

st mary & st john c a m p + h i l l

celebrating the 50th anniversary of dedication saturday 9th september 2017

Principal Celebrant & Preacher
The Right Reverend Jonathan Goodall, Bishop of Ebbsfleet

Fifty years ago the Right Reverend Cuthbert Bardsley, the Bishop of Coventry, came to Camp Hill to consecrate the Parish Church of St Mary & St John. Designed by local architects H. Jepson & Sons and built by Beck & Co. of nearby Market Bosworth, this building has been here since 1967 - a monument to the extraordinary hard work, prayer, and determination of the first, and to date the only, incumbent of Camp Hill, the Reverend Canon Dennis Sneath and the people who gathered to worship on Camp Hill, as the estate was being built through 1950s and '60s. A missionary initiative from the then Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin ('the Abbey Church'), Mass was initially celebrated in the builders' hut, the faithful having to first search for it on a Sunday morning! A dual purpose community hall and church was built in 1954; but pre-worship legwork was quickly replaced by post-Mass perambulations as the people of St Mary & St John set out across the estate on a Sunday lunchtime 'selling' bricks for 6d. a piece until sufficient funds had been raised for the building in which we praise the Almighty today. With further contributions from local businesses and individuals, this church was built by the people of Camp Hill for the people of Camp Hill. Fr Dennis remained here for a remarkable fifty-nine years and passed away, in post, in August 2013 – although his legacy, of course, is not so much this building but the worshipping community – the Church community – that continues to gather on the Hill day-by-day and week-by-week.

On behalf of that community, it is wonderful to be able to welcome today The Worshipful the Mayor of Nuneaton and Bedworth, Councillor Bill Hancox; the Mayoress, Mrs Sheila Hancox; Mr Marcus Jones MP; representatives from various organisations and institutions in Camp Hill, Nuneaton, the Diocese of Coventry, and beyond; and each and every one of you on this, the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Dedication of the Parish Church of St Mary & St John. We are delighted that you have been able to join us today.



Fr Thomas Wintle SSC

**a message from the Bishop of Coventry
the Right Reverend Christopher Cocksworth**

I would really have loved to have been with you in Camp Hill on this great occasion as you celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of your Parish Church. I cannot be with you, though, because I will be in the German city of Kiel, marking the gift of a Coventry Cross of Nails to the people of Kiel – from one bombed city to another – in 1947. That great act of reconciliation so close to the end of the War and the birth of a new Church community in Camp Hill twenty years later – with the consecration of the New Cathedral in between – shows something of the courageous, ground-breaking work that God was doing in the Diocese of Coventry during the 1940s, 50s and 60s through His faithful servants, such as Fr Dennis.

Times change but God remains ever faithful, and the Good News of Jesus Christ keeps on changing lives and communities. It would have warmed Bishop Cuthbert's heart (he was here fifty years ago) that the work begun then continues today. In fact, under the guidance of Fr Mark and through the dedicated ministry of Fr Tom, a new phase in its history is underway, and it is very exciting!

The church is here for the community. The priest is here to serve the whole parish. Jesus Christ, with Mary and John, standing beside Him, gave His life for all. May you know the presence of Jesus with you and the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you, your families, and your whole community, the light and life and love of God through the next 50 years.

With my very best wishes, and my prayers

+ Christopher Cocksworth

We are extremely pleased that the Bishop of Coventry will be joining us for our Parish Mass on the First Sunday of Advent, 2017, as we begin a new year in the Church's calendar and our fifty-first year at St Mary & St John. Please do come and join us to meet Bishop Christopher and hear him preach on Sunday 3rd December at 10.30am.



the angelus

At noon, as the Curate enters, please stand and turn to face the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as we seek her intercession and the grace of Almighty God.

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary:
and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so, by His  Passion and Cross, we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



INTROIT HYMN

Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned Thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

When shadows thick were falling,
and all seemed sunk in night,
Thou, Lord, didst send Thy servants,
Thy chosen sons of light.
On them and on Thy people
Thy plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels

some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave Thy work undone;
with Thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
Thy Name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the Name of the Father, 
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

*The Bishop introduces the Mass and
invites the Faithful to confess their sins
and seek the Lord's forgiveness.*

GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against You
and against our neighbour,
in thought, and word, and deed,
through negligence,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, Who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve You
in newness of life
to the glory of Your Name.
Amen.

absolution

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

We praise God by joining the angels and saints in their heavenly hymn:

Glory to God in the highest
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship You,
we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.

Lord, Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away
the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated
at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

the collect

Let us pray.

O God, Who year by year renew for us the day when this Your holy temple was consecrated, hear the prayers of Your people and grant that in this place for You there may always be pure worship and for us fullness of redemption. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



A-men.

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE WORD

the first reading

2 Chronicles 5.6-11, 13-6.2

I have built you a dwelling, a place for you to live in for ever.

