

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR

TOWN SUNDAY



Folkestone, St Mary and St Eanswythe  
Organist and Choir Director: Malcolm Munro

**THE TOWN MAYOR WISHES TO  
THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE  
ATTENDED THIS SERVICE, FOR  
THE PRAYERS OFFERED FOR HER  
AND FOR THE CIVIC LIFE OF THE  
TOWN DURING HER TERM OF  
OFFICE**

**COUNCILLOR  
ABENA AKUFFO-KELLY**

**THE WORSHIPFUL  
TOWN MAYOR  
OF FOLKESTONE**

**Sunday 7th July 2024**

**at 10.30am**

**The Parish Church  
of Saint Mary and Saint Eanswythe  
FOLKESTONE**

## THE MAYOR MAKING

From 1313 the inhabitants of Folkestone, summoned by the blowing of a horn, assembled annually at the Churchyard Cross on 8<sup>th</sup> September, the Feast of the Nativity of Our Blessed Lady, to elect their Mayor. Should they decline the majority wish, the people had power to pull down their principal dwelling.

After the Reformation and up until the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, all that remained of the Churchyard Cross here was its plinth and steps but the custom of the election continued.

In 1897, Canon Matthew Woodward, amid considerable controversy, had the present cross built using the ancient site.

Although the Town Mayor is now elected in the comfort of the Council Chamber and without threat to anyone's principal dwelling, it is from the Churchyard Cross that the Town Mayor is to be named today and prayers said for the person honoured and elected by the Town Councillors, for the Town Councillors themselves and for the Town of Folkestone.

*IF WET: Standard Bearers assemble in the North Transept and the Civic Party by the Baptistry.*

*Prayers for the Town Mayor will then be said within the Porch, after which the procession will enter in the order indicated at the foot of the next page.*

*Standard Bearers collect their standards at verse two, in readiness for the National Anthem.*

### **HYMN 317 : Shine Jesus Shine**

#### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

God save our gracious King,  
Long live our Noble King,  
God Save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God Save the King!

#### **THE BLESSING**

Vicky Friedrich

**Lay Minister, St Mary & St Eanswythe Church**

#### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*J.S. Bach - Pièce d'Orgue BWV 572*

*The Recession out shall be in the following order:*

*The Standard Bearers  
The Crucifier  
The Choir  
The Ministers  
The Folkestone Town Banner  
The Church Wardens  
The Town Mayor  
The Guests*

*There will be a retiring collection at the end of the Service for Folkestone Community Fridge, Nepalese Community and Home-Start.*

## **AN ACT OF DEDICATION**

Anita McKenzie, Town Mayor's Chaplain  
All stand and say together the following prayers:

*Yours, Lord is the kingdom.  
Yours the kingly rule of grace and  
truth which changes life  
and makes all things new.  
May your sovereignty be acknowledged  
here in Folkestone  
and in all the World  
that the reign of sin may be broken  
and your righteousness prevail on earth that  
the nations may live together in  
freedom and in peace.*

*Help us, O God, at all times  
to do the things that are right.*

*To that end give us clear vision  
that we may know what we ought to do;  
courage, to embark upon it;  
skill, to further it;  
wisdom, to reflect upon it,  
strength, to resist the temptation to turn aside  
and perseverance to bring it to fulfilment.*

*We make our act of commitment.  
Help us begin, continue and end  
all things in you.*

*Grant this prayer, O God,  
for young and old alike  
and for your Son's sake. Amen*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

All stand and say together

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy Kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the  
glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

*The Town Mayor and dignitaries leave the  
Town Hall and meet the Reverend at the  
Churchyard Cross.*

## **AT THE CHURCHYARD CROSS**

*The Town Mayor's Chaplain, Anita  
McKenzie, says:*

The Town Councillors have elected  
Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly as Town  
Mayor and we name her here at this  
Churchyard Cross where Mayors were  
elected in times past.

We pray for the Town Mayor  
For the Town Councillors,  
For the people of Folkestone:  
That God in His goodness may  
Guide, Bless and protect all.

Eternal God,  
the light of the minds that know  
you, the joy of the hearts that  
love you, and the strength of the  
wills that serve you;  
grant us so to know you  
that we may truly love you,  
and so to love you that we may  
fully serve you, whom to serve is  
perfect freedom, in Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

*The procession shall enter the Church  
through the Great West Door in the  
following order:-*

*The Crucifier  
The Choir  
The Ministers  
Town Banner  
The Town Mayor & dignitaries  
The Standard Bearers*

*Standard Bearers present their standards at  
the Tower Arch and proceed to their  
reserved seats.*

## **THE SERVICE IN CHURCH**

### **WELCOME**

Vicky Friedrich

**Lay Minister, St Mary & St Eanswythe  
Church**

**HYMN 328 : Make me a channel of your  
peace**

### **THE FIRST READING PHILLIPIANS 2 verses 1-18**

Read by The Town Mayor

### **PSALM 23**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.  
He shall refresh my soul  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall  
follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
for ever.

### **THE SECOND READING JOHN 7-21**

Read by Kofi Akuffo

**HYMN 522 : To God be the Glory**

### **THE SERMON**

Anita McKenzie  
Town Mayor's Chaplain

### **PRAYERS FOR TOWN AND FAMILY LIFE**

**Vicky Friedrich  
Lay Minister, St Mary & St Eanswythe  
Church**

*Please sit or kneel*

For the future of our Town  
For its prosperity and its good government  
For social concern  
For family life  
For the Town Mayor's charities:

Folkestone Community Fridge  
Nepalese Community  
Home-Start