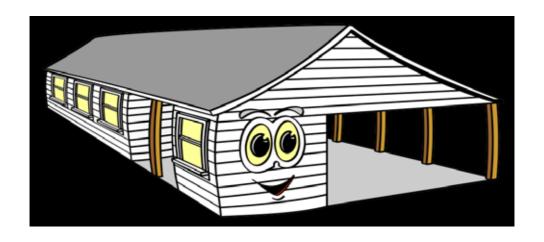
# Blessing the Barn

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