

Three Towns Church Extension.

PARISH OF EGGBUCKLAND.



OFFICE FOR THE

**LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE**

OF THE

**Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,**

**LAIRA, by**

**MRS. CLARK,** *of Efford Manor,*

ON

**Saturday, Sept. 16th, 1911,**

**AT 2-45 P.M.**



The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Clergy, Lay Readers,  
and Choirs having assembled at the Council Schools, Laira,  
shall proceed to the Site, singing the hymn following:—

HYMN 601 (A. & M.)

THE God of Abraham praise  
Who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
And God of Love ;  
Jehovah, Great I AM,  
By Earth and Heaven confest :  
We bow and bless the Sacred Name  
For ever blest.

The God of Abraham praise,  
At Whose supreme command  
From earth we rise, and seek the joys  
At His right Hand :  
We all on earth forsake,  
Its wisdom, fame, and power ;  
And Him our only Portion make,  
Our Shield and Tower.

Though nature's strength decay,  
And earth and hell withstand,  
To Canaan's bounds we urge our way  
At His command.  
The watery deep we pass,  
With Jesus in our view ;  
And through the howling wilderness  
Our way pursue

The goodly land we see,  
With peace and plenty blest ;  
A land of sacred liberty  
And endless rest :  
There milk and honey flow,  
And oil and wine abound,  
And trees of life for ever grow,  
With mercy crown'd.

There dwells the LORD, our King,  
The LORD our Righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world of sin,  
The Prince of Peace :  
On Sion's sacred height  
His Kingdom He maintains,  
And glorious with His saints in light  
For ever reigns.



He keeps His own secure,  
 He guards them by His side;  
 Arrays in garment white and pure  
 His spotless Bride :  
 With streams of sacred bliss  
 Beneath serener skies,  
 With all the fruits of Paradise,  
 He still supplies.  
 Before the great Three-One  
 They all exulting stand,  
 And tell the wonders He hath done  
 Through all their land :  
 The listening spheres attend,  
 And swell the growing fame ;  
 And sing in songs which never end,  
 The wondrous Name.  
 The God Who reigns on high  
 The great Archangels sing ;  
 And " Holy, Holy, Holy," cry,  
 " Almighty King !  
 Who was, and is the same,  
 And evermore shall be ;  
 Jehovah, Father, Great I AM,  
 We worship Thee."  
 Before the Saviour's face,  
 The ransom'd nations bow.  
 O'erwhelm'd at His Almighty grace  
 For ever new ;  
 He shows His prints of love,  
 They kindle to a flame !  
 And sound through all the worlds above  
 The slaughter'd Lamb.  
 The whole triumphant host  
 Give thanks to God on high ;  
 " Hail ! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,"  
 They ever cry :  
 Hail ! Abraham's God and mine !  
 (I join the heavenly lays),  
 All might and majesty are Thine,  
 And endless praise.. Amen.

*Then all things being disposed in order for the Laying of the Stone,  
 the Minister shall say :*

Except the Lord build the house,  
*Answer. Their labour is but lost that build it.*  
 Our help is in the Name of the Lord ;  
*Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.*  
 O Lord, hear our prayer ;  
*Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.*  
 Blessed be the Name of the Lord ;  
*Answer. From this time forth for evermore.*



*Then shall be sung Psalm lxxxiv.  
Quam dilecta !*

- 1 Oh how ámiable | are thy | dwellings : thóu | Lord | of |  
hosts !
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing \* to enter into the  
cóurts | of the | Lord : my heart and my flesh rejóice |  
in the | living | God.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house\* and the  
swallow a nest, where shé may | lay her | young : even  
thy altars, O Lord of hóst, my | King | and my |  
God.
- 4 Blessed are they that dwéll | in thy | house : théy will be  
| always | praising | thee.
- 5 Blessed is the man whose stréngth | is in | thee : ín  
whose | heart | are thy | ways.
- 6 Who going through the vale of misery úse it | for a |  
well : ánd the | pools are | filled . with | water.
- 7 They will gó from | strength to | strength : and unto the  
God of gods appeareth évery | one of | them in | Sion.
- 8 O Lord God of hóst | hear my | prayer : héarken | O |  
God of | Jacob.
- 9 Behold, O Gód | our de- | fender : and look upón the |  
face of | thine A | -nointed.
- 10 For one dáy | in thy | courts : ís | better | than a |  
thousand.
- 11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the hóuse | of my |  
God : than to dwéll in the | tents | of un- | -godliness.
- 12 For the Lord God is a líght | and de- | -fence : the Lord  
will give grace and worship \* and no good thing shall  
he withhold from thém that | live a | godly | life.
- 13 O Lórd | God of | hosts : blessed is the mán that |  
putteth . his | trust in | thee.
- Glory be to the Fáther, | and . to the | Son : ánd | to  
the | Holy | Ghost ;
- As it was in the beginning \* is nów, and | ever | shall be :  
wórlð without | end. | A- | men.



*Then shall the Minister say :*  
The Lord be with you ;  
*Answer. And with thy spirit.*  
Let us pray.  
Lord, have mercy upon us, &c.

Our Father, &c.

