

ORMSKIRK PARISH CHURCH

400
YEARS
OF SECONDARY
EDUCATION
IN ORMSKIRK

SERVICE
THANKSGIVING

Sunday
24 June 2012
at 11.15am

Foundation Governors 1612 ~ 2012



A history of Secondary Education in Ormskirk

In 1612, William Stanley, the 6th Earl of Derby and a group of local leading figures in Ormskirk decided that the boys of the town needed to be educated. A decree was made in the High Court on September 28th 1612, which initiated the formation of the charitable trust. It was known as the Foundation Governing Body of the Free Grammar School and funds were raised within the town for a building to be erected. These men became the first Foundation Governors. The school was built at Barkhouse Hill, in the grounds of the Parish church and remained there until 1828, when it was condemned.

A new school was needed and so Edward Smith Stanley, the 13th Earl of Derby, generously donated land at Ruff Lane. Thus Ormskirk Grammar School came in to being. It remained on that site until 2001, when it joined together with Ormskirk Cross Hall High School on Wigan Road to become the new Ormskirk School.

The Foundation Governors were very much involved in this process and remain committed to supporting the education of the local young people. They offer financial support through various ways, usually by part funding of special projects in school and individual donations to students who participate in character building voluntary schemes. The Foundation Governors are proud to be able to make annual Achievement Awards for each year group which consist of both an individually inscribed glass trophy and a monetary prize.

The Foundation Governors

1612

William Stanley, 6th Earl of Derby
Sir Cuthbert Halsall - Knight of Halsall
Robert Hesketh of Rufford
Edward Stanley of Bickerstaffe
Edward Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick
Robert Hudson of Skelmersdale
Richard Ambrose - Vicar of Ormskirk
William Knowles - King's preacher at Ormskirk
Richard Jolibrand of Lathom
Thomas Sephton of Skelmersdale
Ralph Mason of Lathom
Richard Hill of Burscough
John Parker of Burscough
Peter Ledbetter of Bickerstaffe
John Barton of Aughton
Humphrey Golbourne of Ormskirk
John Shaw of Ormskirk
Richard Sankie of Ormskirk
William Laithwaite of Ormskirk

2012

The Earl of Derby DL.
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Mrs Hilary Rosbotham (Vice Chair)
The Reverend Christopher Jones (Vicar of Ormskirk)
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Current Senior Staff

Headteacher

J P Doyle, MA (Cantab)

Associate Headteacher

J F Traynor, BA Hons (Sheffield), MBA (Hull)

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K Smith, BEd (Leeds)

Director of Post 16 Education

Assistant Headteachers

B R Illingworth, BA Hons (Dunelm) MA

S J Warburton, BSc Hons (Hull)

H Bulcock, BSc Hons (UCLAN)

C G Stewart, B.Th Hons (Bangor)

A C Wood, BA Hons (Lancaster)

Message from
The Bishop of Liverpool
The Right Reverend James Jones



When I became Bishop of Liverpool I quoted from the novel "The Power and the Glory" by Graham Greene the following words, "There is always a moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in".

Education is about opening the door to the hearts and minds of young people and letting in a future that encourages them to flourish with the gifts that God has given them. Over the last 400 years there has been a very close association between Ormskirk Grammar School and Ormskirk Parish Church.

The first Governors were the Earl of Derby and the King's Preacher at Ormskirk. Over the last 400 years there have been huge changes but the Earl of Derby and the King's Preacher (the vicar) are still there ensuring that the ethos of the school remains the same "sans changer".

Today there are so many more influences to which young people are subjected. It is therefore all the more important that an education should be rounded. It's not just about acquiring knowledge and learning skills. Education is about the formation of a person's character. And a person's character is best formed and shaped in a community. Therefore the values of the community in which the education takes place are all important.

The close relationship that the school has to the church underlines the importance of Christian values for with these we learn self esteem, respect, dignity, tolerance, forgiveness and reconciliation.

I hope and pray that in the service that you have to celebrate the 400th Anniversary you will sense the eternal foundations upon which these values are built.

