

Breaking of the Ground:

Praise the Lord, all you nations!  
**Extol him, all you peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
**And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

*Mr. Philip Johnson, Church Treasurer and longest serving member on the parish centre development committee is invited to turn three spade full's of soil.*

With faith in Jesus Christ, this work is begun and this ground is broken

in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

### **The Sending out**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**In the name of our Lord.**

*In turn all are invited to turn soil as an act of commitment to see this work, now begun, brought to completion.*

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## **A Service of Thanksgiving & Ground Breaking** For the Living Stones Parish Centre St Thomas' Brampton All Saints Day, 2009

### **The Gathering**

*Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."*  
Joshua 3:5

Eternal God,

Gracious Heavenly Father, This is the day; this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We come before you this afternoon to give thanks. With you, nothing is impossible. The Scriptures teach us that Christ is the rock of ages; He is the foundation and the corner stone upon which we the people of God will build His church.

We come today to consecrate our actions, asking for your guidance and your inspiration upon those who clear the way for the foundation of this building, for those who build it, and especially upon those who will use it to teach and inspire others, and all this we do and pray in the name of your Beloved Son Our Lord Jesus.

**Amen.**

♪ **Sing: we sing together**

### **The giving thanks & prayers of remembrance**

Let us give thanks for the use to which this ground was first given. Let us remember with thanks those whose mortal remains found their final resting place in this soil. We remember the souls of all those who are buried in the ground

over which we are about to build, we especially remember those whose names are still known to us:

*Allsop - Austin - Baggaley - Bailey - Ball - Biggin - Billing - Blacknall - Booker - Bower - Bradshaw - Brocklehurst - Buxton - Clarke - Cook - Crofts - Cutting - Dawson - Drabble - Elliot - Finney - Fisher - Fletcher - Foulkes - Frith - Gibbons - Greaves - Hannah - Hardy - Harrison - Haslam - Henry - Hollins - Hopkinson - Hoskin - Hubbuck - Johnson - Kirkland - Knight - Knowles - Lawrence - Lenthall - Leslie - Linney - Lowe - Marriott - Marsden - Mason - Mottram - Murray - Newberry - Palmer - Parker - Parsons - Pattison - Pearson - Plowright - Redfern - Reynolds - Rhodes - Richardson - Rodgers - Salt - Sandford - Shemwell - Siddall - Silcock - Smylie - Spooner - Swain - Sylvester - Thomas - Thompson - Wardle - Whitton - Wrigley.*

By your great mercy, let their eternal rest be undisturbed by our labours. As we are mindful this day of the great cloud of witnesses that surround us let's run with perseverance the race marked out for us. May all the saints departed pray for us at this time in our endeavour to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to our own generation so that others may share in death the peace that they now enjoy.

Let our hands be gentle with any remains inadvertently disturbed, let our hearts be quiet as we lay to rest once more the bones that remind us of others now departed this world.

Lord of the living and the dead – help us in our necessary work.

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**  
**Amen**

## **The Prayers**

*for all the work that has brought us this far  
for safety at work  
for the remaining resources to complete the work  
for the purposes of God to be fulfilled in the life of his  
church & people*

♪ **Sing: we sing together**

## **The Ground breaking**

*[if due to inclement weather the service has taken place inside the church building the following words will be used]*

Let us go forth in peace,  
**In the name of our Lord.**

*If not already in place the ministers and congregation process behind the cross to the north of the church (car park area) where the groundbreaking will take place.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Let us pray.*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You fill the entire world with your presence; your name is to be hallowed through all the earth.

Bless all those who have worked or contributed to provide the site which today we set apart for a new purpose of the building of our parish centre. May this be a place where all may come to know the presence of Christ, experience the joy of his friendship, and grow in his love.

You have given us joy in a work begun in your name; may we soon celebrate your presence in this place, and in the time to come, praise you forever in our eternal home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**