

# **Bingham Town Council**



# **Civic Service**

3.00 pm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**The Methodist Centre, Bingham**

Churches Together in Bingham:  
Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic

## *Words of Welcome*

### *Call to worship*

### *Hymn*

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like thee his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for his grace and favour  
to his people in distress;  
praise him, still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

4 Angels in the height, adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

### *Prayers of Thanksgiving*

*Reading:* Isaiah 58: 6 - 11  
(Cllr. Mrs. Christine Jeffreys,  
Mayor of Rushcliffe)

### *Hymn*

Brother, Sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey  
and companions on the road,  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,

Speak the peace you long to hear  
I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony,

Brother, Sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard (1953- ) altd.

*Gospel:* Matthew 14: 13 – 21  
(Cllr. John Stockwood, Mayor of Bingham)

*Sermon:*  
(Rev Martin Smithson)

## *Hymn*

*During the hymn an offering will be taken for  
'Bingham Penguins'*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to  
thee:*

*how great thou art, how great thou art!*

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thee:*

*how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I  
wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

When I look down, from lofty mountain  
grandeur,

and see the brook, and feel the gentle  
breeze:

Chorus:

And when I think, that God, his Son not  
sparing;

sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin:  
Chorus:

When Christ shall come, with shout of  
acclamation  
and take me home - what joy shall fill my  
heart;  
then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great thou  
art!"  
Chorus:

Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

### *Offering prayer*

Teach us, good Lord, to be generous:  
to serve thee as thou deservest,  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labour and not to ask for any reward  
save that of knowing that we do thy will.  
**Amen.**

*St. Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556)*

## *Prayers for Others*

*(Rev. Jon Wright, St. Mary and All Saints)*

Lord God, you have taught us that we belong in community and are called to serve one another. Strengthen each of us for the task.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the communities to which we belong and for those who share with us in service.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us not to miss opportunities to contribute to our community or to meet the needs of our neighbours.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world; for their peace, prosperity and harmony; for Elizabeth our Queen; our government, national and local, and for all those who maintain order and uphold justice in this and every nation.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all places of worship and for those who minister to our spiritual needs; for growth in mutual understanding between diverse traditions and cultures and for the unity of all people.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need and for those who care for them; for refugees and those without shelter or work; for the sick, the lonely and the despairing; the bereaved and the distressed; for all who suffer through violence, warfare, crime, exploitation or neglect.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**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.**

*A declaration of commitment to  
building community life.*

We believe in Community:  
**A community where all work together  
for the common good  
as we seek together to make a better  
life.**

**We believe that we are called to share  
our lives,  
so as to free each other from poverty,  
oppression and indignity.**

**We believe that the resources of the  
world are to be shared among all people  
not just some.**

**We seek a world where all people have  
access to warmth, food, shelter, and the  
chance to live in dignity and peace.**

**We believe in justice, in goodness, in people.**

**We believe we are called to a life of freedom, of service, and of hope.**

**We reject the idea that nothing can be done.**

**We look for a time when all people will share in the richness of the world and that all people will be loved and respected.**

**Today, we commit ourselves to work together to make this belief a reality. Amen.**

### *Hymn*

- 1 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.
  
- 2 Come, almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;

suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee would we be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

- 3     Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless may we 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)

### *Blessing*

God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen:  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
On her be pleased to pour;  
Long may she reign:  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the Queen.

*After the singing of the  
National Anthem  
you are invited to stay for  
refreshments.*

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