I wish you all God's blessing and pray that as the door opens for the young people of Ormskirk School the future for each and every one may be of fulfilment and peace.

✠ James, Liverpool

Message from
The Earl of Derby



I would like to congratulate the Foundation Governors on the 400th Anniversary of Ormskirk School, this is a long history for any school and one that everybody can be very proud of. Thankfully, an awful lot has changed in how we educate our young people and the facilities that we offer them, indeed the splendid new building is certainly rather better than what went before.

My family have lived nearby and been involved with the institution since the original founders set up the Free Grammar School of in 1612. We are proud that this association continues.

I am delighted that I was present at your Gala Dinner, it was wonderful to welcome you to Knowsley Hall which further strengthened this long association. I wish the School, its pupils and staff all the very best for the numerous celebratory events this year and for its continuing success in the decades and centuries to come.

The Earl Derby

The Processions

10.40am from Mill Street : The Procession to Church

*Current staff, pupils and parents join former staff, pupils and parents together with
Foundation Governors and the Mayor and Mayoress.*



11.10am The Civic Procession from the Tower Room

The Head Boy and Girl

Former Staff

The Foundation Governing Body

The Mayor and Mayoress of Ormskirk

Councillor Mr Paul Greenall and Mrs Louise Greenhall



11.15am Order for the Procession Hymn

The Processional Cross of Ormskirk

The Ormskirk School Singers

Mr Alan Winstanley GLCM LLCM

Director of Music

Mr John Doyle MA (Cantab)

Headteacher of Ormskirk School

Assistant Clergy of the Parish Church

The Reverend Adam Watkinson MA (Oxon)

*Chaplain to Repton School, Derby
and former teacher of RE at Ormskirk School*

The Reverend Chris Jones

The Vicar of Ormskirk

The Gathering

¶ A welcome is given by the Vicar of Ormskirk followed by the Processional Hymn

1. Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creations;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen
How thy heart's wishes have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If to the end he befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again:
Gladly for ay we adore him.

Words by J Neander, Music, Lobe den Herren (Gesangbuch)

The Opening Rite

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

Grace, mercy and peace be with you
And also with you

The Bidding and Act of Confession

The Bidding

¶ *Remain standing, the vicar introduces the service with these words:*

Dear Friends, we meet today to give thanks for our school. For all who have been connected with it over the past 400 years, the students, teachers, staff, parents and governors.

We give our thanks today in the words of the General Thanksgiving from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Short Act of Confession

¶ *The congregation sit or kneel as the vicar invites the people to confess their sins with these words:*

We come together today from scattered lives aware of our own shortcomings and ask for God's forgiveness as we say together:

**MOST merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Absolution

¶ *The vicar pronounces the absolution*

MAY the Almighty and most merciful God, grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for the amendment of life and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Responses: (Sung)

- V O Lord open thou our lips;
R **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise**
V O God, make speed to save us;
R **O Lord, make haste to help us**
V Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
R **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**
V Praise ye the Lord;
R **The Lord's name be praised.**

¶ *The congregation remain seated while the choir sings verses from the Psalms.*

Verses from Psalm 139

*O LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me.
Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine uprising;
thou understandest my thoughts long before.
Thou art about my path, and about my bed; and art acquainted with all my ways.
For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.
Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; I cannot attain unto it.*

The Old Testament Lesson

Read by Hilary Rosbotham - Vice Chairman of the Foundation Governors

A reading from the First book of Kings : The Lord Appears to Elijah

And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty.
The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars,
and put your prophets to death with the sword.
I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."
The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord,
for the Lord is about to pass by."
Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord,
but the Lord was not in the wind.
After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.
After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire.
And after the fire came a gentle whisper.
When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.
Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty.
The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the
sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."
The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus.
When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram."

This is the word of the Lord

¶ *The congregation stands to sing a*
Congregational Setting of the Jubilate (Psalm 100)

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.
- 2 The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3 O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Words Anglo-Genevan Psalter (1561)
Music: Traditional arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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New Testament Lesson

Read by Mr John Doyle MA (Cantab) – Headteacher

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark : Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging.

When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout,

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more,

“Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.”

Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see”.

