

STOCKSBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

RE-OPENING CEREMONY AND RE-DEDICATION SERVICE

Saturday, 17th August, 1974
at 2.30 p.m.

Opener :

Mr. B. BUTCHER

Conducted by

Rev. D. Alan Keighley, M.A., B.D.
Superintendent Minister

Assisted by :

Rev. J. Basil Siddons
Resident Minister

Rev. Harold R. Bowes, B.D.
Circuit Minister

Rev. Ronald Kemp
Circuit Minister

Preacher :

Rev. Frank M. Amery, M.A.
Chairman of the Sheffield District

Organist :

Mr. L. Slater
Stocksbridge

Donations will be gratefully acknowledged by the Treasurer of the Building & Renovation Fund, please send your gifts to Mr. A. Curry, 18 Shay House Lane, Stocksbridge, or to the Minister

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The Church doors shall be closed at 2.25 p.m. after which Mr. Butcher and the Ministers, together with Mr. Bernard Blanchard (Architect) and Mr. John Brearley (for the Contractors David Brearley & Sons) shall proceed to the main door of the Church. Mr. Blanchard will present the key to Mr. Butcher with the words :

“Mr. Butcher, it gives me joy to deliver to you the key with which to re-open this building”

Mr. Butcher will insert the key, unlock the door, and opening the door, shall say :

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I declare this Church re-open for the use of the Methodist People in the worship of Almighty God”

After this, the Superintendant of the Sheffield North Circuit - Rev. D. Alan Keighley, shall lead the “Opening Party” up the West aisle to take up their positions for the Re-dedication Service, to the organ accompaniment

TRUMPET VOLUNTARY by John Stanley

The Minister shall announce the 1st Hymn

Hymn M.H.B.2.

Tune : Old Hundreth No. 3

After the Hymn, all shall remain standing

The minister shall then say :

“Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that God has put it into the hearts of His people to undertake the work of renovating this house of prayer. We now meet to re-dedicate it, to set it apart for the worship of Almighty God, our Father. Let us therefore, as we are assembled, solemnly re-dedicate this place to it's proper and sacred uses”

The congregation shall remain standing, responding by saying

AMEN

For the worship of God in prayer and praise;
For the preaching of the everlasting Gospel;
For the celebration of the Holy Sacraments,
We re-dedicate this house. AMEN.

For the comfort of those who mourn;
For strength to those who are tempted;
For light to those who seek The Way;
We re-dedicate this house. AMEN.

For the hallowing of family life;
For the teaching and guidance of the young;
For the perfecting of the saints;
We re-dedicate this house. AMEN.

For the conversion of sinners;
For the promotion of righteousness;
For the extension of God's Kingdom;
We re-dedicate this house. AMEN.

In the unity of the Faith,
In the bond of Christian brotherhood;
In charity and good will to all;
We re-dedicate this house. AMEN.

In the Name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
we re-dedicate this house. AMEN.

The congregation will be seated. Minister and congregation shall say together :

“We now, the people of this church and congregation, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses grateful for our heritage, sensible of the sacrifice of our fathers in the faith confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, do re-dedicate ourselves afresh to your worship and service in this house and neighbourhood. Grant that to this end we may know the sufficiency of Your grace, the strength of Your love, and the joy of Your living presence - all the time. AMEN.

Our Father

Hymn. M.H.B.677.

Tune : Quam Dilecta

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Rev. J. BASIL SIDDONS

Hymn M.H.B.720

Tune : Vienna

SERMON
Rev. FRANK M. AMERY, M.A.

Hymn. M.H.B.426

Tune : Laudate Dominum

ANTHEM
"How lovely are Thy dwellings"

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERTORY
Dedication of Gifts
Rev. HAROLD R. BOWES, B.D.

Hymn. M.H.B.573

Tune : Pater Omnium

BLESSING

The congregation is asked to remain seated while the platform party leave to the organ accompaniment.

Now Thank we All Our God

by S. Karg - Elert

You are invited to look over the premises

Refreshments served in the New Room on the Lower Floor