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A Licensing and Commissioning Service for Lay Ministry



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Saturday 14th October 2023
11.00 am

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Welcome to Winchester Cathedral for this service when we give thanks to God for the mission of all Christians and particularly for those called to Lay Ministry. In this act of worship we celebrate the Admission and Licensing of Licensed Lay Ministers and Lay Workers and the commissioning of other Lay Ministers working in a variety of contexts.

As you wait for the service to begin, please spend a few moments in prayer for those who are to be admitted and commissioned as Lay Ministers today. Please pray too for the Lay Ministers you know personally and for the clergy and people with whom they work.

Newly licensed and commissioned ministers seek together to help all God's people live the mission of Jesus in the various contexts and networks of the Diocese for the common good of all society.

The service will be led by
The Right Reverend Debbie Sellin, Acting Bishop of Winchester
and The Right Reverend David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke

The preacher will be
The Right Reverend David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke

Candidates will be presented by
The Reverend Canon Dr Mark Collinson, Director of Ministry

LIST OF THOSE BEING ADMITTED AND LICENSED AT TODAY'S SERVICE

Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs)

Daniel Sanderson
Simon Day
Karin Jenssen
Mary Melbourne
Sarah Barnes

Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) transferring from another diocese

Bruce Viney
Mary Bell

Licensed Lay Worker (LLW)

Alison Collins

Those receiving the Bishop's Permission to Preach

Alex Sains
Andrew Spence
Gillian MacDonald
Pat Wootten
Neil McSparron
Timothy James

Those receiving the Bishop's Commission for Mission at today's service

BCM Pastoral

Jan Butcher
Gabrielle Knights
Stephen Knights
Anne Newson

Kate Pink
Emma Plummer
Christine McMahon
Susan Roux

David Steele
Paul Vellacott
Angus Watson

BCM Worship

Eve Baker
Georgie Bateman
Ian Black
Jan Butcher
Nick Carter
Mary Cleal
Mary Cornwall
Claire Davies
Clare Durham
Simon Ffennell
Stephen Fice

Julie Francis
Chryssie Green
Natalie Greenfield
Michelle Harden
Denise Harding
Shaun Jordan
Jill Kiely
George Medd
Mike Moores
Sue Moss
Sarah Mussett

Jane Nicholson
Kathleen Ogilvie -
Thompson
Taiwo Ogunjimi
Rebecca Podevin
Tim Rowlandson
Claire Smith
Patrick Taylor
Chris Thompson
Rebecca Webb

BCM Prayer Champions

Barry Cornwell

BCM Children, Family & Youth Ministry

Georgie Bateman
Andrew Clapper
Sochima Ezeanowai
Timothy Fisher
Michele Gosling

Chryssie Green
Jazmine Milton
Alison Ricketts
Andrew Ricketts
Ann Simmonds

Alice Street
Judith Woods
Samantha Wright

BCM Creation Care

Hilary Bax
Stuart Divall
Joy Faulkner

Angela Jones
Wendy Lay
Christina MacLeod

Graham Norman
Camilla Pearse
Patrick Taylor

BCM Growing Faith

John Athanasiou
Jennifer Howard

Gabrielle Knights
Stephen Knights

Roger Mason
Angela Southern

BCM Beyond Church Walls

Bernice Alexander
Sandra Clarke
Liz Christopher
Julian Davies

Jeremy Houghton-
Brown
Caroline James
Stuart Mitchell

Peter Nailer
Victoria Scott

Church Army Evangelists?

Deputy Wardens of Lay Ministry

Stuart Bailey
Susan Brakewell

Bruce Viney
Mark Ward

ORDER OF SERVICE

Stand for the procession

THE GATHERING

THE WELCOME

Canon Andy Trenier, Canon Precentor and Sacrist, greets the people

We are here to celebrate the variety of gifts and ministries within the Church, and to commission and authorise new lay ministers. As we prepare to meet God in worship, let us keep a few moments of silence and prayer for those who offer themselves in God's service.

THE PROCESSIONAL SONG

Stand to sing the processional song

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son

and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Fanny Crosby (1875)

THE GREETING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

CALLING AND AFFIRMATION

Sit. The Right Reverend Debbie Sellin, Acting Bishop of Winchester, introduces the affirmation of candidates

In his gracious goodness, God created each of us with gifts and abilities which we are called to use in order to contribute to the common good and to promote our life together as a society. As followers of Jesus, we are all called to participate in the mission of the whole People of God: to share God's life in the world.