The reading ends with the responsory:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

psalm

Psalm 84

The response to the Psalm:

R: How lovely is Your dwelling place, Lord God of hosts.

the second reading

1 Corinthians 3.9-11, 16-17

You are a temple of God.

The reading ends with the responsory:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND

the gospel

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

I shall make my home among them, says the Lord; I will be their God, they shall be my people.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to You, O Lord.

The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and You say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

the homily

The Right Reverend Jonathan Goodall

PLEASE STAND

the Nicene Creed

We proclaim the Faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven:

We bow at the words:

WAS INCARNATE FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE VIRGIN MARY AND WAS MADE MAN.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PLEASE KNEEL

If you are unable to kneel, please be seated.

INTERCESSIONS

Lord, in Your mercy:
hear our prayer.

*After the final petitions the Faithful recite
the 'Hail Mary', joining our prayers with
hers and those of all the saints of heaven:*

**Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
and Blessed is the
Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.**

The prayers conclude with these words:

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

Amen.

PLEASE STAND

the peace

Lord Jesus Christ, Who said to Your apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of Your Church and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with Your will: Who live and reign, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Peace of the Lord
be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other
the sign of peace.

*We share the peace by shaking hands with
those immediately around us.*

liturgy of the

eucharist

offertory hymn

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is His new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
to be His holy bride;
with His own Blood he bought her,
and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy Food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
the world see her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,

and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.

ORATE FRATRES

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my
sacrifice and yours may be acceptable
to God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands, for the praise and glory
of His Name, for our good, and the
good of all His holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Recalling the day when You were
pleased to fill Your house with
glory and holiness, O Lord, we pray
that You may make of us a sacrificial
offering always acceptable to You.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give Him
thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

*The Bishop leads the Faithful in the
Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, which
concludes with the Sanctus & Benedictus:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He Who comes
in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

*During the Eucharistic Prayer the bread
and wine, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
become the True Body and Blood of our
Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

*We bow as the Bishop genuflects in
reverence for the True Presence.*

The mystery of Faith:

**We proclaim Your Death, O Lord,
and profess Your Resurrection
until You come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues,
concluding with the words:*

...Through Him, and with Him, and in
Him, O God almighty Father, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and
honour is Yours, for ever and ever.



A-men.

PLEASE KNEEL

If you are unable to kneel, please be seated.



the lord's prayer

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.

agnus dei

Lamb of God, You take away
the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away
the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away
the sins of the world;
grant us peace.

ECCE AGNUS DEI

Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him
who takes away the sins of the world;
blessed are those called to the Supper
of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that You
should enter under my roof,**
We strike our breasts.
**but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

holy communion

*If you are a baptised member of a church
that believes in the Holy Trinity and you
receive communion there you are
welcome to receive Holy Communion with
us here today. Otherwise, if you would
like to receive God's blessing, please come
forward with this sheet when directed.*

communion hymns

We hail Thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great High Priest,
o'er sin and death victorious,
at Thy thanksgiving feast:
as Thou art interceding
for us in heaven above,
Thy Church on earth is pleading
Thy perfect work of love.

Through Thee in every nation
Thine own their hearts upraise,
off'ring one pure oblation,
one sacrifice of praise:
with Thee in blest communion
the living and the dead
are joined in closest union,
one Body with one Head.

O living Bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
Who Thine own self hast given
to be our souls' true food;
for us Thy Body broken
hung on the Cross of shame:
this Bread its hallowed token,
we break in Thy dear Name.

O stream of love unending,
poured from the One True Vine,
with our weak nature blending
the strength of life divine;
Our thankful faith confessing

in Thy life-blood outpoured,
we drink this cup of blessing
and praise Thy Name, O Lord.

May we Thy word believing
Thee through Thy gifts receive,
That, Thou within us living,
we all to God may live;
draw us from earth to heaven
till sin and sorrow cease,
forgiving and forgiven,
in love and joy and peace.



Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all His words most wonderful,
most sure in all His ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and His very self,
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that He, Who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,
and on the Cross on high,
should teach His brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all His words most wonderful,
most sure in all His ways.



All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in Thee.

All for Jesus, Thou wilt give us
strength to serve Thee, hour by hour,
none can move us from Thy presence,
while we trust Thy love and power.

All for Jesus, at Thine altar
Thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive Thee
in the solemn Sacrament.

All for Jesus, Thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus, Thou hast died;
all for Jesus, Thou art with us;
all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this the Church's song must be;
till, at last, the flock is gathered
one in love and one in Thee.

PLEASE STAND **post-communion prayer**

Let us pray.

May the people consecrated to You, O
Lord, we pray, receive the fruits and
joy of Your blessing, that the festive
homage they have offered You today
in the body may redound upon them
as a spiritual gift. Through Christ our
Lord.

Amen.

Blessing and dismissal

With God's blessing we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Bow down for the blessing.