“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.”

Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Chair of Foundation Governors

Mrs Rose Halsall will address the congregation, this will conclude with the singing of

The National Anthem *(Stand)*

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen!

Thy choicest gifts in store,
On her be pleased to pour;
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen!

The Act of Commitment

We have given thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed on our school during the past four hundred years.

We ask for his blessing for the future as we commit ourselves to the service of education and the nurture and guidance of young people.

¶ *To the Foundation Governing Body*

Do you the members of the foundation Governing Body, custodians of this long and important tradition, promise to undertake your duties with diligence.

With God's help we will.

¶ *To the Headteacher and members of staff:*

Headteacher and members of staff, do you promise to continue to provide the young people of this place with opportunities for growth and development, equipping them with skills and positive attitudes to enable them to fulfill themselves and contribute to society.

With God's help we will.

¶ *To the pupils of the school*

Pupils of the school, do you promise to work hard and always produce your best, show respect to your teachers and take advantage of all the opportunities which are available to you at Ormskirk School.

With God's help we will.

¶ *To the Parents and Friends (former staff, pupils and parents)*

Finally, do you the parents and friends of Ormskirk School promise to support its work by encouraging the governors, staff and pupils to fulfill their respective roles in supporting each other and furthering the aims of the school.

With God's help we will.

¶ *The act of commitment concludes with these words:*

May Almighty God give us the wisdom, courage and strength to keep the light of learning burning brightly in this place now and in the years to come. **Amen**

Final Hymn

¶ *The congregation stand for the final hymn and blessing*

1 Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom the world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day

2 O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next..

3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen

Words by M Rinkart, Music, Nun Danket, J Crüger

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak, help the afflicted; honour all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for evermore. Amen.

¶ *The congregation remain standing while the procession proceeds to the tower room*

The Recessional



Lunch is served after the service in Church House.

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Celebrating 400 Years

of the Foundation Governors of Ormskirk School

Service of Thanksgiving Sunday 24 June

Acknowledgments

The Vicar, PCC and Church Wardens of Ormskirk Parish Church

The Reverend Adam Watkinson

Current and Former Pupils, Parents, Staff and Governors

Musicians:

The Ormskirk School Singers, (pupils, staff and members of the Ormskirk Music Society and the Occasional Singers).

Directed by Alan Winstanley

Organist: Mark Rawsthorne (Ormskirk Parish Church)

Piper: Andy Walsh,

Tower Captain: Peter Rothwell and the Ringing Team for their special peal

Brass: Quintessential Brass, Directed by Ian Hunter

Catering:

Claire's Kitchen @ H Greaves of Upholland

Stewarding:

Members of the Lower Sixth

Remaining Events this Autumn at Ormskirk School

Founders Day

Friday 28 September

9.00 – 3.00 Events for Pupils of the School

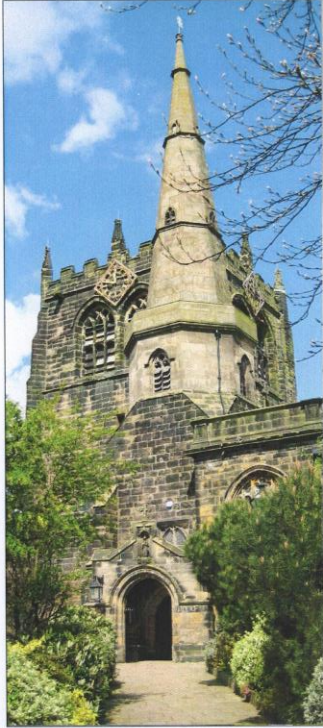
4.00 – 8.00 School Open to the public

Exhibition, Talks, Video Presentations, Archives, and much more!

Gala Concert and Firework Display

Saturday 29 September 7.00pm

Tickets available from 7 September £6.00, Family Ticket £15.00



The Foundation Governors
of Ormskirk School



invite you to the 400th Anniversary

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ORMSKIRK PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 24 JUNE 2012

*Gather in Mill Street off Ruff Lane at 10.30am for procession to church
service at 11.5am followed by lunch at 12.15pm*

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