**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers

Order of Service**

**(Branch Name or Association) AGM**

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**Welcome and Introduction**

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
All: **and also with you**.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
All: **Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You led your people to freedom
by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.
 *Silence is kept*

As our prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your Spirit come down upon us
to set us free to sing your praise
for ever and ever.
All: **Amen.**

May we who walk in the light of your presence
acclaim your Christ, rising victorious
as he banishes all darkness from our hearts and minds.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

**Hymn**

**Old Testament Reading**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.
All: **The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.

All: **The Lord is the strength of my life.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All: **The Lord is my light and my salvation;**
**the Lord is the strength of my life.**

**New Testament Reading**

**Magnificat** – we say together

**1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his low'Iy servant.**

**2. From this day all generations will call me blessed,
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.**

**3. He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.**

**4. He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**

**5. Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.**

**6. He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.**

**7. He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,**

**8. The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Address**

**Hymn**

**The Apostles Creed** – we say together

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**.

**Prayers**

Let us pray for the peace which comes from heaven and for the
salvation of our souls.
All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for peace throughout the world, and for the welfare
and unity of the Church of God.
All: **Lord hear our prayer.**Let us pray for our country, for our Sovereign Queen, Elizabeth,
and for all in authority under her.
All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our Diocese, for our Bishops, for the Clergy and
all congregations to whom they have a commitment of care.
All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us pray especially for the congregations represented here
today.
All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all church bell ringers, for the Association and all its members.
All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for this parish, for those who worship in this church
and for the ringers in this branch.
All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us commit to the love and mercy of God, those who have
served Him in this life and are now at rest.
All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are hindered by sickness
or any other necessity from being here in your House,
may, by the ringing of the bells be reminded of the prayers
of your church and may rejoice in the communion of saints;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
**Amen.**

Grant, O Lord, that all for whom the passing bell shall sound,
may be received into the paradise of your chosen people
and there may find mercy, light and everlasting peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
**Amen.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who ring church bells may be filled with
reverence and spiritual light and be counted worthy to stand with
those who praise you in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**

**The Association Collect** – we say together

**Living Lord, we thank you
for the honour and joy of being called to your service
in the fellowship of your Church.
We ask you to bless our Association
and grant that all our members
may work faithfully for the glory of your name.
Forgive our shortcomings
and make us worthy of our calling;
Through Jesus Christ out Lord**.
**Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace to offer our prayers
to you and you promise that when two or three are gathered together in your name, you will grant their requests;
Fulfil now, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us,
in this world, knowledge of your truth and,
in the world to come, life everlasting.
**Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever**.
**Amen.**

**Hymn**

Let us dedicate our lives and our art to the glory of God.

Prosper, O Lord, the work of our hands.
All: **Prosper our handiwork, O Lord.**

Remember, O Lord, only the work you have achieved through us and not what we deserve; and as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
**Amen.**

O God, you have made every calling acceptable in yourself,
if it is offered to your glory; give us, day by day,
the desire to do our work for your honour and the joy
of presenting it to you complete and done well;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
**Amen.**

**Blessing**
The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.
**Amen.**