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth, Who has gathered you today in memory of the dedication of this church, make you abound in heavenly blessings.

Amen.

And may He, Who has willed that all His scattered children be gathered together in His Son, grant that you may become His temple and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Thus, may you be made thoroughly clean, so that God may dwell within you and you may possess with all the saints the inheritance of eternal happiness.

Amen.

And the blessing of Almighty God, the Father,  and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go forth the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional hymn

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be Thou still my Strength and Shield,
be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of Death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

*Please keep this booklet
and
do please join us in the
Church Hall for lunch.*

*The £500 Prize Draw
will take place at 2.30pm*

Diocese of Coventry

THE CONSECRATION
of
THE CHURCH OF
ST. MARY and ST. JOHN
CAMP HILL
by
THE RIGHT REVEREND
The Lord Bishop of Coventry

Sunday, September 10th, 1967
at 3.00 p.m.

Please join us back in church at 3pm
as our celebrations come to a close with the

Litany of the Sacred Heart
&
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

*Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
make our hearts like unto Thine.*

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Whilst we have been worshipping here in church a team of wonderful volunteers from the neighbouring parishes of St Paul, Stockingford and All Saints, Chilvers Coton have very kindly joined in today's celebrations by running the first ever *Messy Church* in this parish, at the CHESS Centre over the road. The tremendous help offered by the people of St Paul and All Saints shows what an excellent and supportive deanery we have here in Nuneaton – working across traditions and boundaries to help build up the Kingdom in this place. Please pray for the patrons and staff of the CHESS Centre, for St Paul, Stockingford, and All Saints, Chilvers Coton...

*...and keep your eyes peeled for our next
Messy Church!*



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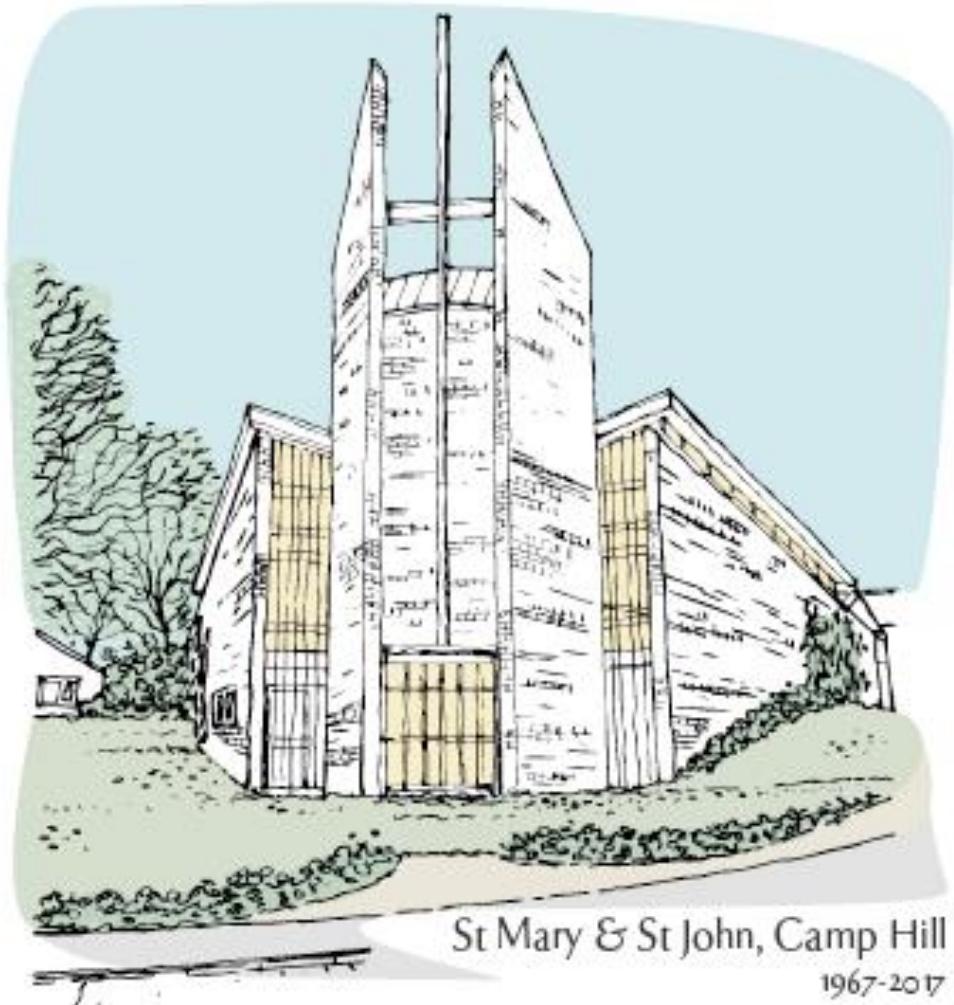


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