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Town's 'jewel' celebrates its 900th birthday



THE service to mark the nine-hundred-year-old church's anniversary, above
The new stained glass window, right



THE bishops make their way into Workshop Priory for the solemn mass of thanksgiving (W30322/6)

WHEN any sort of building reaches 900 years old it's worth marking the occasion – and when the building is as beautiful and important as Workshop Priory, it's worth doing it well.

And the celebration service held at the grand old church was certainly done well – a fittingly grandiose ceremony to mark its nine centuries.

A dazzling array of clergy, including five

bishops and an archbishop, were in attendance for a solemn mass of thanksgiving.

Also in the congregation were Bassetlaw MP John Mann, chairman of Bassetlaw Council Frank Hart, and Lord Lieutenant of Notts Sir Andrew Buchanan and Lady Buchanan.

"It was a marvellous celebration," said curate Simon Lumby.

The service was also the occasion for the official unveiling of the church's stunning stained glass window.

Mr Lumby added: "It was great to see the town so richly represented and the window is beautiful."

Don't miss this week's Workshop Guardian for the full picture on the big event at Workshop Priory.