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Service for the 100th Commemoration of the Laying of the Foundation Stone

Gathering and Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

We gather today on this holy ground to mark a centenary of faith, vision, and steadfast devotion. One hundred years ago, a foundation stone was laid - a symbol of hope, commitment, and a future entrusted to God. Today, we remember that moment and all that has been built upon it.

StF 677 Christ is made the sure foundation,

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,
we thank You for the generations who came before us—
for their courage, their sacrifice, and their faith.
We give You praise for this church,
built stone upon stone, and soul upon soul.
May this commemoration renew our dedication to Christ,
our Cornerstone,
and to the holy work still before us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament:

Isaiah 28:16 - *“See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation.*

StF 753 Glory to God

Solo - Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Congregation - Repeat

Solo - To God, be glory for ever!

Congregation - Repeat

Solo - Alleluia! Amen.

Congregation - Repeat (3 times)

Psalm:

Psalm 127:1 - *“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.”*

StF 753 Glory to God - Repeat

StF 28 Jesus calls us here to meet him

Holy Communion

StF 51 Great is thy faithfulness,

Blessing:

Go forth with joy, standing firm upon the foundation of Christ, built up in love, established in hope, and united in faith. And the blessing of God Almighty - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, O God, our Rock and Redeemer.
May this church always be a beacon of hope,
a place of refuge, a home for all who seek you.
May its walls resound with praise,
its doors open in welcome,
its people rooted in Christ, the sure foundation.
Amen.

The unveiling of the Craft Group Board for the Centenary

Lord, as we unveil this beautiful piece of art,
which celebrates your gracious gifting of this church to us
and our community,
we also give thanks for the skills and talents that went into
making it.
We thank you for the Craft Group for their vision and hard
work.
We give thanks for Sue and Graham for their leadership and
commitment to this work. **Amen.**

The Appeal

A word from George Tonks (the Treasurer)

Prayers for Others

Offering

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 3: 11 - *"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ."*

StF 753 Glory to God - Repeat

Gospel:

Matthew 7: 24-25 - *"Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock."*

StF 753 Glory to God - Repeat

Reflections

StF 690 The Church's one foundation

Litany of Thanksgiving

For the vision of those who first dreamed of this church and
laid its foundation,

We give thanks to God.

For the pastors, ministers, and servants who have led and nurtured this community,

We give thanks to God.

For the worship, prayers, baptisms, weddings, funerals, and moments of sacred grace held in this place,

We give thanks to God.

For the generations yet to come, and for the church still being built in hearts and lives,

We pray for strength, faith, and renewal.

Rededication of the Foundation Stone

One hundred years ago, this stone was laid as a foundation for a house of worship. Today, we stand in awe of what God has done and recommit ourselves to building upon that legacy.

**With hearts full of gratitude and eyes fixed on Jesus Christ,
we rededicate ourselves to the work of the Gospel,
to the fellowship of the Church,
and to the glory of God in this generation and the next.**

