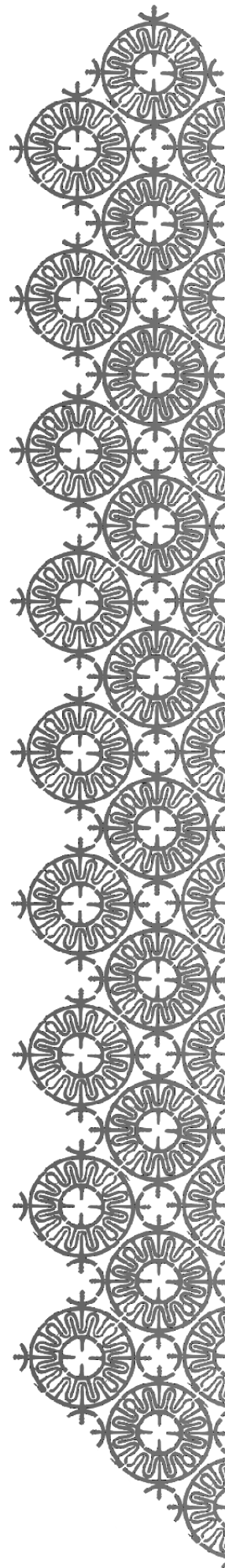
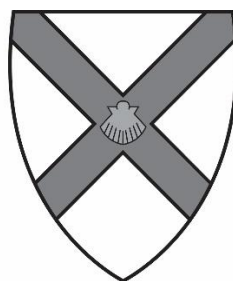




Licensing of Lay Ministers

Saturday 13th May 2023
at 2.30pm
in the Nave





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To be commissioned as Deputy Warden for Tonbridge Archdeaconry

Paul Oakley

To be admitted and licensed as Diocesan Lay Ministers

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| Lydia Fuller | Bexleyheath Christ Church |
| Jennet Coleman | Cray St Barnabas |
| Chinyelu Nwandu | Cray St Barnabas |
| Olufemi Sallyanne Decker | Cray Valley |
| Peter Wareing | Gillingham St Augustine |
| Peter Harris | Gravesend St Aidan |
| Janet Foreman | Longfield |
| Sandra Marshall | Sidcup St John w Footscray |
| Jillian Raggett | Sidcup St John w Footscray |
| David Till | South Gillingham |
| Alan Wainwright | South Gillingham |
| Alice MacFarlane | Tunbridge Wells King Charles the Martyr |

The Ministry of a Diocesan Lay Minister

A Licensed Lay Minister in the Diocese of Rochester is a lay person who has been licensed by the Bishop to undertake ministry in and on behalf of the church. The types of role, responsibility and duty of a LLM will vary according to the gifts and abilities of the individual, the needs of their parish or ministry setting, and the context of their life. Training for LLM includes developing capacity in Christian leadership and gaining knowledge and skills in different expressions of ministry, as preparation for the candidate's particular situation.

The expectation is that a Licensed Lay Minister will be:

- Theologically articulate
- A reflective practitioner
- A leader alongside others in mission and ministry

Candidates being licensed today have simply completed one stage of their development. Learning for ministry is a never ending process, and we trust that their training will give the foundations for continued learning and growth in ministry with colleagues in the parish and the other settings in which they are called to serve.

The Declaration of Assent

The Declaration of Assent is made by lay ministers when they are admitted and licensed along with deacons, priests and bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained and on each occasion when they take up a new appointment.

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 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?

Declaration of Assent

I, A B, 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.

The Declaration of Canonical Obedience

Before the service the candidates for admission and licensing as lay ministers swear the oaths prescribed as follows:

I, A B, will give due obedience to the Bishop of Rochester and his successors in all things lawful and honest.

I, A B, about to be licensed to the office of Lay Minister in the Diocese of Rochester, 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.

What this day means...

This day means so much to me and it shows how far I have come and what feels like the biggest and longest rollercoaster I have ridden in my life. This has been such an incredible journey and I still can't believe I'm here and the day has arrived to be licensed. Having Dyslexia has challenged me but its proven how it does not define who I am. For a while I have had a calling from God to step into ministry but probably like most people buried my head in the sand and carried on with life, but God always has his way in chasing you down and I am so glad I eventually listened.

