Bishop Wordsworth’s School

FOUNDER’S DAY

Saturday 25 April 2015

Salisbury Cathedral
The Feast of St Mark the Evangelist, 25th April

We warmly welcome you to this special
Founder’s Day Service
of praise and thanksgiving to celebrate the
125th anniversary of the foundation of this school.

A Prayer from the 1890 Order of Service
for Founders, Benefactors and Worthies,
compiled by Bishop John Wordsworth.

O God of our fathers, who hast given us grace to meet together this day to
commemorate the mercies which Thou hast shown forth in this Thy house from
generation to generation: hearken we beseech Thee to the supplications of
Thy servants; and grant that all who in the coming year shall enter this house
to seek a blessing from Thee may feel with joy that Thou hast heard their
prayers and granted their requests according to Thy perfect love and wisdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A Prayer from the 1944 Altar Book for the Commemoration of the Founder

Make us, O Lord, the instruments of thy will. Where there is hatred, let us
bring understanding; where there is despair, let us bring hope, where there is
suffering let us bring relief; where there is discord let us bring harmony; where
there is ignorance let us bring knowledge; and may our souls, our minds and
our bodies be dedicated entirely and absolutely to thy service. Amen

Organ music before the service

Opening Voluntaries:

Variations on a Norwegian Folk Tune – Sløgdal
Minuet – Guilmant
Greensleeves – Vaughan Williams
ORDER OF SERVICE
The congregation remains seated as the Choir and Clergy process along the south aisle to the west door. Please stand as the organ fanfare sounds as a prelude to the opening hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ triumphant, ever reigning.
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

Word incarnate, truth revealing
Son of man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth;

Yours the glory.

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Yours the glory.

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

Yours the glory.

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Yours the glory.

Music: John Barnard                              Words: Michael Saward

Please remain standing
OPENING RESPONSES AND BIDDING PRAYER
Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the Universe.

You have given us a share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

One generation shall praise your works to another

and shall declare your power.

You have granted us life and steadfast love,

and your care has preserved our spirit.

We praise you, O God, and we bless you;

for your mercy endures for ever.

On this Founder’s Day, we come together to offer our thanks to God for the work of John Wordsworth and for his vision in establishing his School: for its continuance, for the service of its staff, past and present, for the boys who are its being and its purpose and for all those who have passed through its doors to serve the wider community.

So, as we prepare to join in these acts of worship and praise, we remember the many blessings bestowed by God upon our School through past years. As we offer our thanks for all his goodness to us and to our predecessors, and ask for guidance in the years to come, we pray that he will help us to realise his presence, respond to his love and live our lives to his praise and glory.

We gather all our prayers and thanksgivings together, saying:

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 congregation sits

The Choir sings
Psalm 150

O Praise God in his holiness:
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts:
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:
praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances:
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen.

The readings are those appointed for today, the Feast of St Mark.

READING

Proverbs 15.28-end                  Harry Stovin-Bradford
Head Boy 2014 - 2015

The mind of the righteous ponders how to answer,
but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil.
The LORD is far from the wicked,
but he hears the prayer of the righteous.
The light of the eyes rejoices the heart,
and good news refreshes the body.
The ear that heeds wholesome admonition
will lodge among the wise.
Those who ignore instruction despise themselves,
but those who heed admonition gain understanding.
The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom,
and humility goes before honour.
Early in 2007, while staying at the Old Rectory in Bemerton, Alec Roth set four verses of George Herbert’s poem ‘The Flower’ as a congregational hymn. He subsequently arranged them as a short anthem for unaccompanied choir.

How fresh, O Lord, how sweet and clean
Are thy returns! ev’n as the flowers in spring;
To which, besides their own demean,
The late-past frosts tributes of pleasure bring.

Grief melts away
Like snow in May,
As if there were no such cold thing.

Who would have thought my shrivel'd heart
Could have recover'd greennesse? It was gone
Quite under ground; as flowers depart
To see their mother-root, when they have blown;

Where they together
All the hard weather,
Dead to the world, keep house unknown.

