



St. Mary's Church of England Primary School, Putney

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMEMORATION

ST. MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



BICENTENARY 1819 - 2019

10am Friday 1st March 2019

Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Putney



**The Diocese of
Southwark**

Welcome

We warmly welcome you to St. Mary's Church for the joyous occasion of the bicentenary of our parish school, St. Mary's Church of England Primary School, which was founded by this church on 20th February 1819. We would like everyone to feel at home here as we give thanks today for our wonderful school which has proudly served the parish of Putney for over 200 years.

St. Mary's Church

There has been a centre for Christian worship on this site since the 13th century. The parts of the medieval church which survive today are the tower, some of the nave arcading (mid 15th century) and the Bishop West Chapel, built in the early 16th century by Putney resident, Nicholas West. During the Civil War the headquarters of Oliver Cromwell's army was briefly in Putney. In 1647 meetings of the Army Council were held in the church. These discussions on the future government of the country were called the 'Putney Debates.' In 1973 an arson attack gutted much of the church. Rebuilding was completed when the church was re-hallowed by the Bishop of Woolwich on 6th February 1982.

St. Mary's School

Originating as a Sunday School, run by St. Mary's Church, it was in 1819 that a deed for land donated by Earl Spencer made it possible for the church to have its own school building '*situated in a part of a field of two acres in the back lanes of Putney.*' St Mary's School was created as a '*National School*' by the '*National Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church in England and Wales.*' It is the oldest of the Parochial and National schools founded for '*the benefit of the labouring classes of Putney.*' The hall block, fronted by a garden on Charlwood Road, is thought to be the oldest part of the school.

In 1833 the first government funds were given to schools and this enabled St. Mary's School to develop and grow. In 1867 a Miss Williams of Wandsworth left St. Mary's School a large sum of money which was used to provide new classrooms for both the Infants' School and Girls' School. The Second World War was one of the most traumatic times for St. Mary's School – an incendiary bomb crashed through the roof of the Girls' Upper School one night, setting the building ablaze!

In April 2003 work began on an extensive expansion of the main school building to create a new first floor equipped with three new modern and spacious classrooms and larger staff room. In February 2004 the expansion and restoration work of the school was complete and St. Mary's School was rededicated by the Bishop of Southwark. In April 2017 further work saw the addition of a new Year Six classroom and the refurbishment of the school's nursery and reception classrooms.

Organ music before the service

Andante from the Sixth Sonata (D Major), Mendelssohn
Director of Music at St Mary's Church, Travis Baker

Welcome

Welcome to the congregation and honoured guests
Headteacher, Miss Cheryl Payne

Processional Hymn

Congregation to sing

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 Christopher: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

The Bishop of Southwark, The Right Reverend Christopher Chessun, introduces the service and offers the opening prayer:

Almighty God, We give you our thanks that we can gather together today celebrating the two-hundred-year anniversary of St Mary's School, Putney. 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 two hundred years. In Christ's name.

All: Amen

Instrumental

Étude in A minor, Opus 50, No. 2 by Louise Farrenc

Performed by pupil, Adam Gluch

Setting the scene

Celebrating 200 years of St. Mary's School

Assistant Headteacher and Chair of The Bicentennial Planning Committee,
Mr Mark Lett

Hymn

Congregation to sing

It's me, it's me, it's me that builds community,
It's me, it's me, it's me that builds community,
It's me, it's me, it's me that builds community,
It's me that builds community.

Chorus:

*Rolling Over the Ocean, rolling over the sea,
Roll into my heart and build community.
Rolling Over the Ocean, rolling over the sea,
Roll into my heart and build community.*

It's you, it's you, it's you that builds community,
It's you, it's you, it's you that builds community,
It's you, it's you, it's you that builds community,
It's you that builds community.

Chorus

It's us, it's us, it's us that builds community,
It's us, it's us, it's us that builds community,
It's us, it's us, it's us that builds community,
It's us that builds community.

Chorus

It's love, it's love, it's love that builds community,
It's love, it's love, it's love that builds community,
It's love, it's love, it's love that builds community,
It's love that builds community.