The course has stretched me, challenged me, questioned myself and probably have gone through the biggest growth pruning I have ever done in my life. Getting pregnant halfway through and finishing essays post birth was a huge challenge but was able to do it. I never went to university so questioned my ability to be able to do the essays and with such amazing support in my family, friends, and church family I have amazed myself. Psalm 46 has been my go to verse throughout Be still and know that I am God, whatever the challenge in life God is there in the midst of it all and will carry us when we feel we can't walk much further.

It's been a pleasure and honour to study with such amazing people and how we have become family. I have a passion and calling for children and youth ministry. Having the ability to create spaces for children and young people where they can think big and be able to have the space for them to ask the difficult and challenging questions by listening and seeing things through their eyes and how we can bring the presence of God not only to our lives but people in our world and to our community so they have the connection and space to have a deeper spiritual journey with God helping them quiet space and bringing the creative arts to life.

Lydia Fuller

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength" Philippians 4:13
I am so grateful to God for the adventures he takes me on. It has been good to devote time to study and have the opportunity to travel on this journey with such an amazing group of new friends. Big thanks to Dad and Neil who have patiently endured three years of proof reading! I hope that as I continue working with young people in the community that God will use me to share the good news of his love.

Jen Coleman

It has been an interesting journey of learning, equipping and growing which has been mixed with excitement, some challenges and with a lot of joy and enlightening.

I am very grateful for the Formation and Ministry team, Jane, all our tutors, learning advisers, family, Church family and especially for my peers on this journey.

This is a day of celebration and thanksgiving and I remain open to the Holy Spirit's counsel, leading, guidance and continuous formation as I serve God in all aspects of life.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and pray that I continue to live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to me (1 Corinthians 7:17) and that I continually declare the praises of God who called me out of darkness into His marvellous light.

Please keep us all in your prayers that we all join in carrying out God's mission on earth.

God bless,

Chinyelu Nwandu

I have come a long way to be here today. I was baptised and recognised in the Methodist Church in Sierra Leone. For over 30 years, I have worshipped and served in Anglican churches in the UK. The last three years of formation have taken me on an extraordinary journey of learning and transformation. It was a desire to serve God truly and grow in his knowledge that led me to take up formation. The journey was made easier by wonderful tutors and classmates. My licensing feels like a cherry on a cake that is still being baked, as my relationship with God and understanding of Christian discipleship continues to develop. Today is a major milestone in my understanding of the overwhelming and relentless love of God that we are all called to share with others. I have come to know God afresh and recognise Him not only as a God of love, but also as a God of surprises who takes you on amazing journeys as part of His mission. In this new stage of service, I pray I will continue to embrace God's grace and use all that I am and all that I have, wherever I find myself, to work for the glory of God's kingdom.

Sallyanne Decker

For me, today is a looking back, a looking forward and a celebration. Looking back over a process of discovery of what God has been doing, knocking on the door of my heart, calling me to serve him, over many years, up to today. Looking forward, to new ventures in faith, love and service, walking with him by my side. Finally, it's a celebration of the love and fellowship that I have been privileged to share with some wonderful fellow pilgrims, over the past 3 years, as we studied together, and laughed, shared and cried together.

Peter Wareing

Today is the culmination of a lifetime's progress and the encouraging input of others in hearing pellucidly God's calling to minister to his people and to all people I shall encounter in the years ahead. At the age of fourteen, as I was walking home from school, I heard this thought in response to the question of how God wanted me to serve him: "Speak to my people." The thought startled me and it seemed to be God. Since then, my intuition has been confirmed in that I have had opportunities in most of the Pentecostal churches I have attended to preach and teach in some way. Now that I have returned to the Anglican communion, I have sought to play the same role and fortunately, my ministers and mentors in the faith have discrepated the same calling. To be licensed means to be entrusted with a serious and joyful task: to serve God by serving his people and all people, whether they know him or not. I owe much to those who have prepared me to be part of today, particularly the tutors, learning advisors and programme directors of the Bishop's Certificate. I approach today with this promise in mind: 'if anyone serves Me, s/he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honour him/her' (John 12:26).

Peter Harris

Today marks not the end but the start of more learning on the journey of faith, on mission and evangelism and on spending the rest of my life in service to Christ and community, wherever I am called. It has been difficult to navigate, - casting off self doubt, is this really the road, and questioning 'why am I doing this, should I go this way or that?' There were times when the road was dark and I had to stop the journey and then dawn broke one again lighting my way to continue. My way is lit with the light of Christ and he calls to me to be doing and being, listening and loving in service and humility, Christ my companion and guide on this next part of our journey.

