

Henley in Arden Church of
England
Primary School



The Official Opening
and
Dedication
by

The Right Reverend Dr Christopher
Cocksworth
Bishop of Coventry

The Rector welcomes everyone to church

We gather together, today, in the heart of our Community and in this place of Worship to mark the Official Opening and Dedication of this School.

We thank God for the history of our School, and for the years of dedicated service provided by a succession of teachers and staff.

We thank God for the start of this new chapter in our School's life, as we seek to confirm Christian values as the foundation for our life together.

We are here to pray that God may graciously bless us to that, dedicated to him, we may know his loving presence amongst us and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

As our Saviour has taught us, so let us 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.

We sing: Give me joy in my heart

1. Give me joy in my heart,
Keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart,
Keep me praising,
Keep me praising till the end of day.

*Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!*

2. Give me peace in my heart,
Keep me resting...
3. Give me love in my heart,
Keep me serving...

Lindsay Nash –Headteacher of Henley-in-Arden Church of England Primary

A Bible Reading from Philippians Chapter 4, verses 6 – 8

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.

Bishop Christopher addresses the congregation.

Members of the School provide a musical item.

Prayers, led by a governor, a pupil, a member of Staff, and by a member of the Parochial Church Council.

Children approach Bishop Christopher to invite him to dedicate their School.

The Dedication:

In the Name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. To the Glory of God, and for the education of His children, we dedicate and bless this School. Accept O Lord this School and use it in all things according to your will.

May your Presence be ever within its walls; may it stand always for all that is true, noble, lovely and of good report. Grant that its work may be extended and continued for the generations yet to come; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, who has built your Church upon the foundations of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone, grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by doctrine that we may be a Holy Temple, acceptable to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, who has committed to your Church the care and nurture of your children, prosper with your blessing those who teach and those who learn, that holding fast the faith once for all delivered to the Saints, they may worship you and serve you all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Commissioning led by Linda Wainscot, Coventry Diocesan Director of Education

(Response: 'We will, with the help of God')

We sing: He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole wide world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands (x2)

He's got the plants and the creatures in his hands (x3)
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the sun and the moon in his hands (*repeat 3 times*)
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got our lovely new School in his hands (*repeat 3 times*)
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got ev'rybody here in his hands (*repeat 3 times*)
He's got the whole world in his hands.

Repeat first verse.

The Blessing