And now in age I bud again,
After so many deaths I live and write;
I once more smell the dew and rain,
And relish versing: O my onely light,

It cannot be
That I am he
On whom thy tempests fell all night.

These are thy wonders, Lord of love,
To make us see we are but flowers that glide:
Which when we once can finde and prove,
Thou hast a garden for us, where to bide.

Who would be more,
Swelling through store,
Forfeit their Paradise by their pride.
The Missionary Journeys of the Early Apostles

Then after completing their mission Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem and brought with them John, whose other name was Mark.

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John also to assist them. When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they met a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet, named Bar-Jesus. He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and wanted to hear the word of God. But the magician Elymas (for that is the translation of his name) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul away from the faith. But Saul, also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, ‘You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? And now listen—the hand of the Lord is against you, and you will be blind for a while, unable to see the sun.’ Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he went about groping for someone to lead him by the hand. When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord.

Then Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem.
HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, 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 life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
evermore 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.

Music: W P Rowlands Words: Charles Wesley

ADDRESS

The Right Reverend Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury

Nicholas Holtam has been Bishop of Salisbury since 2011. Previously he was a parish priest in the East End of London and has taught at Lincoln Theological College. From 1995 – 2011 he was the vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields where he oversaw a £36m buildings renewal project. He is the Church of England’s lead bishop on the environment.
The congregation stands

HYMN

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluia  Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain, in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness still their one true light.
Alleluia  Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia  Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia  Alleluia!

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams
Words: W Walsham How

The congregation sits

THE PRAYERS

The Chaplain

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate
the 125th anniversary of the
foundation and life of this school;
deepen our faith, extend our vision,
and draw us together in your love,
as we seek to do your will
and fulfil your purposes for the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  Amen

The Choir sings
O God, you search me and you know me,
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
In every moment of life or death, you are.

_Verses from Ps 139, arr Bernadette Farrell_

Chaplain  Let us give thanks to Almighty God for his blessings to us. For the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; for the precious gift of the Holy Spirit and for the promise of eternal life; let us bless the Lord.

All  Thanks be to God.

Chaplain  For those among us who are about to take their place in a wider world, for the part they have played in the School and for the concern and service we trust they will give to their fellow men and women in after years; let us bless the Lord.

All  Thanks be to God.

Chaplain  For this School; for its students, for all members of staff, governors and benefactors; for all that encourages goodness, truth and integrity in this place; let us bless the Lord.

All  Thanks be to God.

Chaplain  Especially on this day we thank God for the life and work of John Wordsworth; for his courage and zeal in establishing the School; for his generosity and foresight in planning and building it; for his loving care for its growth and well-being; let us bless the Lord.

All  Thanks be to God.

Chaplain  Let us remember with thanksgiving at this time those from this School who have died during this year, and among them: Brian Kenneth Grist, Richard James Knowlton, Yvonne Lamdin, Sue Matheson, Barrie Clist Morgan, Alex Munro, Ken Palmer and Michael John Parrett.
O Eternal Lord God, who holdest all souls in life, we beseech thee to shed forth upon thy whole Church in Paradise and on earth the bright beams of thy light and heavenly comfort; and grant that we, following the good example of those who have loved and served Thee here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into the fullness of Thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

(A prayer of John Wordsworth)

The Choir sings ‘Requiem Aeternum’ by H W Carpenter, former Chaplain of Bishop Wordsworth’s School.

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord;
and may light perpetual shine upon them.
Rest eternal grant to them.

Candles in memory of those remembered here today were lit before the service at one of the prayer stands in the Trinity Chapel at the east end of the Cathedral.

