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10.30am Sunday 23rd October 2022

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TO COMMEMORATE OUR



ANNIVERSARY

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

REVD DR NIGEL G WRIGHT

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90 verses 1 and 2



HYMN

"Lord for the years" (BPW 535)

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 land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world, when 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.

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OPENING PRAYER

A Short History of the Church - "Slon 350"



BIBLE READING

Matthew 13 Verses 1 to 23



HYMN

"You are the King of Glory" (BPW 74)

You are the King of Glory
You are the Prince of Peace
You are the Lord of heaven and earth
You're the Son of righteousness
Angels bow down before You
Worship and adore for
You have the words of eternal life
You are Jesus Christ the Lord.

(Chorus)

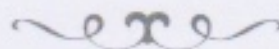
*Hosanna to the Son of David
Hosanna to the King of Kings
Glory in the highest heaven
for Jesus the Messiah reigns.*

Mavis Ford



BIBLE READING

John Chapter 6 Verses 60 to 69



HYMN

"Speak O Lord as we come to You"

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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THE ADDRESS

Revd Dr Nigel G Wright



HYMN

"O for a thousand tongues" (BPW 59)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise
the glories of my God and King
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, you deaf; his praise, you dumb
your loosened tongues employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, you lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad,
the honour of your name.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)



A PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

Let us Pray



HYMN

"Send forth the Gospel! Let it run." (BPW 584)

Send forth the gospel! Let it run
southward and northward, east and west;
tell all the earth Christ died and lives,
and gives his pardon, life and rest.

Send forth your gospel mighty Lord!
Out of the chaos bring to birth
your own creation's promised hope;
the better days of heaven on earth.

Send forth your gospel, gracious Lord!
Yours was the blood for sinner's shed;
your voice still pleads in human hearts;
to you let other sheep be led.

Send forth your gospel, holy Lord!
kindle in us love's sacred flame;
love giving all and grudging naught
for Jesus' sake, in Jesus' name.

Send forth the gospel! Tell it out!
Go, Christians, at the Master's call;
prepare his way, who comes to reign
the King of kings and Lord of all.

H. E. Fox (1841-1926)



CLOSING PRAYER

Rev'd Dr Nigel G Wright



RETIRING OFFERING



BMS' 2022 Harvest Appeal - "GOOD LAND"

More importantly, it's an opportunity for us to support vital development in a remote community in the mountains of Nepal.

The people of Ghusel face many challenges, from poor education opportunities for their children, to precarious livelihoods and dangerous drinking water.

The leaders of Ghusel heard about the work BMS World Mission partners had done in other parts of Nepal, and they asked us to come and help them, too.

We listened to their request and have been working with the community to discover their hopes and dreams for a better future.

Now, they need your help to make these dreams a reality.

Thank you for your gift.



SION BAPTIST CHURCH

HIGHER CLOUGHFOLD RAWTENSTALL



350 years ago, we have the first authentic date in connection with any gathering of Independents in the vicinity of Cloughfold, Lancashire - 1672*.

It was in that very year that a little company of believers gathered for the first time (probably in a barn owned by one John Pickop of Dedwinclough) to worship openly, independently, as dissenters.

For a while at least those who refused to bow to a High Church with its Prayer Book and powerful priesthood could worship - near to where Sion Baptist Church now stands - without the fear of persecution and imprisonment.

It was a serious thing for our forebears to go to church. They were deemed to be holding an illegal "conventicle" for which dissenters could be fined, jailed or worse.

They fought for the right enshrined in Scripture to gather together as believers, the equal of anyone else. Let us never forget that we, three- and- one-half centuries on, enjoy the privilege today of unhindered worship.

** The History of Sion Baptist Church Cloughfold by F. J. Baldwin.*