Chorus

It's Christ, it's Christ, it's Christ that builds community,
It's Christ, it's Christ, it's Christ that builds community,
It's Christ, it's Christ, it's Christ that builds community,
It's Christ that builds community.

Chorus

It's me, it's you, it's us, it's love, it's Christ that builds community,
It's me, it's you, it's us, it's love, it's Christ that builds community,
It's me, it's you, it's us, it's love, it's Christ that builds community,
It's me, it's you, it's us, it's love, it's Christ that builds community.

Chorus

Memories

Changing Times at St. Mary's

Former Headteacher, Reverend Canon Tim Marwood

Hymn

Congregation to sing

Chorus:

*God is good, God is great,
He's the one who did create
Everything that there is by his power.
God is good, God is great,
He's the one who did create
Everything that there is by his power.*

Thank you, Lord, for the things I can see,
Thank you, thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord, for the sounds I can hear,
Thank you, thank you, Lord.

Chorus

Thank you, Lord, for my family,
Thank you, thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord, for all my friends,
Thank you, thank you, Lord.

Chorus

Thank you, Lord, for the birds in the sky,
Thank you, thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord, for the ants on the ground,
Thank you, thank you, Lord.

Chorus

Thank you, Lord, for your love to me,
Thank you, thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord, that you're always near,
Thank you, thank you, Lord.

Chorus

Memories

Pupil life at St. Mary's
Former pupil, Mr Michael Uphill

Performance

We're All In This Together
Dance performed by current pupils

Instrumental

The Spangly Dragon, a poem by Mark Burgess, put to music by Ananya Guha
Performed by pupil, Ananya Guha

Bicentennial School Song

Singing of the new school song by current pupils
Shine St. Mary's Shine

Our school was a gift from Earl Spencer,
He donated the farmland to build it on,
1819 the first brick was laid down,
School came to life and ours to be proud of,
St Mary's, St Mary's...

Chorus

*St Mary's, Church of England and Putney's oldest,
St Mary's, we are here to learn,
Guide, teachers, guide, help us learn through the years to come,
Shine, pupils, shine, helping others on our way.*

Love of learning and love for all,
This works so well at our primary school,
With endurance, compassion and thankfulness,
These are the values that give us our brilliance,
St Mary's, St Mary's...

Chorus

Standing here for over 200 years,
Always in our hearts, it's a special school,
Through the years we have grown and developed,
Persevering so all can achieve well,
St Mary's, St Mary's...

Chorus

Reflection

Thoughts about St. Mary's School
Director of Education at SDBE, Mr Colin Powell

Performance

We Are The World
Song performed by KS2 choir

Reading

Matthew 13: 45-46, the Pearl of Great Price
Chair of the Governing Body, Mrs Sally McGeachie

Address and Dedication

*Bishop Christopher addresses the congregation and
dedicates the Bicentennial Commemorative Welcome Sign*

Prayers

Current and former staff and pupils to read

The School Prayer

O Lord,
Bless our school
That working together
And playing together
We may learn to serve you
And to serve one another
Amen

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together as a congregation

Hymn

Congregation to sing "Everybody Praise Him"

Give thanks to the Lord,
The giver of life,
Creator of all,
The father of light.
Give thanks to the lord
From morning 'til night,
Everybody praise him!

Give thanks to the Lord,
In heaven above,
For all that He's done,
For all of his love.

Give thanks to the lord
For giving so much,
Everybody praise him!

Repeat Verse 1

Repeat Verse 2

Repeat Verse 2

Blessing

Bishop Christopher

Organ music to close the service

Second Sonata (C Major), Mendelssohn

Director of Music at St. Mary's Church, Travis Baker

Recessional

*Service concludes with recession of clergy, followed by honoured guests
and current pupils of St. Mary's CE Primary School*

Retiring collection

The collection will cover costs for the service

Bells to ring on exit

Refreshments served to guests in The Lancaster Hall



**St. Mary's
Putney**

*Thank you to everyone who has come together to help produce this service, including
all of those working behind the scenes. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.*