*Then the Bishop, laying his hand upon the Stone, shall say :*  
O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, Who art the brightness of the Father's Glory, and the express image of His Person ; the one Foundation, and the chief Corner Stone ; Bless what we now do in laying this Stone in Thy Name, and be Thou, we beseech Thee, the beginning, the increase, and the consummation of this our work, which is undertaken to the Glory of Thy Name, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Minister say :*  
Behold I lay in Zion a chief Corner Stone, elect, precious.  
*Answer. And he that believeth in Him shall not be confounded.*  
The Stone which the builders refused ;  
*Answer. Is become the Headstone of the Corner.*  
This is the Lord's doing ;  
*Answer. And it is marvellous in our eyes.*  
Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid.  
*Answer. Which is Jesus Christ.*  
Praise ye the Lord.  
*Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.*

**Here the Architect shall present Mrs. Clark with a trowel, and the Chairman of the Building Committee shall request her to lay the Stone, saying these words :**

In the faith of Jesus Christ we place this Foundation Stone, in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.  
*Amen.*

I declare this Stone to be well and truly laid.

*Then shall the Bishop say :*  
Here let true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love ever remain. This place is set apart for prayer and for the praise of the most Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who ever liveth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Then shall be read this lesson :*

EZRA iii. 10, 11

And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD ; because He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.



*Then shall be sung this Doxology :*  
Praise GOD from Whom all blessings flow ;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below :  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host ;  
Praise FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST. Amen.

*Then shall the **Bishop** say :*  
The Lord be with you ;  
*Answer. And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

O Eternal God, mighty in power, of majesty incomprehensible Whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands ; Who yet hast promised to be present wherever two or three are gathered together in Thy Name ; Vouchsafe to guide and bless the efforts now being made to raise a House for Thy worship and service in this district and grant us such success as may tend most to Thy glory and the salvation of Thy people : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, Who art the shield and defence of Thy people, be ever at hand, we beseech Thee, to protect and succour the builders of this House : keep them in their building from all sin and profaneness, and shelter them from all accident and peril ; that the work which, through Thy mercy, hath now been begun, may by their labour be brought to a happy end ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, Who hast built the living temple of Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner Stone ; Grant unto the work of Thine own Hands continual increase of glory and spiritual strength, and daily make Thy people more meet for the eternal tabernacle of Thy rest in the heavens ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

**Then shall the Bishop speak to the people.**

**Then shall be sung the following Hymn : during which  
a Collection shall be made.**

**Purses shall also be presented.**

HYMN 545 (A. & M.)

GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God ;  
He Whose word cannot be broken  
Form'd thee for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose ?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.



See, the streams of living waters,  
 Springing from eternal love,  
 Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
 And all fear of want remove.  
 Who can faint while such a river  
 Ever flows their thirst to assuage :  
 Grace, which like the LORD the Giver,  
 Never fails from age to age ?  
 Round each habitation hov'ring  
 See the cloud and fire appear,  
 For a glory and a cov'ring—  
 Showing that the LORD is near.  
 Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
 Light by night and shade by day ;  
 Daily on the manna feeding,  
 Which He gives them when they pray  
 Saviour, since of Zion's city  
 I, through grace, a member am,  
 Let the world deride or pity,  
 I will glory in Thy Name.  
 Fading is the world's best pleasure,  
 All its boasted pomp and show ;  
 Solid joys and lasting treasure  
 None but Zion's children know. Amen.

*Then shall the **Bishop** say the following prayers :*

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious  
 favour, and further us with Thy continual help ; that in all our  
 works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy  
 holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life ;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation  
 of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head  
 Corner Stone ; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit  
 by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable  
 unto Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING.

*The Procession shall return to the Schools singing the  
hymn following :—*

HYMN 604. (A. & M.)  
 THY Hand, O God, has guided  
 Thy flock from age to age ;  
 The wondrous tale is written,  
 Full clear, on every page ;  
 Our fathers own'd Thy goodness,  
 And we their deeds record ;  
 And both of this bear witness,  
 One Church, one Faith, one LORD,



Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
To greatest, as to least ;  
They bade men rise, and hasten  
To share the great King's feast ;  
And this was all their teaching  
In every deed and word,  
To all alike proclaiming  
One Church, one Faith, one LORD.

When shadows thick were falling,  
And all seem'd sunk in night,  
Thou, LORD, didst send Thy servants,  
Thy chosen sons of light ;  
On them and on Thy people  
Thy plenteous Grace was pour'd,  
And this was still their message,  
One Church, one Faith, one LORD.

Through many a day of darkness,  
Through many a scene of strife,  
The faithful few fought bravely,  
To guard the Nation's life.  
Their Gospel of redemption,  
Sin pardon'd, man restored,  
Was all in this enfolded,  
One Church, one Faith, one LORD.

And we, shall we be faithless ?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down ?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
And cast away our crown ?  
Not so : in God's deep counsels  
Some better thing is stored ;  
We will maintain, unflinching,  
One Church, one Faith, one LORD.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
Nor leave Thy work undone ;  
With Thy right Hand to help us,  
The Victory shall be won ;  
And then by men and angels  
Thy Name shall be adored,  
And this shall be their anthem,  
" One Church, one Faith, one LORD." Amen.