Jan Foreman

I'm Sandra and I'm dyslexic but this does not define me. My licensing has been the end of a difficult journey, due to my dyslexia. But God called and I answered. Even though at times I was ready to give up. I heard him say "no I'm not done yet", everyone from direct family members, friends and my church family have been supportive and encouraging. The Bible says "Ask and he shall answer, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be open" (Matthew 7:7). And at every step God responded, he put the right people to travel on this path with me. This is the start of a new and exciting life in Ministry and I pray I can respond in joyful Glory.

Sandra Marshall

In my weakness is God's power! 2 Corinthians 12:9, I find it quite incredible that I have come to this point in my walk with Jesus. I am excited to see where God is leading me on my journey as time goes on, and I give thanks for the support of all my family and friends who have encouraged me when I faltered. To quote from a well-known hymn:

*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.*

Dave Till

It seems to me that being a part of the Bishop's Certificate Course, and then the LLM training, have been like going on a long walk with a group of friends through a series of life-changing experiences. Now we have reached our destination, we are about to each go on alone, and though our future paths will continue to stretch and open up new possibilities for us all, we have been greatly nourished and our lives enriched by the training that we have received. In many ways I feel that I have come home to a deeper part of myself. In challenging me to learn and grow in new ways, the course has brought me closer to who I feel I really am, in the dismantling of preconceived ideas, I have found a new courage and joy. I am loving expanding and growing and look forward to Licensing with a deep sense of fulfilment and excitement.

Kathlyn Alice MacFarlane

The last five years have been a life-enriching but sometimes difficult journey where the limitations of my faith and knowledge of the Bible have been exposed, rebuilt, and transformed. At present I do not regard myself as having a clearly defined vision of where God is taking me but I do know that when I doubted myself, when I sought a way out, He did not let go of me. I have come back more determined to continue developing my faith and calling to ministry. 1 Corinthians 14:15 says: "So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding". Today is the start of the next phase. I have much to learn and this excites me, for my own personal and spiritual growth, and because new knowledge and understanding gives me the potential to help others in their faith journey. Thank you to my family, my church, my fellow students, my tutors and all who have contributed to my faith journey. I pray that God finds many different ways for me to repay you.

Alan Wainwright

Ever since starting a children's group in our church in 1996, I have had a growing sense of vocation which resulted in training to become a commissioned evangelist. So having been commissioned over twenty years ago, what changed, why transfer to the role of Licensed Lay Minister? To be honest after twenty years I was beginning to think that now was the time to step back, to make way for others who were fresh and newly trained, after all most things in church seemed to be covered. But then – lockdown. Online services, zoom presentations, virtual study group, pastoral phone calls, shopping deliveries and more. Never had there been more need for practical, spiritual, pastoral support. So instead of diminishing, my calling got louder and stronger. And with that, when the opportunity to transfer to LLM training came along, it was hard to ignore. But why, what difference would it make to what I was doing? Well, nothing and everything. I'll always be an evangelist but realise now that the two are not mutually exclusive, rather completely complimentary. Because the key is 'ministry'. The term 'ministry' expresses the care, theological understanding and dedication encompassed in the person. Licensed lay ministry evokes an image of calling and dedication that is the response to a calling, a need to minister, to step out in faith, to be bold for God.

Jill Raggett

ORDER OF SERVICE

Any notices are given out before the service

Stand as the procession enters

Hymn



**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless,
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

Preparation

Greeting

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Bishop Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All He has given us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Bishop God has claimed us as his own.

All He has made us light to the world.

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sit

The Bishop welcomes the people and introduces the service

Commissioning of Deputy Warden for Tonbridge Archdeaconry

The new Deputy Warden of Lay Ministry for Tonbridge Archdeaconry is presented to the Bishop

Warden Bishop Jonathan, I present to you Paul Oakley to be Deputy Warden of Lay Ministry for Tonbridge Archdeaconry.

Bishop Paul, will you give your full and wholehearted support to the Warden of Lay Ministry?

Paul I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you be faithful in prayer, sensitive to the needs of those you serve and let the Holy Spirit be your counsel and encouragement?

Paul I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you be diligent in your work, enable others to fulfil their calling and use your God-given gifts to the furtherance of God's Kingdom of justice, peace and love?

