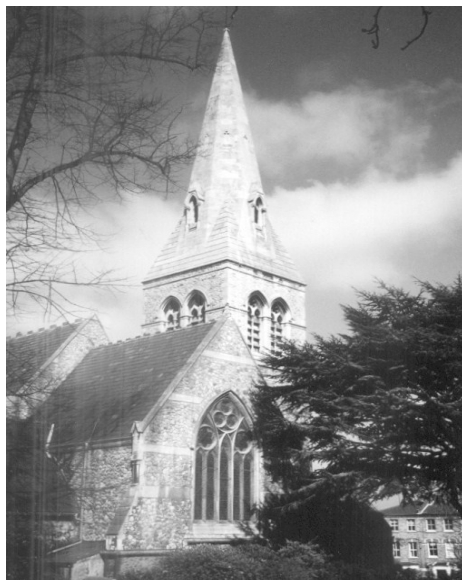


# CHRIST CHURCH CROUCH END LONDON N8



*150 Years of God's faithfulness*  
*in*  
*Christ Church*

**THANKSGIVING HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE  
AND  
LAUNCHING OF CHURCH'S 150 –YEARS HISTORY  
by  
THE BISHOP OF LONDON  
Dr. Richard Chartres KCVO**

**Sunday 16th September 2012  
10:30am**

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION** - Dele Agbelusi

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** : They did not build in vain

**1.** They did not build in vain  
Who founded here a church  
In witness to God's love  
Amid a world of pain;  
For still to those who wish to see  
This place proclaims God's mystery.

**2.** They built upon the rock  
That is the risen Lord,  
The one foundation laid  
Which stands each earthly shock;  
That, Spirit filled, we here might raise,  
As living temples, prayer and praise.

**3.** Those who have loved this place,  
A cloud of witnesses,  
Surround and urge us on  
As we now run our race;  
And so we lay aside each sin  
In our resolve to strive and win.

**4.** Though the horizon's bend  
Conceals the way ahead,  
The footprints on the road  
Show Christ waits at the end;  
In him alone our faith shall stand  
Who waits for us at God's right hand.

**5.** In every place our world  
Is storm and tempest tossed;  
The flames of fear and hate  
Are evil's flags unfurled;  
Yet still the Spirit's wind and fire  
Pours gifts for service in this hour.

**6.** Here is our meeting place  
Where doubt finds grounds of faith,  
Where hurt finds healing love,  
Our penitence finds grace;  
Where bridging time to eternity,  
Is God the Holy Trinity.

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## **The bishop greets the people**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All And also with you**

### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

### **Silence for Reflection**

### **CONFESSION**

**All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**HYMN FROM CHOIR:** Constantly Abiding (All sit)

There's a peace in my heart that the world never gave,  
A peace it cannot take away;  
Though the trials of life may surround like a cloud,  
I've a peace that has come here to stay!

**Refrain:**

Constantly abiding, Jesus is mine;  
Constantly abiding, rapture divine;  
He never leaves me lonely,  
whispers, oh, so kind: "I will never leave thee"  
Jesus is mine.

**2.**

All the world seemed to sing of a Saviour and King,  
When peace sweetly came to my heart;  
Troubles all fled away and my night turned to day,  
Blessed Jesus, how glorious Thou art!

**Refrain:** Constantly abiding...

**3.**

This treasure I have in a temple of clay,  
While here on His footstool I roam;  
But He's coming to take me some glorious day,  
Over there to my heavenly home!

**Refrain:** Constantly abiding...

**THE COLLECT**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever Amen.

**All Amen**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

(All sit)

**A reading from James 3:1-12** (All sit)  
- Richard Mercer

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. **2.** We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. **3.** When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. **4.** Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. **5.** Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. **6.** The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. **7.** All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, **8.** but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **9.** With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. **10.** Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. **11.** Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? **12.** My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grape vine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

**HYMN - KING OF KINGS (MT)** (All stand)

**1.** King of kings, majesty,  
God of Heaven living in me,  
gentle Saviour, closest friend,  
strong deliverer, beginning and end,  
all within me falls at your throne.

**Chorus**

Your majesty, I can but bow, I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve your majesty.

**2.** Earth and Heaven worship you,  
love eternal, faithful and true,  
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,  
brought this sinner near to your throne;  
all within me cries out in praise.

**Chorus;** Your majesty...

All stand for the reading of the gospel

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 8: 27-38**

- Iyabo Agbelusi

"Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**27.** Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" **28.** They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." **29.** "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." **30.** Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. **31.** He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. **32.** He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. **33.** But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." **34.** Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **35.** For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. **36.** What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? **37.** Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? **38.** If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

"This is the Gospel of the Lord"

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** - Bishop Richard

**THE NICENE CREED** (said by all) - All stand

**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, 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 worshipped 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.**

**INTERCESSION**

Dele Agbelusi (All sit or kneel)

The Response is Lord, hear us

**All : Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end, Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**THE BISHOP INTRODUCES THE PEACE**

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell

in our hearts. The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**All may exchange a sign of peace.**

## **OFFERTORY**

**HYMN** - 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) (MT)

### **Chorus**

Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

**1.** The sun comes up,  
it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass,  
and whatever lies before me (clap)  
Let me be singing  
when the evening comes

### **[Chorus]**

Bless the Lord, O my soul...

**2.** You're rich in love,  
and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great,  
and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing (clap)  
Ten thousand reasons  
for my heart to find

### **[Chorus]**

Bless the Lord, O my soul...

