

# The Legal Service

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## Evensong

attended by  
The Honourable Mr Justice Saini,  
Judges, Civil Authorities and all concerned with  
the Administration of Justice  
in the County of Cornwall  
and the Isles of Scilly



High Sheriff of Cornwall and Isles of Scilly  
Toby Ashworth Esq



Truro  
Cathedral

Sunday 19th November 2023  
at 4pm

## **ABOUT THIS SERVICE**

The office of High Sheriff is at least one thousand years old and is the oldest continuous secular office under the Crown. Originally, the office held many of the powers now vested in Lord Lieutenants, High Court Judges, Magistrates, Local Authorities, Coroners and even the Inland Revenue. The High Sheriff remains the Sovereign's representative in the County for all matters relating to the Judiciary and the maintenance of law and order.

The High Sheriff takes up appointment upon making a sworn declaration in terms dictated by the Sheriff's Act 1887. The appointment is for one year only and in Cornwall is a personal appointment by the Duke of Cornwall.

High Sheriffs are responsible in the counties of England and Wales for duties conferred by the crown through Warrant from the Privy Council, These include:

- Attendance at Royal visits to the county.
- The well-being and protection of Her Majesty's High Court Judges when on Circuit in the county and attending them in court during legal terms.
- The execution of certain High Court Writs and Orders achieved through the Under Sheriff, whose annual appointment is by the High Sheriff alone.
- Acting as the Returning Officer for Parliamentary Elections in most county constituencies.

The High Sheriff is also responsible each time the need arises to pronounce the official "Proclamation of a new Monarch" within their county. In Cornwall the Proclamation is read from the steps of Truro Cathedral.

High Sheriffs are now encouraged by the Association of High Sheriffs of England and Wales to undertake duties to improve and sustain the morale of personnel of voluntary and statutory bodies engaged in the maintenance and extension of law and order and the entire criminal system. It is an independent, non-political office which enables the holder to bring together a wide variety of individuals and office holders for the good of the community in which a High Sheriff serves.

**TOBY ASHWORTH Esq**  
**THE HIGH SHERIFF OF CORNWALL AND ISLES OF SCILLY**

Toby Ashworth comes from a long line of hoteliers whose family have been involved in the tourism industry in Cornwall for more than 100 years. Brought up in Cornwall on the north coast at Watergate Bay, today he is the proprietor and managing director of The Nare Hotel on the south coast.

Prior to returning to his home county in 1994 to become involved in the family businesses, Toby served as an officer in the Royal Navy. On leaving school he joined Dartmouth and then graduated from the RN Engineering College, Manadon, serving in HMS Rothesay, Avenger, and Juno as a Lieutenant.

Since starting at The Nare over 25 years ago Toby has been involved in many aspects of Cornish life, including being a trustee of the Cornwall Community Foundation, President of Truro Prime Stock Show, Chair of the C100 club (the corporate arm of CCF), chairman and course builder of Lanhydrock Horse Trials, founder of Cornwall Spring Story, and an Ambassador of the Cornwall Place Board.

Toby, his wife Katie (corporate lawyer, Nare director and interior designer), and their two teenage daughters live in the village of St Ewe.

## THE ORDER OF THE PROCESSION

*The congregation remains **seated** while a procession of Town Mayors takes place.*

*A fanfare is sounded and the congregation **stands** for the arrival of the Procession.*

-Crucifer-  
Choir

-Lay Assistant  
Mace Bearers  
Mayor's Chaplain and Town Clerk  
Mayor of Truro and Mayor's Consort  
Vice Chairman Cornwall Council

-Lay Assistant-  
Cherilyn Mackory MP  
Chief Fire Officer Billing; Assistant Chief Fire Officer Wallens-Hancock  
Wing Commander Simpson; Acting Chief Constable Colwell  
Cdr (RNAS Culdrose); Lt Cdr Brookes

-Lay Assistant-  
Matthew Morris Duchy of Cornwall; Luke Humphries Duchy of Cornwall  
Andrew Cox, Coroner; President Cornwall Law Society  
Chair Cornwall Bench; Deputy Chair Cornwall Bench  
District Judge Stone; Deputy District Judge Davies  
His Honour Judge Mitchell; His Honour Judge Richards  
His Honour Judge Linford

