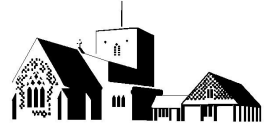


Diocese of St Albans



The Parish of St Mary, Redbourn



*A Service of Consecration
in the Extension to the Churchyard
of new burial ground
by The Rt Revd Robin Smith*

Sunday 21st June 2009

9.30 am

Order of Service

Bishop In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

All The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Let us go forth in peace:
In the name of the Lord.

Then shall the Bishop, followed by the Clergy and congregation, process round the boundary of the ground to be consecrated, during which Psalm 91 will be said antiphonally, the Bishop beginning, the congregation saying alternate verses.

Psalm 91

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 **Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I put my trust.'**
- 3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 **He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his
feathers; his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.**
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 **Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.**
- 7 Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand,
yet it shall not come near you.
- 8 **Your eyes have only to behold
to see the reward of the wicked.**

- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge
and the Most High your stronghold,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your tent.**
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- 14 Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know my name.**
- 15 They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy them
and show them my salvation.**

The Clergy having taken their places at a convenient place in the centre of the plot, the Vicar shall present to the Bishop the Petition for Consecration, saying:

Reverend Father in God, we request you to consecrate this ground
for the burial of our people.

Then the Bishop shall say:

I am ready to proceed but first the Registrar shall read the
Sentence of Consecration.

After the Sentence of Consecration has been read the Bishop shall sign it.

The Bishop shall then declare the Consecration saying:

By virtue of our authority in the Church of God, we do now
consecrate and set apart from all profane and common uses this
Ground to be a resting-place for the bodies of those who have
departed in the Lord: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The blessing of the Eternal God be on this place to sanctify it and
keep it hallowed and holy from now until the day of the Lord Jesus.

All **Amen.**

And all shall join with him in saying:

All **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 Bishop then prays:

Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ
you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,
that we may live as those who believe in
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: shed forth, we pray,
upon your whole Church in paradise and on earth
the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort;
and grant that we, following the good example
of those who have loved and served you here and are now at rest,
may at last enter with them into the fullness of your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Bishop The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us.

All **Prosper for us the work of our hands,
O prosper Lord our handiwork.**

The Blessing

*Following the ceremony all present are invited
to gather in the Transept Hall for refreshments.*