**3.** And on that day  
when my strength is failing  
The end draws near  
and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise  
unending (clap)  
Ten thousand years  
and then forevermore

### **[Chorus x2]**

Bless the Lord, O my soul...

Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name  
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before  
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy  
name  
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name  
I'll worship Your holy name

Matt Redman—10,000 Reasons  
(Bless the Lord)



*At the presentation of the offering,*

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All: All things come from you and of your own do we give you.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT** (All stand)

The Lord is here

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and every where to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, enthroned upon the praises of your people.

We thank you for this house of prayer, in which you bless your family as we come to you in pilgrimage. Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace. Here you build your temple of living stones and bring the Church to its full stature as the body of Christ throughout the world, to reach its perfection at last in the heavenly city of Jerusalem, which is the vision of your peace.

Therefore, in union with the heavenly Jerusalem, with angels in joyful assembly, with all whose names are written in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, we lift up our voices to join the triumphal song of praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest. (2ce)  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest. (2ce)**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

All Great is the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.  
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe.  
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All AMEN.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us. (All sit)

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as in  
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our  
sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not  
into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom  
the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. AMEN.**

## **BREAKING OF BREAD**

The bishop breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

The bishop says this invitation to communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus  
Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for  
you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**All We do not presume to come to this your table,  
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs  
under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us,  
AMEN.**

(All who are practising members of Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the directions of the church warden / sidespersons. Those who wish to receive a blessing are asked to make that plain by keeping their hands to their sides.)

## **HYMNS DURING COMMUNION**

1. Great is Thy faithfulness

**1.** Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee,  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,  
As thou has been, thou forever will be.

### **Refrain:**

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

**2.** Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above;  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**Refrain:** Great is Thy faithfulness...

**3.** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

**Refrain:** Great is Thy faithfulness...

*Thomas O. Chisolm (1866-1960)*

2. I will worship (MT)

I will worship (I will worship)  
With all of my heart (With all of my heart)  
I will praise you (I will praise you)  
With all of my strength (With all of my strength)  
I will seek you (I will seek you)  
All of my days (All of my days)  
I will follow (I will follow)  
All of your ways (All your ways)

**Chorus**

I will give you all my worship  
I will give you all my praise  
You alone I long to worship  
You alone are worthy of my praise

I will bow down (I will bow down)  
Hail you as king (Hail you as king)  
I will serve you (I will serve you)  
Give you everything ( Give you everything)  
I will lift up (I will lift up)  
My eyes to your throne (My eyes to your throne)  
I will trust you (I will trust you)  
I will trust you alone (Trust you alone)

**Chorus:** I will give you all my worship(2ce)

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### 3. **Because He lives** (OHP) MT

*Gloria and William J Gaither*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Silence is kept.*

Keep, O Lord, your church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fail, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All: **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Arrangement is made for the launching of the History of Christ church.

#### **INTRODUCTORY SPEECH BY THE BISHOP OF LONDON:**

##### **Brief Comments:**

Sheila Wheeler (Historian)

Mayor of Haringey

David Hubbard (vicar of Christ Church 1970 - 1982)

John Townsend (vicar of Christ Church 1983 - 1998)

Dele Agbelusi (vicar from 1999 - )

#### **Formal Launching by the Bishop of London**

##### **NOTICES**

##### **THE BLESSING**

The bishop says:

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*All*    **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in the light and peace of Christ

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **CLOSING HYMN - Through the love of God our Saviour**

**1.** Through the love of God our Saviour,  
All will be well,  
Free and changeless is His favour;  
All, all is well.  
Precious is the blood that healed us,  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,  
All must be well.

**2.** Though we pass through tribulation.  
All will be well,  
Ours is such a full salvation;  
All, all is well.  
Happy, still in God confiding,  
Fruitful, if in Christ abiding,  
Holy, through the Spirit's guiding,  
All must be well.

**3.** We expect a bright to-morrow;  
All will be well,  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,  
All, all is well.  
On our Father's love relying,  
Christ our every need supplying,  
Whether living now, or dying,  
All must be well.

*Mary Peters (1813-56)*



Rev. David H. Hubbard, M.A.  
1970-1982



Rev. John E. Townsend, A.L.C.D.  
1983-1998



The Incumbent  
Rev. Canon Dele Agbelusi, M.Sc; B.A.; M.Th.  
1999- Present



Rev. William Fleming LL.B.  
1862-1872



Rev. Donald W. C. Mossman, O.B.E.  
1964-1969

# The Vicars of Christ Church



Rev. Charles W. Edmonstone, M.A.  
1872-1897



Rev. Archie C. Markbie, M.A.  
1953-1964



Rev. Charles J. Sharp, M.A.  
1897-1916



Rev. Augustus C. Howell A.L.C.D.  
1947-1952

# Through Time



Rev. Dr. Walter R. Matthews, M.A. D.D.  
1916-1918



Rev. W. Frank P. Chadwick, M.A.  
1938-1947



Rev. Bryan S. W. Green, B.D.  
1934-1938



Rev. A. T. W. Dowding, MA.  
1930-1934



Rev. R. Neville Pyke, A.K.C.  
1918-1930

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the Church Hall.**

**If you are a visitor and you want to be a part of our  
church family,**

**please pick one of our visitors' pack at the  
North entrance or talk to one of our sidespersons.**

Common Worship: Pastoral Services, material from which is included in this service

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