks to us through His Word
We place the cross at the centre
To remember that Jesus is at the centre of our school
We light our three candles,
To remember that God's love burns brightly for each one of us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Bishop introduces the service and offers the opening prayer:

Almighty God,
We give you our thanks that we can gather together today
celebrating the one hundred and fifty year anniversary of Christ Church School.
We give thanks for all who work and learn at the school, for the wider community and parish, for the diocesan
family of church schools and for all who have contributed to the life of the school over the last one hundred
and fifty years.
In Christ's name.
Amen

We light a candle as we look back and give thanks for all that has been.

Year Six share a history of the school, with the help of Matthew Cole.

Year Six share prayers of thanksgiving for the history of the school community.

We stand to sing:

Thank you, Lord, for this new day,
Thank you, Lord, for this new day,
Thank you, Lord, for this new day,
Right where we are.

*Alleluia, praise the Lord, Alleluia, praise the Lord,
Alleluia, praise the Lord, Right where we are!*

Thank you, Lord, for all our friends...

Thank you, Lord, for Christ Church School...

Thank you, Lord, for all your gifts...

We light a candle as we celebrate the present.

*Headteacher Miss Simpson helps us give thanks for the school as it is now.
We remember our school vision statement:*

*Have Faith...
In yourself... In others... In God.*

“For nothing will be impossible with God” Luke 1:37

Guests and special visitors share their encouragement and thanks.

We continue to pray:

**This is our school
Let peace dwell here
Let the room be full of contentment
Let God’s love abide here
And as many hands make a house
So many hearts make a school. Amen**

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.**

We stand to sing:

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

*Jesus is the Light, I’m gonna let Him shine
Jesus is the Light, I’m gonna let Him shine
Jesus is the Light, I’m gonna let Him shine
Let Him shine, let Him shine, let Him shine!*

*I will stomp my feet, and I will clap my hands
and shout, shout!
I will run around and I’ll jump off the ground and
shout, shout!
I will stomp my feet, and I will clap my hands
and shout, shout!
I will run around, I’ll jump off the ground and
shout, shout!*

We light a candle as we look forward

Pupil to read verses from Luke’s Gospel

The angel said to Mary,
‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.’ Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her. *(Luke 1: 35-38)*

Bishop Joe will share a reflection.

Pupils share prayers for the future of the school.

We stand to sing the hymn which was sung at the School's 100th anniversary:

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought in the day and the
night,
both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my
light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
be Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight;
be Thou my whole Armour, be Thou my true
Might;

be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong
Tow'r,
O raise Thou me heav'nward, great Pow'r of my
pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,
O High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Each child and member of staff receives their Anniversary candle.

Each class shares the light, and Bishop Joe sends us out to be lights in the world today

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father!

**We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory. Amen!**

Blessing: Bishop Joe.

We stand to sing:

Happy Birthday to School,
Happy Birthday to School,
Happy Birthday, dear Christ Church!
Happy Birthday to you!

Pupils depart back to class as music plays.

Thank you for coming to share our special day.

We hope you can join us for the following events:

- *Dr Matt Cole's talk on the history of school, on Wednesday 22nd January at 7.15pm here in church*
- *Year Six's display of the school history on Friday 24th January at Highfield from 2pm.*
- *A service especially for former staff and pupils on Sunday 26th January at 10.30am here in church.*

If you wish to make an offering towards the work and worship of this church, please use the donation box or card machine near the door. If you are visiting us, please don't feel obliged to put something in. For regulars, it is a sign of our commitment to the work of God in and through this place. Thank you. UK taxpayers are encouraged to use the yellow Gift Aid envelopes with your name and postcode. Or use the QR Code to donate via Give a Little



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