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The Service of Installation and Welcome

for

The Reverend Matthew Ford

as

Associate Minister for Outreach and Nurture

*of the Parish of
Holy Trinity Stratford-upon-Avon
with All Saints' Luddington
and St Helen's Clifford Chambers.*

Officiant

Acting Archdeacon Pastor
The Reverend Tim Cockell

7:30pm Wednesday 29th January
Stratford-upon-Avon, Holy Trinity

Welcome to Holy Trinity

This service marks the beginning of a new phase of ministry, both for Matt and this parish. It is a joyful moment and one to which all come with a high sense of anticipation of God's blessing on the years ahead, and it is right that this beginning is marked by a service both of celebration and of dignity. We are delighted to welcome both Matt and Grace to the parish and will continue to pray for them as they become part of the community here.

The Diocese of Coventry has in recent years understood its mission in terms of three themes: Worshipping God, Making New Disciples and Transforming Communities. Various aspects of this mission as well as the core value of shared ministry, between Bishop, clergy and congregation are reflected in this service.

Our parish vision *-lives changed through God's love-* lies at the heart of what we are about and will be key to Matt's ministry, especially his leadership of outreach, nurturing discipleship and pastoral care.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

John 15:16

The Gathering

Before the service the Vicar of Holy Trinity leads the New Minister to his seat and welcomes the congregation.

A short time of silent prayer follows.

The Entrance Hymn

At the entry of the choir and ministers we stand to sing

1 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.

2 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.

3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, 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.

4 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.

5 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.

The Greeting

Archdeacon In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All **Amen**

Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father.

Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you **and also with you.**

The Archdeacon gives his own words of welcome and introduction.

There are varieties of gifts,
but the same spirit.

There are varieties of service,
but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working,
but the same God is at work in all.

There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all,
to whom Christ ascended on high.

Archdeacon And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:
All **some are apostles, some are his prophets;**
evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us,
so that we can minister together
to build up his body,
to be mature in the fullness of Christ.

The Presentation

The Minister to be Installed stands before the Archdeacon and is presented to him by the Vicar and a Churchwarden

Archdeacon, I present Matt Ford to be installed as Associate Minister for Outreach and Nurture; he is to serve in the parish of Holy Trinity Stratford-upon-Avon with All Saints' Luddington and St Helen's Clifford Chambers.

One of the Churchwardens says

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council, I confirm that we have willingly assented to Matt as our Associate Minister.

The Archdeacon acknowledges this Presentation

The Collect

The Archdeacon introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray for Matt and for the ministry of the whole people of God, that together we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

Silence may be kept

Archdeacon God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us into the fellowship
of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servant Matt now to be installed,
the needful gifts of grace;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Churchwarden and Vicar return to their places.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

Read by David Harrison, Reader.

Reader This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

The reading is followed by a short time of silence

Gradual Hymn

1 Here is love, vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom,
shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout heaven's eternal days.

2 On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

3 Let me all your love accepting
Love you ever all my days
Let me seek your kingdom only
And my life be to your praise
You alone shall be my glory
Nothing in this world I see
You have cleansed and sanctified me
You yourself have set me free.

4 In your truth you will direct me
By your Spirit through your Word
And your grace my need is meeting
As I trust in you my Lord
Of your fullness you are pouring
Your great love and power on me
Without measure full and boundless
Drawing out my heart to thee.

We remain standing for the Gospel reading

Reader

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord

Mark 10:35-45

Read by the Rev. Emma Harrington, Curate.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

*The sermon is preached by the Acting Archdeacon Pastor,
The Rev. Tim Cockell*

Anthem

*O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the Most High, eternal light
Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith: hope soars above.*

*Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine;
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.*

*Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.*

*Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin:
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming ray
To souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.*

(Words Henry Bramley, Music Charles Wood)

The Liturgy of Installation

The Dedication to Christ's Ministry

*The Archdeacon introduces the next part of the service where
symbols of ministry will be presented and shared.*

*Those who wish to do so are invited to join the following act of
rededication to the ministry of Christ in this place.*

*The Children and Families Minister, who is responsible for baptism
preparation, hands the New Minister a flagon of water, and says*

Will you be among us as one who rejoices to bring new Christians to baptism and confirmation, and to share with them the Living Water, Jesus Christ himself?

Minister By the help of God I will.

The Minister asks the people

Minister Will you share with me in encouraging and sustaining all who come to Christ, to help his people to grow in his life, and shine with his light?

All **By the help of God we will.**

A member of the congregation from All Saints' Luddington hands the Minister a bible, and says

Will you be among us as one who studies Holy Scripture, preaches its story of the Love of God and explores the riches of our faith in the Word-made-flesh?

Minister By the help of God I will.

The Minister asks the people

Minister Will you join with me in nurturing discipleship, that all may hear and rejoice in the good news of Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer?

All **By the help of God we will.**

A Communion Assistant presents a chalice and a paten, and says

Will you be among us to break the bread and bless the cup, to celebrate with us the Lord's death and resurrection; that we may know his presence in us, for the life of the world?

Minister By the help of God I will.

The Minister asks the people

Minister Will you join me in offering ourselves, in thanksgiving and praise, to be a living sacrifice, rejoicing to know that we are the body of Christ, sustained and nurtured by his body and blood?

