

*Hours fly,
Flowers die,
New days,
New ways,
Pass by.
Love stays.*

Henry Van Dyke
(from the poem Katrina's Sun-Dial)

Farewell to
The Venerable Mike Lodge
as
Archdeacon of Southend
Saturday 16th October 2021 at 3.30pm

You are warmly welcomed to Chelmsford Cathedral for a special service of farewell to The Venerable Mike Lodge.

Everything you need for this celebration is in this booklet. Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off.

Hearing Aids: There is a loop system installed throughout the church. If you are a hearing aid user, please turn it to **T**.

Music: The organist today is the Graham Rogers Organ Scholar, Matthew Kelley. The songs today are played by The Revd Nick Rowan, Area Dean of Rochford. Please feel free to join in at home with the singing of the hymns.

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Music before the Service

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958)

Welcome and Gathering

Before the celebration begins, the Dean welcomes the congregation.

Please stand

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

All The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

All The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Let us rejoice and sing God’s praise for ever.

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please remain standing to sing

Hymn (NEH 440)

LOBE DEN HERREN

Melody to *Hast du denn, Liebster* in 17th German collections. Set to Neander's *Lobe den Herren* (Ps 103) in *The Chorale Book for England* 1863



**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
Come ye who hear,
brothers and sisters, draw near,
praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
all that is needful hath been
granted in what He ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
all that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
sound from His people again:
gladly for aye we adore Him.**

*Words: German by Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) and others
Tune: Lobe den Herren*

The Word of God

Please be seated

Psalm

118 v 1 - 2, 14 - 24

Read by The Revd Ruth Cartwright, Assistant Area Dean of Hadleigh

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:
'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'
I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.
Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Please stand to sing

Songs

Accompanied on the piano by The Revd Nick Rowan, Area Dean of Rochford



**How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,
 my sin upon His shoulders;
 ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
 call out among the scoffers.
 It was my sin that held Him there
 until it was accomplished;
 his dying breath has brought me life –
 I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,
 no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
 but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
 his death and resurrection.
 Why should I gain from His reward?
 I cannot give an answer;
 but this I know with all my heart –
 his wounds have paid my ransom.**

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**Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
 Lord, in your suffering world this is our prayer.
 Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
 sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase!**

**Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
 work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills;
 land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
 voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.**

***God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray:
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain;
come, change our love from a spark to a flame.***

**Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.**

**Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams
plundered and poisoned – our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;
make us content with the things that we need.
*God of the poor, friend of the weak...***

**Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame
until your justice burns brightly again;
until the nations learn of your ways,
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.
*God of the poor, friend of the weak...***

Words & music: Graham Kendrick

Please sit

New Testament Reading
Philippians 4 v 2 - end

Read by The Revd Canon Darren Barlow, Area Dean of Thurrock

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The friends who are with me greet you. All the saints greet you, especially those of the emperor's household.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated

The Address

The Venerable Mike Lodge, Archdeacon of Southend

Organ Music

Prelude in G

William Harris (1883 – 1973)

Prayers

Please sit or kneel

The prayers are led by The Revd Canon Jane Richards, Area Dean of Basildon, and Mr Ian Gale, Parish of Rayleigh

As Mike moves on to a new stage of ministry, we thank God for Mike's leadership and pastoral care through times of challenge and change.

Let us bless the Lord:

All **Thanks be to God!**

For the gift of Mike's work as parish priest and archdeacon, bringing wisdom, care and a deep pastoral heart to local communities across that Southend Archdeaconry.

Let us bless the Lord:

All **Thanks be to God!**

For the gift of Mike's family and all who have supported him along the way through prayer, practical action, and good counsel.

Let us bless the Lord:

All **Thanks be to God!**

For the gift of Mike's character, listening with an open heart, sharing vulnerability and walking alongside others on the journey of faith and through the challenges of these times.

Let us bless the Lord:

All **Thanks be to God!**

For the gift of Mike as a colleague with his Area Deans and the Bishop of Chelmsford's Leadership Team.

Let us bless the Lord:

All **Thanks be to God!**

For the gift of this new stage of ministry among the people of Kemsing and Woodlands; for the congregations and communities there, and for Mike's leadership through change and development.

Let us bless the Lord:

All **Thanks be to God!**

For the gift of all that we have treasured and shared with Mike,
and for God's blessing for the future.

Let us bless the Lord:

All **Thanks be to God!**

Collect

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:
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.

Please stand to sing

Song

Accompanied on the piano by The Revd Nick Rowan, Area Dean of Rochford

Stuart Townend

**The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want;
he makes me lie in pastures green,
he leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.**

***And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.***

**He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil;
and my cup – it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.**

**And through I walk the darkest path –
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.**

Words and music: Stuart Townend

Please be seated

An Act of Farewell

Mike Lodge

As I leave, I ask forgiveness where I have failed you;
I give thanks for all that you have given to me;
I assure you of my love and prayers.

The Bishop of Bradwell

As you experience the challenge of change,
and the insecurity of moving on,
we pray that you may also experience
the blessing of inner growth.

Mike & Linda

We know that God goes with us.

All Amen. Go with God.

The Bishop of Bradwell

As you meet the poor, the pained,
and the stranger on the Way,
we pray that you may see in each one
the face of Christ.

Mike & Linda

We know that God goes with us.

All Amen. Go with God.

The Bishop of Bradwell

As you walk through the good times and the bad,
we pray that you may never lose sight
of the shelter of God's loving arms.

Mike & Linda

We know that God goes with us.

All Amen. Go with God.

The Bishop of Bradwell

As you ponder your decisions
and wonder over the fruits of your choice,
we pray that the peace of Christ
may reign in your heart.

Mike & Linda

We know that God goes with us.

All Amen. Go with God.

Mike & Linda

We thank our God, every time we remember you, constantly praying with joy for all of you, because of our sharing in the gospel.

Philippians 1:3

All **Most gracious and Holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you;
diligence to seek you;
patience to wait for you;
eyes to behold you;
a heart to meditate on you,
and a life to proclaim you.
Through the power of the
Spirit of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.**



St Benedict of Nursia

¶ Blessing and Sending Out

Prayer of Blessing

The Bishop of Chelmsford says

May the God
who shakes heaven and earth,
whom death could not contain,
who lives to disturb and heal us,
fill you with power to go forth
and proclaim the good news;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sending Out

The Dean of Chelmsford says

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
All **a light no darkness can quench.**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening:
All **and the day is almost over.**

The darkness is not dark to you:
All **the night is as bright as the day.**

Let your light scatter the darkness:
All **and fill your church with your glory. Amen.**

Messages of Farewell

Friends and colleagues are invited to offer words of thanks and farewell

Please stand to sing

Hymn (HO&N 403)

LORD OF THE YEARS

Michael Baughen b.1930



**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 for our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world, when we disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
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.**

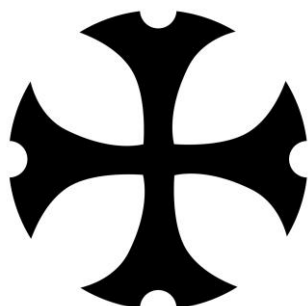
*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (bn 1926)
Tune: Lord of the Years*

Please be seated during the organ voluntary

Organ Voluntary

Nun danket alle Gott (Op. 65, No. 59)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877 – 1933)



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