Within the life of the Church, some are called to minister to the local Christian community, offering their gifts to support the People of God in their service of the world. Today we celebrate those who are called to serve God's servant people, acknowledging the gifts God has given them and affirming their calling to minister in his Church by licensing and commissioning them.

A short video is played in which some of those being commissioned today share their testimonies of their calling, training, and ministry

Sochi Ezeanowai BCM
Simon Day LLM
Pat Wootten BPP

Candidates stand. The Right Reverend David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke, addresses the candidates, who answer accordingly

As we gather to celebrate these particular ministries, I invite you to affirm with me your calling as a disciple to serve the common good and to witness to God in daily life.

Will you give all you have and all you are to live for God as a disciple to his praise and glory?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you serve diligently in your calling contributing to the common good and doing everything to the glory of God?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you witness faithfully and fully to the Kingdom of God, offering the love of God in deed and word?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you speak up for justice and freedom for all, especially those without a voice?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you joyfully witness to all that God has done for you, giving thanks to him for his gift of life?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you pray for the good of all people, that God's kingdom might come and his will be done?

With the help of God, we will.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1: 24-31

Sit for the reading, read by Andy Milchard, BPP

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was

evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Mark 3: 13-19

Read by Gemma Ball, LLW

He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message and to have authority to cast out demons. So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder; and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Stand. During the following song, banners representing the five marks of mission of the Diocese are processed through the nave

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt of life, no fear of death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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THE SERMON

Sit after the preacher's introductory prayer

The Right Reverend David Williams, *Bishop of Basingstoke*

WORSHIP SONG

Stand to sing the Worship Song, during which a collection will be taken

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.
*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

*Stuart Townend
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THE INTERCESSIONS

Led by **XXXXX**

Kneel or sit

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

After each petition there is silence followed by

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

THE COMMISSIONING OF BCMS AND BPPS

Sit. The Revd Canon Dr Mark Collinson, Director of Ministry says

The Bishop's Commission for Mission recognises the calling of these people to share in the Church's ministry, serving others in ways which bear witness to God's love for the whole world. I present to you those who offer themselves to share in God's mission...

...through the pastoral care of the sick, the lonely and the bereaved

BCM Pastoral stand

...in the leadership of worship to the glory of God

BCM Worship stand

...in ministry to children, families and young people

BCM Children, Families and Youth stand

...in teaching and nurturing those new to the Christian faith

BCM Growing Faith stand

...in the care of God's creation

BCM Creation Care stand

...in the building up of the praying life of the church

BCM Prayer Champions stand

I also present those who are called to share their faith and build the Church through the ministry of preaching. Having completed the required training, they are to receive the Bishop's Permission to Preach, and offer themselves as servants of God's word.

The Director of Ministry invites those receiving Bishop's Permission to Preach to stand

When all those receiving the Bishop's Commission for Mission or the Bishop's Permission to Preach are standing, Bishop Debbie addresses them and says:

Brothers and sisters, do you believe God has called you to this ministry?

I do so believe.

Will you accept the discipline of the Church of England and respect all those who exercise authority with the Bishop of Winchester?

By the grace of God, I will.

Will you honour and serve your local church leadership team, and under their authority seek to serve the people of your community?

By the grace of God, I will.

I commission you to this ministry in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

All remain seated while music is played, during which each of the new BCMs and BPPs receive their commission

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands;
my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart;
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me;
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless Righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die;
my soul is purchased with His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Saviour and my God;
with Christ my Saviour and my God!

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THE ADMISSION AND LICENSING OF LAY MINISTERS AND LAY WORKERS

Licensed Lay Ministers and Licensed Lay Workers are called to serve the Church of God and to work together with other ministers in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. As authorised ministers they are to lead worship, to preach and teach the word of God, to assist at the Eucharist, to share in pastoral and evangelistic work, and to help the whole Church to participate in God's mission to the world.

The candidates are presented to the Bishop David, saying:

Bishop, I present these persons to be admitted to the office of Licensed Lay Minister or Licensed Lay Worker.

The names of each person to be admitted and the Parish(es) and Deanery in which they will serve, are read

Bishop David addresses the Director of Ministry, who responds accordingly

Are they women and men of Christian character, well versed in the Holy Scriptures and in the doctrines of our faith?

