

Blessing the Barn

Bishop Robert Atwell

Sheldon

30th July 2017



Oh when the saints

Oh when the saints go marching in
Oh when the saints go marching in
I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Oh when the drums begin to bang
Oh when the drums begin to bang
I want to be in that number
When the drums begin to bang

Oh when the trumpet sounds its call
Oh when the trumpet sounds its call
I want to be in that number
When the trumpet sounds its call

Oh when the sheep begin to lamb
Oh when the sheep begin to lamb
I want to be in that number
When the sheep begin to lamb

Oh when the sun begins to shine
Oh when the sun begins to shine
I want to be in that number
When the sun begins to shine

Oh when the saints go marching in
Oh when the saints go marching in
I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Procession

*Choir and Principals arrive 6pm, Form up in the Courtyard 6.20pm
Welcome from Carl*

*Process to the Barn singing 'Oh when the Saints'
led by the Tedburn Community Choir*

Telling the story

Introduction by Sarah

Interlude

*Medley from Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat
performed by Tedburn Community Choir*

Celebrations and blessings

We celebrate our trees, orchards and woodlands

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Bless them in the life of your spirit

Bless them this day

We celebrate our hedges ancient and new

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Bless them in the life of your spirit

Bless them this day

We celebrate our crops, garden and field

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Bless them in the life of your spirit

Bless them this day

We celebrate the beauty of shrubs and flowers

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Bless them in the life of your spirit

Bless them this day

We celebrate the history of animals who've shared our Sheldon life

Goats eating everything in sight

Donkeys in retirement

Llamas leading us a merry dance

Pigs happiest in muck

Poultry to cluck and quack, gobble and crow

We celebrate the animals who share our lives today

Dogs for company and to take us for walkies

Cats to rule us and catch the mice

Sheep to decorate the landscape

Sheep to vex us with their mischief

Sheep to sweep the board at the county show

Sheep keeping vigil in the night watches

We celebrate our fellow creatures

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Bless them in the life of your spirit

Bless them this day

We give thanks for machinery to make light of heavy work

A rotavator to till the earth

A mower to cut the grass and pathways

A tractor to carry heavy loads

A digger to make the earth move

We thank you for the gifts of engines and power

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Bless them in the life of your spirit

Bless them this day

Blessing the water

Bless to us the rain and dew

Bless to us the ice and snow

Bless to us the mist and clouds

Bless to us the seas and rivers

Bless to our land this gift of water

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Amen

Blessing the barn

Bishop sprinkles holy water on stanchion

From floor to roof from span to span

From floor to roof from span to span

For shelter, harvest and laughter

For shelter, harvest and laughter

God's Spirit be in this place

God's Spirit be in this place

Amen

repeat at intervals from one end of barn to the other

Blessing the valley

Turn to face the valley

From river to hill,

from mine to farm

from church to school,

from wood to field

Bless all who live in this valley

Bless all who work in this valley

Day and night, day and night

in the name of Father Son and Holy Spirit

Amen

Blessing the gathering

Turn to face those gathered

Bless the Tedburn Community Choir

Bless the Sheldon workweek volunteers

Bless the Sheldon estate and garden teams

Bless the Sheldon Community and Alongsiders

in the name of Father Son and Holy Spirit

Amen

Party time - enjoy!

Tedburn Community Choir

Hog Roast

The B Minors - Irish folk

Barn Dance - musicians Sue and Trevor, callers Chris and Lynda

