

200 YEARS
OF CHURCH SCHOOLS



St Mary's
First School,
Northchurch



Potten End
First School,
Potten End



The Thomas
Coram Middle
School,
Berkhamsted



Victoria First
School,
Berkhamsted

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The Parish Church of St Peter, Great Berkhamsted
Sunday, 20 March, 2011
3pm

The National Society was founded at a meeting on 16 October 1811 attended by Joshua Watson, the Revd Henry Handley Norris (Watson's brother-in-law), and John Bowles, JP, with the Archbishop of Canterbury in the chair. Its stated aim was 'that the National Religion should be made the foundation of National Education'.

The mission of the Society was to found a Church school in every parish in England and Wales and with prodigious energy it began a national system of education establishing nearly 17,000 'National Schools' supplemented by the State from 1870 onwards. The Society funded building, enlarging and equipping classrooms through grants to prospective founders. Five thousand Church of England and Church in Wales schools, educating almost a million children and young people, are the heirs of that proud tradition.



It also trained teachers for these schools, starting from its Central School in London. Later the Society founded its own colleges and gave support to colleges founded by the dioceses.

Joshua Watson retired from a successful business in 1814, at the age of forty-three, in order to devote all his time and energies, for the remainder of his life, to the service of the Church of England; which he continued to do until his death in 1855.

PROGRAMME

All authority and power

*words, Christopher Idle
music, David Wilson, arr Roger Mayor*

Welcome

given by Fr John Pritchard

Victoria First School

introduced by Clare Bull

Our God is a great big God

Find a little seed

St Mary's First School

introduced by Sarah Jones

I turn on the tap

Roller Ghoster

Jon Lee, organ solo

Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

music, Johann Sebastian Bach

The Thomas Coram Middle School

introduced by Ed Delasalle

Say a little prayer

Shine, Jesus, shine

words & music, Burt Bacharach & Hal David

words & music, Graham Kendrick

Potten End First School

introduced by Jane Senior

Chilled-out Clap Rap

Build it high

words, Chris Curry

music, Jessica Curry

words & music, Suzy Davies

Jon Lee, organ solo

Sortie In E Flat

music, Louis Lefébure-Wély

The Choristers of St Peter's Church

O Mysterium Ineffabile

Thanks and Closing Prayer

given by Fr John Pritchard

Church Schools Hymn of Thanksgiving

(words overleaf)

FIRST PERFORMANCE

words, Fr John Pritchard

music, Rob Halls

Church Schools Hymn of Thanksgiving

Two hundred years of learning; two hundred years of song.
Two hundred years of faith in Christ - that faith we carry on.
We thank you, God, for all that's past; we thank you for this day.
We praise your name most holy, at school, in Church, through play.
So guide us in your wisdom and bless us in our day,
Two hundred years of our Church schools - we celebrate today!

We are a Church school family - for this we trust in God.
He has no hands but our hands; we walk where he has trod.
We light the world, our faith, our minds; we say that God is here.
It's what we learn and who we are that makes us very dear.
So guide us in your wisdom and bless us in our day,
Two hundred years of our Church schools - we celebrate today!

We're children with a purpose; we share our daily life.
We're generous and thoughtful amidst the strain of life.
Our pattern is the Holy one, our pattern is the Lord;
The one our patrons followed: the one who is adored.
So guide us in your wisdom and bless us in our day,
Two hundred years of our Church schools - we celebrate today!

We celebrate our learning; we celebrate in song;
We celebrate Christ living: his victory for us won.
We celebrate with thankful hearts - there's so much that is great.
We're celebrating all church schools, in village, town and state!
So guide us in your wisdom and bless us in our day,
Two hundred years of our Church schools - we celebrate today!

