

THE INAUGURATION
OF
THE MINISTRY
OF
STEPHEN WAINE
AS
ARCHDEACON OF DORSET

Wimborne Minster

Sunday 18th April,

3.00pm

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Christian life and work are always in partnership, and an archdeacon is a focus of this partnership.

In the Church of England an archdeacon is a priest who works in close collaboration with the Bishop in looking after part of a diocese. Originally he was a 'Chief deacon', and in the Middle Ages was exactly that, but the tasks assigned to him in time required that he be in priest's orders.

The archdeacon has a number of important public functions which are themselves each part of a network of relationships within the whole Church:

- he is responsible for **inducting** ministers to their pastoral charges in local churches;
- he is responsible for **admitting** churchwardens each year at his Visitation;
- he is usually responsible for **presenting** new deacons and priests at their ordination;
- he has a special responsibility of care for the fabric and property of the churches, and each year he is required to hold a Visitation within his archdeaconry.

There are, of course, many other tasks and responsibilities that will be delegated to him by the Bishop.

Please pray for Stephen as he begins a new stage in his ministry and for Liz, William and Lucy. Pray above all that God may fill him with the grace and power to be a faithful and wise pastor in the days ahead.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People **With the help of God I will.**

Bishop Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

People **With the help of God I will.**

Bishop May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Archdeacon of Dorset says

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Bishop leads the Archdeacon of Dorset through the church. The ministers and people depart.

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At the entry of the ministers this hymn is sung

Hymn

**The day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection-light;
And, listening to his accents,
May hear so calm and plain
His own 'All hail,' and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful,
And earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our joy that hath no end.**

The Bishop says

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

The Bishop greets the people

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

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed; Alleluia.

The Bishop introduces the service

Prayers of Penitence

Silence is kept

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Silence is kept

Praise the Lord my soul; and forget not all his benefits.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Who forgives all your sin; and heals all your infirmities.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Who saves your life from destruction; and crowns you with
mercy and loving kindness.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

*During the hymn, a collection is taken which will be given to the
Episcopal Church of the Sudan.*

Hymn

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

The Commission and Dismissal

The Archdeacon and Rural Deans of Dorset stand before the Bishop.

Bishop Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve
God. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

People **With the help of God I will.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil and whenever you fall
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **With the help of God I will.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of
God in Christ?

People **With the help of God I will.**

An anthem is sung by the choir.

Sermon

The Venerable Stephen Waine, Archdeacon of Dorset.

Prayers of Intercession

Intercessions are led by lay people.

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

At the end

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
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.

The Bishop gives Absolution:

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Collect

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray, and a period of silence is kept.

The Bishop prays the Collect, and all respond Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit

First Reading

1 Peter 2. 2-10

At the end the reader says

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

All stand to sing the hymn

HYMN

Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er!
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal!
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the resurrection thou!

The congregation remains standing.

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All Alleluia.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Luke 24. 13-35

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Archdeacon-designate kneels before the Bishop, who reads the Deed of Collation, and then hands it to the Archdeacon, saying

Receive this cure which is both yours and mine, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Bishop then blesses the new archdeacon:

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen

Welcome

The new Archdeacon is welcomed by representatives of the Diocese and its wider communities.

All stand to sing the hymn.

Hymn

O thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.

All sit.

The Archdeacon-designate stands before the Bishop, who reads the Preface:

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 every 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?

Archdeacon-designate:

I, Stephen John Waine, Clerk, 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 and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

Taking a New Testament, he turns to the people and says:

I do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law: so help me God.

And turning to the Bishop, he says:

I do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Salisbury and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

The Collation

All sit.

The Bishop of Sherborne outlines the needs and requirements of the Archdeaconry of Dorset.

Presentation

The Archdeacon of Sherborne presents the Archdeacon-designate to the Bishop, saying

Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you Stephen John Waine to be collated as Archdeacon of Dorset.

The Bishop says

I gladly accept your presentation and pray that God's blessing may rest upon it.

Duties of an archdeacon

A Rural Dean:

The office of archdeacon has existed in England since Anglo-Saxon times. An archdeacon assists the bishop in his responsibility for shaping the common life of the diocese. According to the Canons of the Church of England he is to see that the clergy and lay officers of the church perform their duties diligently. He brings to the bishop's attention what calls for correction and what merits praise. He provides resources for and guides the Rural Deans in their ministry.

Stephen, are you willing to do this?

Archdeacon-designate:

With the help of God, I am.

A Lay Chairman:

The archdeacon admits churchwardens to office and with them ensures that church buildings, their furniture, and churchyards are maintained for their communities. Through his visitation, the archdeacon reviews the life of the archdeaconry annually; the archdeacon inducts a priest whom the bishop has instituted to a benefice; and he presents those who have been called and trained to the bishop for ordination.

Stephen, are you willing to do this?

Archdeacon-designate:

With the help of God, I am.

A parish priest:

The archdeacon is a key figure in the administration of the diocese, representing the parishes to the bishop and the bishop to the parishes. In these and many other ways the archdeacon shares with the bishop in equipping the church for its mission locally so that it may be alive to every fresh opportunity and challenge that is offered to it.

Stephen, are you willing to do this?

Archdeacon-designate:

With the help of God, I am.

Bishop

Stephen, you have been instructed in the duties and responsibilities of an archdeacon. Are you willing to accept the responsibility for the clergy and parishes of the Archdeaconry of Dorset?

Archdeacon-designate:

I am willing.

Bishop

Will you be faithful in the spiritual leadership of those committed to your charge, seeking to promote among them faith, hope and love, bearing one another's burdens, that we may together fulfil the law of Christ and make known to all his truth and his grace?

Archdeacon-designate:

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

The Archdeacon-designate turns to face the people.

Bishop

Clergy, churchwardens and people of this Archdeaconry, are you willing to share with Stephen in his tasks, to support him, and his family, and to uphold them in your prayers?

All With the help of God, we will.

The Bishop says

Because Stephen cannot fulfil his ministry without the help of God, let us pray that he may be a faithful priest and true shepherd of God's people.

All kneel.

The Archdeacon-designate kneels before the Bishop, who says

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
we thank you that through your Son
you have called us into the fellowship
of your universal Church.

Hear our prayer for all your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love;
and give to your servant Stephen,
now to be collated and instituted
the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**