

ST. PARK'S, DUNDELA : 25 APRIL 1995. RESTORATION of CHURCH.

NO APL RMAE 01.14.016

To Jesus : " O Lord, Save thy people : and bless their
heritage
Govern them : and lift them up for
ever... "

The Great anthem of praise of the Christian Church.

" We praise thee, O God... we acknowledge thee O Lord... "

From praise of God - magnificence - turns to needs of people of
God - natural progression.

3 ingredients : Save and bless...
Govern...
Lift them up for ever...

To-day historic for this gr. and historic church.

Damning task - magnificent response - more to do.

As we approach the Millennium this Church of Ballyfield,
this Church of tradition, this Church of CS Lewis, above all
this Church of St. Paul 'the Lion of Christ' - has indulged
in gr. act of faith - so that it may enter next
millennium as witness to living Christ.

On Sunday of suffering of Ballymore, continues
and we are called to give in support etc - we
thank God for witness of St. P's. and look ahead with

confidence. But we do so in reality of
world as it is...

O Lord, save thy people:

Endless cry of people to God - looking to the
rock from whom we have come - in 'changing
scenes of life' crying out to God.

Translation - not save those who are perishing -
but strengthen and encourage.

Encourage our belief as Niblemian approaches
that our worship / witness will be up to the task.

Govern them:

Last 100 yrs. X'ty faced through period of
uncertainty. Competing claims for belief.
Scientific challenge. Post modern thinking.
Ch. sometimes blame for lack of direction
in clear thinking. Need for integrity in self for
and expression of 'faith once delivered'.

Gift them up for ever

Endurance.

Faithfulness

Push us forward in faith ...