

The Church of Ireland ~ Diocese of Clogher



# Founders' Day and Thinking Day Youth Organisations Service



**Sunday 26th February  
2023**



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## Founders' Day / World Thinking Day.

Founders' Day/World Thinking Day is celebrated on **22nd February**, the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, (born in 1857), the founder of Scouting, and coincidentally also of his wife Olave Baden-Powell, founder of Guiding (born in 1889).



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## Order of Service

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN S64**

*(Youth Organisations will process and flags will be received during the Opening Hymn)  
(Flag bearers—Frances STOREY, Thea FARLOW, Cameron BELL, Ed WALLACE,  
Sebastian HOLLAND , Logan FULTON & a BROWNIE.*

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on the cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied  
for every sin on him was laid:  
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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### **GREETING**

In the name of Christ  
who died and was raised by the glory of the Father  
we welcome you:  
grace, mercy and peace be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## INTRODUCTION

by Garry CLARKE (Troop Leader)

**ACT OF DEDICATION** Led by: *Aimee TURNER (Guide) and Jamie LYNN (Scout)*

Let us listen to the Scout Law and the Guide Law and ask for God's help to keep our promises.

A Guide is honest, reliable and can be trusted.

A Scout is to be trusted.

**Lord, help us to carry out our promises to each other.**

A Guide is helpful and uses her time and abilities wisely.

A Scout is loyal.

**Lord, help us to show respect and be faithful to our friends and families.**

A Guide faces challenges and learns from her experiences.

A Scout is friendly and considerate.

**Lord, help us to be a good neighbour to all regardless of nationality, class or creed.**

A Guide is a good friend and a sister to all Guides.

A Scout belongs to the world-wide family of Scouts.

**Lord, help us to respect the diversity within our Movements.**

A Guide is polite and considerate.

A Scout has courage in all difficulties.

**Lord, help us to stand for what is right even though it may be demanding.**

A Guide respects all living things and takes care of the world around her.

A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.

**Lord, help us to be active in our society and to protect our environment.**

A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

**Lord, help us to welcome the views of others even when they are different to our own.**

## RENEWAL OF PROMISES

*Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts renew their promises.*

## CONFESSION

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;  
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

## ABSOLUTION

Merciful Lord,  
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## COLLECT

O God, our teacher and our judge:  
Enrich our hearts with the goodness of your wisdom  
and renew us from within:  
that all our actions, all our thoughts and all our words  
may bear the fruit of your transforming grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## CANTICLE—HYMN TS 662

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess you are God,  
one day ev'ry knee will bow.  
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.

**1ST READING** Read by: *Christopher JOHNSTON (Cub Scout)*

**Ecclesiastes 10: 1-4**

*The first reading is from the book of Ecclesiastes , chapter 10 reading from verse 1.*

As dead flies give perfume a bad smell,  
so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honour.  
The heart of the wise inclines to the right,  
but the heart of the fool to the left.  
Even as fools walk along the road,  
they lack sense  
and show everyone how stupid they are.  
If a ruler's anger rises against you,  
do not leave your post;  
calmness can lay great offences to rest.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm—Hymn S147**

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,  
and I will trust in you alone,  
for Your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and He anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.
3. And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for You are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

Stuart Townend (b. 1963)  
Based on Psalm 23

**2nd Reading :** Read by *Victoria JOHNSTON (Guide Leader)*

**2 Timothy 3: 1-17**

*The Second reading is from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy, Chapter 3, reading from verse 1.*

But mark this: there will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these teachers oppose the truth. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings – what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE—HYMN 364**

Praise him on the trumpet, the psaltery and harp.  
Praise him on the timbrel and the dance,  
praise him with stringed instruments too.  
Praise him on the loud cymbals, praise him on the loud cymbals.  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
Alleluia, praise the Lord, alleluia, praise the Lord.  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Words & Music: *John Kennett*

**GOSPEL READING**

Read by: *Avril ARMSTRONG (Guide Leader)*

**John 15: 1-17**

*(Sung acclamation)*

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Saint John, chapter 15,  
beginning to read at verse 1.*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

‘I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

‘As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: love each other.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(Sung acclamation)*

**Canticle—Hymn S86**

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see  
beauty that made this heart adore you,  
hope of a life spent with you.

*So here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that you’re my God,  
and you’re altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,*



*altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days oh so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly you came to the earth you created,  
all for love's sake became poor.

*So here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that you're my God,  
and you're altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.*

And I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.  
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to see my sin upon that cross.

**TIM HUGHES**  
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## **SERMON**

## **POST-SERMON HYMN S102**

My Jesus, my Saviour,  
Lord, there is none like you;  
all of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength,  
let every breath, all that I am,  
never cease to worship you.

*Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King:  
mountains bow down  
and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
for ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand;  
nothing compares to the  
promise I have in you.*

*Darlene Zschech (b. 1965)*

## CREED

### INDONESIAN CREED (adapted)

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, who is love  
and who had given the earth to all people.**

Do you believe in Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us  
and set us free from all form of oppression.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Spirit of God, who works in and through all  
who are turned towards the truth.**

Do you believe in the Fellowship of the Church?

**I believe in the community of faith,  
which is called to be at the service of all people.**

### OFFERTORY HYMN 112

The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me,  
how great is our God, and all will see  
how great, how great is our God.*

And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands;  
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, Three-in-One, Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb,  
the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names,  
worthy of all praise;  
my heart will sing:  
how great is our God.  
*(Repeat)*

**PRAYERS** *Led by: Young people from the Organisations who prepared these ,  
as part of their 'Faith Badge'.*



Celebrant:-

And now let us join together in the prayer our Father taught us.....

**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.**

## CLOSING PRAYERS & BLESSING

### Recessional Hymn S15 (and return of Flags)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes :
2. You're rich in love ,and you're slow to anger,  
your name is great ,and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find:
3. And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near and my time has come.  
Still, my soul will sing your praise unending,  
ten thousand years and then for evermore:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship your holy name.*

*I'll worship your holy name.  
Yes, I will worship your holy name.*

*Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman (b. 1974)*

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen**



The congregation is asked to leave the Church first, and to wait outside (weather permitting) for the Youth Parade back to the Hall.



**Lord Robert Baden-Powell**

**Lady Olave Baden-Powell**



**Founder of Scouting**



**Founder of Guiding**

## **Guide Promise**

**"I promise that I will do my best, to be true to myself and develop my beliefs, to serve the King and my community, to help other people and to keep the (Brownie) Guide Law."**

## **The Scout Promise:**

**On my honour,**

**I promise that I will do my best  
to do my duty to God and to the King,  
to help other people  
and to keep the Scout Law.**

<b><u>Beavers</u></b>	<b>Tues. 6.30-7.30pm</b>	<b>Alan Wilkinson</b>	<b>07867 502 563</b>
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