-Canon Sue Wallace-  
Under Sheriff of Dorset  
High Sheriff of Bristol; High Sheriff of Dorset  
High Sheriff of the Isle of Wight; High Sheriff of Wiltshire  
High Sheriff of Devon; High Sheriff of Somerset

-Canon Chancellor-

The High Sheriff's Chaplain  
High Sheriff's Cadet;  
The Under Sheriff of Cornwall  
High Sheriff of Cornwall

-Verger-

The Dean

The Honourable Mr Justice Saini  
HM Lord-Lieutenant for Cornwall, Mrs Bolitho

## Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might,  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Be thou my inheritance now and always,  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Please remain **standing** for the Bidding Prayer*

## **The Bidding Prayer**

*read by the Revd Canon Marion Barrett, Chaplain to the High Sheriff*

Dearly beloved, we are taught in Holy Scripture that we should make prayer, intercession and thanksgiving for all people and in all circumstances; we pray therefore for Christ's holy Catholic Church throughout the world; for the ministers of God's holy Word and Sacraments, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for Hugh our bishop; for this Cathedral church and for this Diocese of Truro.

For our Sovereign, King Charles the Third, William, Duke of Cornwall and for all members of the Royal Family. For the High Court of Parliament, Ministers of the Crown, and all judges and magistrates. For the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, and the work of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

For the Mayor of this city, the Chairman of Cornwall County Council and for all who represent us in local government.

For all who serve this nation by land, sea or air; for all engaged in tourism, agriculture, industry, the fisheries and commerce.

For the sick and injured, and for those who treat them and care for them.

For schools, universities and colleges and for all engaged in the work of education.

Because he who was rich, emptied himself and became poor for our sake, we remember in his name the homeless, the unemployed, those who are rejected or experience discrimination; all prisoners, hostages, refugees and for all who are trapped in the despair of addiction, debt or fear.

And we pray for the people of this realm, that in all our various vocations and professions, we might live in peace and charity one with another, remembering God who is judge of all and to whom we must all ultimately give account.

We pray for all who have departed this life in the faith of Christ, beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them, we may partakers of thy eternal kingdom.

Finally, we offer praise and thanksgiving for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, and above all for the inestimable love of God in the redemption of the world through our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.

All these prayers we humbly gather together as we say:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Opening Preces**

*sung by the Officiant and the Choir  
to a setting by Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)*

O Lord, open thou our lips.  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.  
The Lord's name be praised.

## **Hymn**

*Hubert Parry*

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!**



**Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!**

**Psalm 101**  
*sung by the Choir*

*Please sit as the choir chants the Psalm but stand for the singing of the Gloria.*

My song shall be of mercy and judgement: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

O let me have understanding: in the way of godliness.

When wilt thou come unto me: I will walk in my house with a perfect heart.

I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate the sins of unfaithfulness:

there shall no such cleave unto me.

A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour: him will I destroy.

Whoso hath also a proud look and high stomach: I will not suffer him.

Mine eyes look upon such as are faithful in the land: that they may dwell with me.

Whoso leadeth a godly life: he shall be my servant.

There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are in the land: that I may root out all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Please sit*

### **The First Lesson**

#### **Isaiah 1:1-16**

*The Honourable Mr Justice Saini*

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Here ends the first lesson.

*Please stand*

## **Magnificat**

*The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary sung by the Choir  
to a setting by Dobrinka Tabakova (b. 1980)*

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers Abraham and his seed, for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Please sit*

## **The Second Lesson**

**John 8.1-11**

*read by the High Sheriff of Cornwall, Toby Ashworth*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' They said this to test

him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

Here ends the second lesson.

*Please stand*

### **Nunc Dimittis**

*The Song of Simeon sung by the Choir  
to a setting by Dobrinka Tabakova (b. 1980)*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared:  
before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be: world without end.  
Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
**the Father Almighty,**  
**Maker of heaven and earth:**  
**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,**  
**Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**  
**Born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**Suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**Was crucified, dead and buried,**  
**He descended into hell;**  
**The third day he rose again from the dead,**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**And sitteth on the right hand**  
**of God the Father Almighty;**  
**From thence he shall come to judge**  
**the quick and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Ghost;**  
**The holy Catholic Church;**  
**The Communion of Saints;**  
**The Forgiveness of sins;**  
**The Resurrection of the body,**  
**And the life everlasting.**  
**Amen.**

## The Prayers

*sung by the Officiant and the Choir*

The Lord be with you  
And with thy spirit.

*Please sit or kneel*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

### **The Collect for the day**

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### **The Collect for peace**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

### **The Collect for help in danger**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Please sit*

## **The Anthem**

*Te lucis ante terminum by Henry Balfour Gardiner(1877-1950)  
sung by the Choir*

Te lucis ante terminum,  
Rerum Creator, poscimus,  
Ut pro tua clementia,  
Sis praesul et custodia.

Before the ending of the day,  
creator of the world, we pray  
that with thy wonted favour  
thou wouldst be our guard and  
keeper now.

Procul recedant somnia,  
Et noctium phantasmata:  
Hostemque nostrum  
comprime,  
Ne polluantur corpora.

From all ill dreams defend our  
eyes, from nightly fears and  
fantasies; tread under foot our  
ghostly foe,  
that no pollution we may know.

Praesta, Pater piissime,  
Patrique compar Unice,  
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,  
Regnans per omne  
saeculum. Amen.

O Father, that we ask be done,  
through Jesus Christ, thine only  
Son; who, with the Holy Ghost  
and thee, doth live and reign  
eternally. Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Read by*  
*Chief Superintendent Ian Drummond Smith, Kresulu Trustee*  
*Georgiana Ashworth*  
*Bethany Cookman, The High Sheriff's Police Cadet*  
*Cordelia Ashworth*

*At the end of each prayer:*

Lord in your Mercy

**Hear our Prayer**

*After the last prayer:*

Merciful God

**Accept these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



*Please stand*

**Hymn**  
*William Whiting*

**Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Saviour, whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walkedst upon the foaming deep,  
And calm amid the rage didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O sacred Spirit, who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bad'st its angry tumult cease,  
And gavest light and life and peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them whereso'er they go:  
And ever let there rise to thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

*Please sit*

**Sermon**  
*The Revd Canon Marion Barrett, High Sheriff's Chaplain*

*Please stand*

**Hymn**  
*Gustav Holst*

**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:  
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

**And there's another country I've heard of long ago,  
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.**

*During the hymn the Collection will be taken for the work of the Cathedral and the High Sheriff's nominated charities, the Children's Sailing Trust and Kreslu, the Police Welfare Charity in Cornwall. Please give generously and gift aid your offering if you can.*

*Please remain standing*

## **The National Anthem**

**God save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King!**

**Thy choicest gifts in store  
On him be pleased to pour;  
Long may he reign:  
May he defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice  
God save our King.**

## **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 fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honour everyone;  
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**Trelawny – The Song of the Western Man**  
*R.S Hawker (1803-1875)*

**A good sword and a trusty hand!  
A merry heart and true!  
King James's men shall understand  
What Cornish lads can do!  
And have they fixed the where and when?  
And shall Trelawny die?  
Here's twenty thousand Cornish men  
Will know the reason why!**

**(Chorus)  
And shall Trelawny live?  
And shall Trelawny die?  
Here's twenty thousand Cornish men  
Will know the reason why!**

**Out spake their Captain brave and bold:  
A merry wight was he:  
'If London Tower were Michael's hold,  
We'd set Trelawny free!  
'We'll cross the Tamar, land to land:  
The Severn is no stay:  
With "one and all,"  
and hand in hand;  
And who shall bid us nay?**

**'And when we come to London Wall,  
A pleasant sight to view,  
Come forth! come forth!  
ye cowards all:  
Here's men as good as you.  
'Trelawny he's in keep and hold;  
Trelawny he may die:  
But here's twenty thousand Cornish BOLD  
Will know the reason why!'**

**Organ Voluntary**  
*Finale (Symphony No 6) by Charles-Marie Widor (1844 – 1937)*

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High Sheriff of Devon; High Sheriff of Somerset

-Lay Assistant-

Matthew Morris Duchy of Cornwall; Luke Humphries Duchy of Cornwall  
Andrew Cox, Coroner; President Cornwall Law Society  
Chair Cornwall Bench; Deputy Chair Cornwall Bench  
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Vice Chairman Cornwall Council

*Refreshments will be served in the Cathedral after the service.*