

**DEDICATION OF THE MONUMENT
TO COMMEMORATE
SIR THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON
ON
MONDAY 5TH JUNE 2017 AT 11:30 AM
BINCLEAVES GREEN, WEYMOUTH**



ORDER OF SERVICE



THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION

INTRODUCTION by the Reverend Edward Tildesley

WELCOME by the Right Reverend Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne

The Lord be with you

All Respond **And also with you.**

PENITENTIAL RITE led by the Bishop

At this point, we pause to remember before God our ongoing shortcomings in this regard:

Over a world where power is assumed in offence to the sanctity of all:

Lord have mercy

All Respond **Lord have mercy**

When in our greed we have colluded, knowingly or unknowingly, with the processes of human degradation:

Christ have mercy

All Respond **Christ have mercy**

In those times when fear has prevented us from defending the human dignity of our fellow beings:

Lord have mercy

All Respond **Lord have mercy**

May the Lord in His great mercy forgive us and free us.

All Respond **Amen**

THANKSGIVING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus, Chapter 44:

Read by the Right Reverend Antony Footitt (Bishop of Lynn 1999-2003)

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians:

Read by Mrs Frances Jones-Davies (eldest daughter of Sir Joscelyn Buxton, 7th Baronet)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OURSELVES

All say this prayer together

God the Father and deliverer of us all, we give you thanks this day for the courage and toil of Thomas Fowell Buxton against slavery.

We give thanks that you inspired him to witness bravely to your love; that you inspired him to enable the abundant radiance of your salvation to shine with new hope and dignity in the human lives of those held captive.

As we honour Thomas Fowell Buxton's memory in this place, we dedicate ourselves anew; with him, may we bring compassion to all and work for the freedom of all the children of God. Amen

THE DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF THE MONUMENT by the Bishop

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we bless and sanctify this monument in memory of His servant Thomas Fowell Buxton to the glory of God.

May it stand as a reminder, to all who pass this way, of the courage and faith of those who work for freedom and dignity for their fellow humanity. By it, may we and all who will become aware of it, gain courage to renew commitment to God's loving work of freedom in this place and in the world.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Respond **Amen.**

THE UNVEILING OF THE INFORMATION BOARD

Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, Mr Angus Campbell will give a short address and unveil the information board which details the achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton and explains the significance of the carvings and inscriptions.

The Mayor of Weymouth and Portland, Cllr Kevin Brookes will respond for the Borough.

Sir Crispin Buxton, 8th Baronet will respond on behalf of the Buxton family and thank the Bishop, the Lord Lieutenant, the Weymouth Council, the staff and students of Weymouth College and finally the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society who together with the many private donors have worked so hard to bring us to this day.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL by the Bishop

HYMN led by Mrs Patricia Thoyts

Trumpeter: Martin Ings

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

END OF THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION



