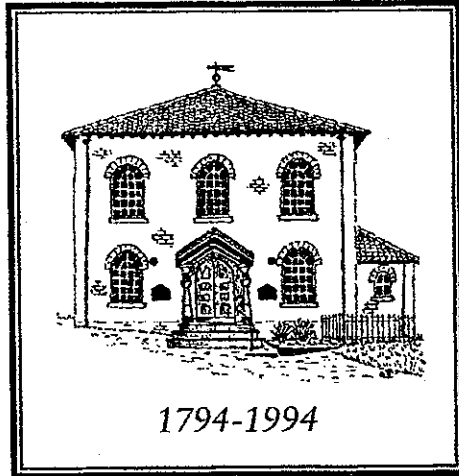


WALSINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH  
BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS



*Visit of the President of the Methodist Conference*

*Friday 10th June*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

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Service introduced by The Revd Roy Coppack

Welcome

HYMN (484)

- 1 ANGEL voices, ever singing  
Round thy throne of light,  
Angel harps, for ever ringing,  
Rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless thee,  
And confess thee  
Lord of might.
- 2 Thou who art beyond the farthest  
Mortal eye can scan,  
Can it be that thou regardest  
Songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us  
And wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.
- 3 Lord, we know that thou rejoicest  
O'er each work of thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
For thy praise design;  
Craftsman's art and music's measure  
For thy pleasure  
All combine.
- 4 In thy house, great God, we offer  
Of thine own to thee,  
And for thine acceptance proffer,  
All unworthily,  
Hearts and minds and hands and voices,  
In our choicest  
Psalmody.
- 5 Honour, glory, might, and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Blessèd Trinity;  
Of the best that thou hast given  
Earth and heaven  
Render thee.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

HYMN (300)

- 1 FATHER of everlasting grace,  
Thy goodness and thy truth we praise,  
Thy goodness and thy truth we prove;  
Thou hast, in honour of thy Son,  
The gift unspeakable sent down,  
The Spir't of life, and power, and love.
- 2 Send us the Spirit of thy Son,  
To make the depths of Godhead known,  
To make us share the life divine;  
Send him the sprinkled blood to apply,  
Send him our souls to sanctify,  
And show and seal us ever thine.
- 3 So shall we pray, and never cease,  
So shall we thankfully confess  
Thy wisdom, truth, and power, and love,  
With joy unspeakable adore,  
And bless and praise thee evermore,  
And serve thee as thy hosts above:
- 4 Till, added to that heavenly choir,  
We raise our songs of triumph higher,  
And praise thee in a bolder strain,  
Out-soar the first-born seraph's flight,  
And sing, with all our friends in light,  
Thy everlasting love to man.

Greetings: The Revd Malcolm Braddy  
(Chairman of the East Anglia District)

Service continues with  
The Revd Colin Riches

Reading - Numbers 13 v 1-2, 17-33  
The Revd Judith Stevens

HYMN (442)

- 1 O GOD of Bethel, by whose hand  
Thy people still are fed;  
Who through this earthly pilgrimage  
Hast all our fathers led:
- 2 Our vows, our prayers, we now present  
Before thy throne of grace:  
God of our fathers, be the God  
Of their succeeding race.
- 3 Through each perplexing path of life  
Our wandering footsteps guide;  
Give us each day our daily bread,  
And raiment fit provide.
- 4 O spread thy covering wings around,  
Till all our wanderings cease,  
And at our Father's loved abode  
Our souls arrive in peace.
- 5 To thee as to our Covenant-God  
We'll our whole selves resign;  
And this not as a tithe alone,  
For all we have is thine.

Fr Alan Williams  
Greetings:  
Fr Martin Warner

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4 v 7 - 18)  
(Mr Tommy Seaman)

Offering

Prayers

HYMN (765)

- 1 COME, all who look to Christ today,  
Stretch out your hands, enlarge your mind,  
Together share his living way  
Where all who humbly seek will find.
- 2 Come, all who will from every race;  
Find here new powers of brotherhood,  
Accept the Spirit's strong embrace  
Which binds us to the common good.
- 3 Come, young and old from every church,  
Bring all your treasures of prayer,  
Join the dynamic Spirit's search  
To press beyond the truths we share.
- 4 Bring your traditions' richest store,  
Your hymns and rites and cherished creeds;  
Explore our visions, pray for more,  
Since God delights to meet fresh needs.
- 5 Come, trust in Christ and live in peace,  
Anticipate that final light  
When strife and bigotry shall cease,  
And faith be lost in praise and sight.

Address by

The President of the Methodist Conference

The Revd Brian E Beck MA

HYMN (778)

- 1 O GOD our Father, who dost make us one,  
Heart bound to heart, in love of thy dear Son,  
Now as we part and go our several ways,  
Touch every lip, may every voice be praise—
- 2 Praise for the fellowship that here we find,  
The fellowship of heart and soul and mind,  
Praise for the bonds of love and brotherhood,  
Bonds wrought by thee, who makest all things good.

- 3 Lord, make us strong, for thou alone dost know  
How oft we turn our faces from the foe;  
How oft, when claimed by dark temptation's hour,  
We lose our hold on thee, and of thy power.
- 4 Go with us, Lord, from hence; we only ask  
That thou be sharer in our daily task;  
So, side by side with thee, shall each one know  
The blessedness of heaven begun below.

The Blessing

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