St. Paul's Barton, Isle of Wight

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of

JOHN MILNE

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Wednesday 31st July 2013 7.30 pm Welcome to St Paul's, Barton as we gather to commemorate and give thanks for the life and work of John Milne, geologist and mining engineer, who was buried in St Paul's churchyard 100 years ago, and who is widely regarded to be the father of modern seismological science.



THE BLESSING The Bishop

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. May the Lord bless you and keep you, May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

You are most welcome to stay for refreshments.

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME AND BIDDING PRAYER

The Revd Dr Peter Pimentel, Vicar of St Paul's Barton

We are gathered here, today in the presence of God, to commemorate the life and work of John Milne, and to give thanks for his contribution to widening the horizons of human knowledge and skill.

We pray that all these values of service to humanity, which we now recollect, may help us to serve this generation and inspire our successors. Amen

Please stand

HYMN O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne, thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless ages the same. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time like an ever-rolling stream, will bear us all away; we fade and vanish, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Please sit

JOHN MILNE: His Life and Work *By Richard Smout*

BIBLE READING from Job 28:1-28

Read by Mary Prangnell

Surely there is a mine for silver, and a place for gold that they refine. ² Iron is taken out of the earth, and copper is smelted from the ore. ³ Man puts an end to darkness and searches out to the farthest limit the ore in gloom and deep darkness. ⁴ He opens shafts in a valley away from where anyone lives; they are forgotten by

Please stand **HYMN**

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made; I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die-I scarce can take it in: that on the Cross, our burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away our sin: When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home-what joy shall fill my heart! Then shall I bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! *Words: Stuart K Hine 1899-1989*

Please remain standing for the blessing

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm! O still small voice of calm!

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier 1807-1892 Please sit

PRAYERS

by Kevin McCoy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed by thy name; Thy kindgom 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. travelers; they hang in the air, far away from mankind; they swing to and fro. ⁵ As for the earth, out of it comes bread, but underneath it is turned up as by fire.⁶ Its stones are the place of sapphires, and it has dust of gold.⁷ "That path no bird of prey knows, and the falcon's eye has not seen it.⁸ The proud beasts have not trodden it; the lion has not passed over it. ⁹ "Man puts his hand to the flinty rock and overturns mountains by the roots. ¹⁰ He cuts out channels in the rocks, and his eye sees every precious thing. ¹¹ He dams up the streams so that they do not trickle, and the thing that is hidden he brings out to light. ¹² "But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding? ¹³ Man does not know its worth, and it is not found in the land of the living. ¹⁴ The deep says, 'It is not in me,' and the sea says, 'It is not with me.' ¹⁵ It cannot be bought for gold, and silver cannot be weighed as its price. ¹⁶ It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, in precious onyx or sapphire. ¹⁷ Gold and glass cannot equal it, nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold. ¹⁸ No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal; the price of wisdom is above pearls. ¹⁹ The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it, nor can it be valued in pure gold.²⁰ "From where, then, does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding?²¹ It is hidden from the eyes of all living and concealed from the birds of the air.²² Abaddon and Death say, 'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.' ²³ "God understands the way

to it, and he knows its place. ²⁴ For he looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens. ²⁵ When he gave to the wind its weight and apportioned the waters by measure, ²⁶ when he made a decree for the rain and a way for the lightning of the thunder, ²⁷ then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out. ²⁸ And he said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding

Solo: Et incarnatus est from Mozart Mass in C Sung by Liz Trail

BIBLE READING: Haggai 2:4b-9

Read by Peter Pimentel

Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts, ⁵ according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not. ⁶ For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. ⁷ And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts. ⁹ The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former,

says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts."

ADDRESS

The Rt Revd Christopher Foster, The Bishop of Portsmouth

Please stand HYMN Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find, in deeper rev'rence, praise.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with Thee the silence of eternity, Interpreted by love! Interpreted by love! Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace the beauty of Thy peace