

Church School Headteacher Commissioning Service

Welcome

Hymn – Lord of All Hopefulness

Friends, the Church is one body under the headship of Jesus Christ. Through his Holy Spirit, God gives gifts to members of that body to exercise leadership among his people. God gives gifts to everyone.

We give thanks today for the calling of Mr Wilson as a leader in Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School and pray for *him* and for each person here today, that we may receive and use the gifts God is giving us for the common good and for his glory.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, light of the minds that know you, and joy of the hearts that serve you; grant to Mr Wilson, and to all your people, in leadership and in service, the desire to know you more, the gifts needed for the tasks entrusted to us, and care for those we work with; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ *The Commissioning*

The headteacher stands. The minister says

Mr Wilson, you have been appointed as the new Headteacher of the Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School. The school plays an important part in our community, and has a significant role in sharing the values of the gospel, and showing Christian care. You have a central part in this, and, to do your job well, you will need the help and support of the school leadership team, staff, parents, governors, church and the wider community.

Will you seek to uphold Christian values, attitudes and beliefs in your role as headteacher?

With the help of God I will.

The governors stand. The minister asks them

Governors, in your roles in the school, will you support the Headteacher and help *him* ensuring that all pupils receive an excellent education in mind, body, and spirit?

We will.

The school staff stand. The minister asks them

Colleagues, will you commit yourselves to maintaining the Christian ethos of the school and to assisting and affirming your Headteacher in *his* role?

We will.

The pupils stand. The minister asks them

Pupils, will you do your best to help your new Headteacher, and show your support for the values of the school

We will.

The parents stand. The minister asks them

Parents, will you commit yourselves to working in partnership with the school by supporting its ethos?

We will.

The rest of the congregation stands. The minister asks them

As members of the community in this place, will you support and encourage the Headteacher and all who have a part to play in the life of the school?

We will.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who has given us the desire to fulfil these tasks, give us also the power to do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bible Reading – Ecclesiastes 3

Presentation of symbols

A governor gives the keys of the school to the headteacher.
These keys symbolise your responsibility and our trust.

A representative of the school staff gives a Bible to the headteacher.

The Bible is an inspiration and a guide to life.

A representative of the Sir John Cass's Foundation gives a red feather to the headteacher.

The red feather reminds us of the generosity of our pious founder Sir John Cass.

A representative of the local community gives a map to the headteacher.

This map shows both the school and the local community.

A member of the church gives a prayer book to the headteacher.
Regular prayer is the foundation for spiritual growth.

A pupil lights a candle .
Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world.'

The headteacher responds.

Prayers

Let us pray for our headteacher, for our community, and for ourselves.

God who made us, give Mr Wilson your special gifts of leadership, wisdom, patience and care, for the well-being of your children, and the glory of your name.

Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

God who loves us, help Mr Wilson the teaching staff, and all who work and assist in the school, to ensure that all pupils reach their potential.

Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

God who knows us, through the shared values of church and school, may we learn and share together, and continue to grow in love and understanding.

Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

God who is with us, give wisdom and guidance to those who go from here to new places of education, work and living. Lord, hear your people
and answer our prayers.

Generous God,
who pours out gifts on all creation,
equip us for the work to which you call us,
and give us happy hearts;
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Hymn - This Little Light of Mine

The Blessing

The Lord be to you a light to encourage you in your ministry,
a light to enlighten your mind, and a light to shine on your
path; and the blessing ...