The congregation stands

THE REDEDICATION

The Bishop

Mindful of those who have gone before, and of the inheritance entrusted to us, let us rededicate ourselves to the service of God, and of our fellow men and women, as we say together:

All

O God our Father,
we commit ourselves to you
in reverence and obedience;
may we seek the truth you reveal,
and show forth in our lives
the compassion and love you display
in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

THE BLESSING

The Choir sings
Gaelic Blessing                                  Bob Chilcott

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be ever at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
and the rain fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

HYMN

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 us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our world where we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

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.

Music:  Michael Baughen                                    Words:  Timothy Dudley-Smith

Please remain standing until the Bishop's Procession
and the Choir have left the nave.

Music after the Service

Closing Voluntary:
Festival Toccata – Percy Fletcher

Organ played before and after the service by
Ben Maton OW (Organ Scholar elect, St Peter's College Oxford)
The School’s Charity Committee has decided to use the proceeds from the retiring collection at the end of the Founder’s Day service to support the charity Salisbury Trust for the Homeless. Please give generously.

Homelessness is an issue that affects every city in the UK. Despite being an issue that is much more associated with bigger urban areas, it is estimated that at least 30 adults in the Salisbury area are homeless, and support for these people is limited. The Salisbury Trust for the Homeless (STFH) is a non-profit organisation that provides support and accommodation for single adults in the Salisbury area who are unable to find it elsewhere, aiding people from all genders, ages and backgrounds.

The term ‘homelessness’ is not just limited to those sleeping on the streets; many homeless people have a roof above their head, with many sleeping in their cars at night or staying on their friends’ sofas. Another common misconception is that homelessness is an issue that is solely associated with alcohol, drugs and gambling; on the contrary, many adults become homeless due to the breakdown of relationships, poor health (both physical and mental) and lack of social support, amongst other issues such as alcohol abuse.

The organisation provides those it helps with a safe, supportive environment as well as accommodation. Currently, there are 12 one-bedroom flats operated by the charity, located in the heart of Salisbury, each housing one homeless person. This allows them to further develop their skills, regain their self-esteem and confidence and start a new period in their life; one with a more positive future.
The following events and exhibitions are taking place:

**Art 1, 2 & 3**  Art Department Exhibition

**Drama Studio**  Music Department Concerts 11.45 am & 12.10 pm  BWS Choir CDs available for sale

**E Block Lawn**  Members of Lower School will be performing various play extracts on the lawn near the Drama Studio from 11.30 onwards, subject to favourable weather conditions.

**ICT1 & ICT2**  Computers available for pupils to show parents their work.

**The Chapel**  You are welcome to visit the Chapel

**Fête**  The Parents’ Association Fête will be on the School Yards, including an ever popular plant sale.

**“Wordsworth”**  The 2015 issue of the School Magazine will be on sale for £5.00.

**Choir CDs**  On sale today from the Drama Studio or wandering salesmen: **BWS School Choir in Bruges 2014** for £4 or any 3 Choir CDs for the bargain price of £10.

Please note:

**PRIZE GIVING will be held in the Cathedral at 7.30 pm on Thursday 24 September 2015**
Saturday 25 April 2015

Please join us back at school after the service for this major fundraising event

Lots of games and food – stay for lunch!
- Tea & Coffee
- Hot Food
- Cakes
- Ice Creams
- Books
- DVDs
- Toys
- Tombola
- A ‘New for You’ Stall
- Splat the Rat
- Silent Auction
- Guess the Date

+ SUPPORT YOUR HOUSE STALLS!

Please join us!

Dates for your diary
Shakespeare’s “The Tempest” by the Rain or Shine Players on Saturday 4 July 2015 at BWS

BWSPA Summer Party – 10 July 2015
CHORAL CONCERT

by the Choirs of
Bishop Wordsworth’s School
and South Wilts Grammar School

Mozart Requiem

(as well as items from the schools’ individual choirs)

Saturday 2 May 2015

7.30 pm

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

TICKETS £12, £6 (students)
from Mrs Rinaldi, BWS Finance Department (333851) and
Mrs Gardiner, SWGS Learning Resources Centre (323326)