

Service of Dedication for the Benches at St Edward's Church

The Feast of the Translation of St Edward, King and Confessor, 2022

Introduction

The Collect: Sovereign God, who set your servant Edward upon the throne of an earthly kingdom and inspired him with zeal for the kingdom of heaven: grant that we may so confess the faith of Christ by word and deed, that we may, with all your saints, inherit your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Lord God, you have placed the earth and its fruits under our care, so that by our labour all might share in the benefits of your creation. We thank you for the skill and talent that has created here a quiet oasis, part of the coming and going of life around our Church but also a space set aside for people to sit, to think and to remember.

Grant all who come here the peace and serenity of knowing that all is well for you are here in this garden and standing beside them. You know the roads we travel, our companions on the way, the twists and turns of the journey and the joy and sadness we encounter. Bless all who come here for whatever reason and make this place a special place of peace and hope. **AMEN.**

Dedication of the benches

The benches are blessed and dedicated individually.

Conclusion

As Our Saviour Jesus Christ has taught us, we boldly pray
**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.**

As we began with thankfulness for all the skill of those who created this space, so we leave now thankful that you are with us and will be with us all, this day and every day. **AMEN.**

We say the Grace together:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. AMEN.