They are.

Have they been sufficiently prepared for the duties of this office?

They have.

THE QUESTIONS

The Bishop turns to the candidates and says

In order that we may be satisfied that you are ready to begin the ministry of Licensed Lay Minister, or Licensed Lay Worker, you must now answer the questions we put to you.

Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?

I do so believe.

Will you be faithful in leading the people of God in worship, and in preaching the word to them?

By the grace of God, I will.

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

By the grace of God, I will.

Will you endeavour to fashion your life according to the way of Christ?

By the grace of God, I will.

Will you promote unity, peace and love in the Church and in the world, and especially among those whom you serve?

By the grace of God, I will.

Will you work closely with your colleagues in ministry and encourage the gifts of others?

By the grace of God, I will.

The Bishop addresses the clergy of the places in which the candidates will serve as Licensed Lay Ministers or Licensed Lay Workers, who answer accordingly

Will you work closely with your new lay ministers and encourage them to use their gifts and develop their ministry?
We will.

Will you commend them to the people among whom they will serve?
We will.

THE ADMISSION OF LICENSED LAY MINISTERS

The Bishop admits each one to the office of Licensed Lay Minister and presents them with a Bible and an LLM badge

N, I admit you as a Licensed Lay Minister in the Church,
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The new Licensed Lay Ministers are vested with a blue scarf

THE ADMISSION OF LICENSED LAY WORKERS

The Bishop admits the candidate to the office of Licensed Lay Worker, presenting them with a Certificate of Admission

N, I admit you as a Licensed Lay Worker in the Church,
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PRESENTATION OF LICENSED LAY MINISTERS ARRIVING FROM ANOTHER DIOCESE

The Licensed Lay Ministers transferring from other dioceses move to the front. They are presented to the Bishop with these words

Bishop, I present these Licensed Lay Ministers to be licensed for ministry in this diocese.

The name of each person to be licensed and the Parish(es) and Deanery in which they will serve, is read out

THE LICENSING

The Bishop hands to all the Licensed Lay Ministers their licences and, having done so, addresses them all, saying

Receive this Licence or Permission to exercise the office of Licensed Lay Minister in the Diocese of Winchester.
May the Lord be with you in your ministry.

WELCOME TO CHURCH ARMY EVANGELISTS

Church Army Evangelists move to the front to join the Licensed Lay Ministers. They are presented to the Bishop with these words

Bishop, I present these Church Army Evangelists to be welcomed in their new roles in ministry in this diocese

The name of each person is read out. The Bishop says,

May the Lord be with you in your ministry.
We welcome you among us as ministers of God's word.
May the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

REAFFIRMATION OF DEPUTY WARDENS

The Deputy Wardens are invited to stand. The Bishop of Basingstoke, as Warden of Readers, addresses the Deputy Wardens

Will you work with me to pray for and promote lay licensed ministry, and contribute to build up, encourage and provide ongoing training for the community of licensed ministers?

The Deputy Wardens respond

We will.

THE WELCOME TO ALL THOSE COMMISSIONED

All those newly licensed and commissioned stand. Bishop David addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, these women and men have been called and equipped to serve in the church.

Will you continue to pray for them and for their work?

We will.

Will you work with them and encourage them to use their gifts and to develop their ministries?

We will.

We welcome you among us as ministers of the gospel.

We welcome you.

The Bishop invites the congregation to congratulate the new ministers with applause

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Bishop Debbie offers the Blessing and Dismissal

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.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

THE RECESSIONAL SONG

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r 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;
Then sings my soul...

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;
Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"
Then sings my soul...

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The Declarations

Before the service the candidates for admission and licensing as Readers make the Declarations in the form prescribed by Canons E 5 and E 6.

The Bishop reads the Preface to the Declaration of Assent

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, The Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

The candidates respond:

I, [Name], do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

I, [Name], will give due obedience to the Bishop of N and their successors in all things lawful and honest.

Licensed Lay Minister candidates respond:

I, [Name], about to be licensed to exercise the office of LLM in the Diocese [Parish] of N, do hereby promise to endeavour, as far as in me lies, to promote peace and unity, and to conduct myself as becomes a worker for Christ, for the good of his Church, and for the spiritual welfare of all people. I will give due obedience to the minister in whose cure I may serve, in all things lawful and honest.