All **By the help of God we will.**

A member of the congregation from St. Helen's Clifford Chambers hands the Minister a book of prayer, and says

Will you be among us as one who holds us in prayer, as one who leads us in worship, in psalm and silence, in lament and praise, that we may grow in God's image and likeness, and care for the needs of the world?

Minister By the help of God I will.

The Minister asks the people

Minister Will you join me in placing prayer at the heart of this community, at the rising of the sun and its setting, that all may come to be blessed by the light of Jesus Christ?

All **By the help of God we will.**

The coordinator for Lay Chaplains and the Prayer Ministry team hands the Minister the Oil for Healing, and says:

Will you be among us as one who leads our ministry of welcome, pastoral care and prayer for healing?

Minister By the help of God I will.

The Minister asks the people

Minister Will you join me in seeking to make Christ known by welcoming people of all ages and caring for his flock, so that the world might catch a glimpse of the love of God through us?

All **By the help of God we will.**

All return to their seats. The Archdeacon concludes this dedication and renewal of commitment to ministry.

The Installation

The Vicar leads the Minister to the Archdeacon.

Archdeacon Matt has shown his commitment to sharing in the ministry of Christ in this place; Patrick, has he also made the necessary requirements by law?

Vicar I declare that Matt has affirmed the Declaration of Assent, and taken the Oath of Allegiance to the King, and the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop of Coventry.

The Archdeacon addresses the Minister to be Installed

Archdeacon Matt, do you believe that God has called you to share in the ministry of the people of God in this parish and to serve as a priest and pastor here?

Minister I do.

The Minister turns to face the congregation.

The Archdeacon addresses the people

Archdeacon People of this parish and all who share in Christ's ministry here, will you support each other in that ministry and welcome Matt among you?

All **In Christ's name we will.**

The other members of the Parish Clergy Team stand with

Matt before the Archdeacon:

Archdeacon Matt, will you work with your colleagues in the service of Christ and support them in their ministry?

Minister By the help of God I will.

The Archdeacon addresses the team members

Archdeacon Patrick, Emma and Phil, will you take care with Matt to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and together build up the common life?

Clergy Team **By Gods' grace, we will.**

The Minister kneels before the Archdeacon

Archdeacon Matt do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. In your work and ministry, and with your colleagues, care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor.

By your words and in your life preach the gospel. Give time for yourself, your family and friends.
Love and serve Christ's people.

Nourish them by word and sacrament,
and strengthen them to glorify God
in this life and in the life to come.

*While the Minister remains kneeling the Archdeacon may invite others
to pray for him and this new phase of ministry.*

As people come forward an invocation of the Spirit is sung.

Song to the Holy Spirit

1 Holy Spirit, guide my vision
Help me see the way you see.
Always Jesus, ever Jesus
Christ in all is Christ in me.

2 Holy Spirit, guide my speaking
Words of grace in truth abound.
Let my lips be filled with stories
Of the mercy that I've found.

*You're the light
You're my path
You're the shepherd of my soul.
All I am
All I have
Holy Spirit, lead me on.*

3 Holy Spirit, guide my hearing
Wake my ears to words you speak.
In the thunder and the stillness
Let your voice be clear in me
Let your voice be clear in me.

Chorus

4 Holy Spirit, lead me onward
Walking through the great unknown.
Trusting, leaning, holding, clinging
Till the day you lead me home.

The minister is placed in their stall by the Archdeacon.

Matt, I place you in the accustomed seat of a minister in this parish. Pray for the people, lead them in worship and service, and encourage them in their witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Minister kneels and the Archdeacon says

Matt, God keep you in his care;
Christ win you and save you:
The Holy Spirit guide you
In the paths of truth and love always.
Amen

*The Associate Minister stands with the Archdeacon
and turns to face the congregation*

Archdeacon My brothers and sisters, It is my pleasure to present to you your new Associate Minister for Outreach and Nurture!

The Associate Minister is welcomed with applause.

The Deanery Lay Chair welcomes the New Associate Minister into the deanery with suitable words.

The Associate Minister responds, then invites the congregation to pray.

The Lord's Prayer

The Associate Minister leads the prayers of intercession, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, saying

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **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.**

Offertory Hymn

The collection for the Diocesan Ordination Candidates Fund is presented by the Churchwardens and received by the Vicar.

O LORD my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

Chorus

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in:
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

Chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art!

The Dismissal

The following act of commitment is led by the Associate Minister

Associate Minister

Lord Jesus, you call us.

Help us to respond to your call.

Lord Jesus, you call us to be your people in the world.

**We will follow your call to be your people:
our hands will do your work,
our feet will walk your way.**

Lord Jesus, you call us.
Help us to respond to your call.

Lord Jesus, you call each one to be your child for the world.
**may our hearts search for your truth,
may our souls listen for your voice,
may our lives follow in your path.**

Lord Jesus, you call each one of us.
Help us to respond to your call.

Lord Jesus, you call us to be your people in the world.
We are the body of Christ.

The Archdeacon gives the Blessing

Archdeacon Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Associate Minister says:

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Recessional

Voluntary

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

by George Frideric Handel (1685 -1759)

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