

## St Alban's Church Bristol

Evensong Sunday October 5th 2008

*Hymns from Common Praise (Large print copies are available)*

Opening hymn	270 Come ye thankful people
Psalm	65
Hymn	263 O lord of every shining constellation
Canticles	Dyson in D
Anthem	Thou visitest the earth (Maurice Greene)
Hymn	275 We plough the fields
Closing hymn	274 To thee O Lord our hearts we raise

, Sir George Dyson, composer, teacher, organist and administrator was born in Halifax, Yorkshire, England in 1883. He spent four years (1904-8) in Italy and Germany on a Mendelssohn Scholarship. He taught at the Royal College of Music (where he had been a student under Stanford) before becoming in 1937 the College's director, a post he retained until 1952. He died at Winchester in 1964. He was the composer of many choral and instrumental works including the symphony in G and a violin concerto. The Sir George Dyson Trust established in 1998 with the composer's daughter, Alice Dyson as the chairman.

Thou visitest the earth

Maurice Greene (1695-1755) was organist of St. Paul's Cathedral and of the Chapel Royal of George II..He was, in many ways, the most naturally gifted of Handel's English contemporaries.As a composer, Greene is remembered chiefly for his church music and in particular, the full anthems 'Lord let me know mine end' and 'O clap your hands'.

The anthem tonight is based on Psalm 65: vv 9 and 12-

hou visitest the earth, and blessest it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness.

## Psalm 65

1 Thou O God art | praised in | Sion :

And unto thee shall the vow be per|form-ed| in Je | rusalem,

2 Thou that | hearest •the | prayer :

Unto | thee shall | all flesh | come.

3 My misdeeds pre | vail a | gainst me:

0 be thou. | merci •ful | unto•our | sins,

4 Bless-ed is the man whom thou chooseth and recei vest | unto | thee:

He shall dwell in thy court and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house,

even | of thy | holy | temple,

5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness O God of | our sal | vation :

Thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth,

and of them that re | main • in the | broad | sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth | fast the | mountains :

And is | girded • a | bout with | power.

7 Who stilleth the raging | of the | sea :

And the noise of his waves and the | madness | of the | people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid | at thy | tokens:

Thou that makest the outgoings of the | morning •and | evening • to | praise thee.

9 Thou visitest the | earth and | blessest it :

Thou | rnakest • it | very | plenteous.

10 The river of God is | full of | water :

Thou preparest their corn for so thou pro | videst | for the | earth

11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little | valleys

•there | of:

hou makest it soft with the drops of rain and | blessest • the | increase | of it.

12 Thou crownest the year | with thy | goodness :

And thy | clouds | drop | fatness.

13 They shall drop upon the dwellings | of the | wilderness :

And the little hills shall re | j o i c e on | every | side.

14 The folds shall be | full of | sheep :

The valleys also shall stand so thick with corn that | they shall | laugh and | sing.