Paul I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Paul, I admit you to the Office of Deputy Warden of Lay Ministry, and commission you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Bishop Let us pray

**All Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Prayers of Penitence

Bishop Jesus said to his apostles,
'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'
Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

After a short silence:

Minister Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Minister Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Minister Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your faithful witnesses.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Bishop May the God of love and power
✠ forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Collect

Bishop Let us pray for the ministry of Christ's people.

After a short silence:

Bishop Loving Father,
thank you for your Holy Spirit
who leads your Church and guides us each day;
hear our prayer for those being licensed today,
that in their vocation and ministry
you will multiply their gifts to serve you in holiness and truth
proclaiming the glory of your name,
and taking your message far and wide,
through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Word of God

First Reading:

read by Jill Raggett

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul went on also to Derbe and to Lystra, where there was a disciple named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer; but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the believers^[b] in Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him; and he took him and had him circumcised because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. As they went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying,

'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

Acts 16.1-10

Reader For the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Stand

Hymn – How deep the Father's love for us

**How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure,
How great the pain of searing loss
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers,
It was my sin that held him there,
until it was accomplished
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that 'it is finished,'**

**I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.**

Stuart Townend (b, 1863)

Sit

Second Reading:

read by Lydia Fuller

A reading from the gospel according Luke

Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to
the false prophets.

Luke 6: 12-26

Reader For the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Sermon

by the Bishop of Rochester

Stand

Hymn



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| <p>1. Will you come and follow me If I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know And never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my love be known, Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?</p> | <p>3. Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free And never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen, And admit to what I mean In you and you in me?</p> |
| <p>2. Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind And never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer In you and you in me?</p> | <p>4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside And never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around, Through my sight and touch and sound In you and you in me?</p> |

*Kelvingrove (NEP 647) ~ Scottish Trad. Melody
arr. Lionel Dakers (1924 – 2003)*

John Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

Sit

Admission and Licensing

The Presentation of Candidates for Admission and Authorisation

Warden of Lay Ministry

Bishop Jonathan, I present these persons to you to be admitted as Licensed Lay Ministers

As the Warden of Lay Ministry reads out the names of the candidates and the places where they are to serve, each candidate stands

Bishop I invite the Deputy Director for Formation, Learning and Discipleship to confirm that the candidates have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

Dep.Dir. They have.

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

Dep.Dir. They have.

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

Dep.Dir. They are.

The Questions

The Bishop of Tonbridge addresses the candidates and asks

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

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

Candidates I do so believe.

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

Candidates By the grace of God, I will.

Bishop 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?

Candidates By the grace of God, I will.

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

Candidates By the grace of God, I will.

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

Candidates By the grace of God, I will.

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

Candidates By the grace of God, I will.

The candidates turn and face the congregation and the Bishop of Rochester says

Bishop Brothers and sisters,
these men and women have been chosen for the office of Lay
Ministry.

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?
All We will.

Bishop Will you continue to pray for them?

All We will.

The clergy of the new Lay Ministers' parishes and ministerial contexts stand

The Bishop addresses them, asking

Bishop Will you work closely with your new Lay Ministers and encourage
them to use their gifts and develop their ministry?

Clergy We will.

Bishop Will you commend them to the people amongst whom they will
minister?

Clergy We will.

The clergy sit

The candidates turn back to face the Bishops

The Admission

Bishop You have promised to be diligent in reading Holy Scriptures, which
bestow our inheritance of faith and provide us with the meaning
and purpose of our life and ministries. Now, as you are admitted as
Lay Ministers, receive into your hands the word of life.

*The Bishop admits each candidate as a Licensed Lay Minister and gives each
a copy of the Holy Scriptures with these words*

Bishop 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.

All Amen.

The Licensing

The Bishop gives each newly admitted Lay Minister their licence with these words

Bishop Receive authority to exercise the office of Lay Minister in this diocese.

May the Lord be with you in all your work and ministry from this day onwards.

All Amen.

When all have received their licences the Bishop blesses the new Lay Ministers in these words

Bishop May the Lord give you wisdom,
courage, strength and love to do his will,
and the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon you, and on your work done in his name,
now and always.

All Amen.

All stand

The new Lay Ministers turn to face the congregation

Bishop We welcome you as ministers in God's holy Church.

All Christ bless your witness in the world.

The new Lay Ministers are greeted with applause and presented with a badge by their parish clergy

The Peace

Bishop We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Hymn



1. **O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.**
2. **O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.**
3. **O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.**
4. **O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my friend.**

Wolvercote (420) ~ William H Ferguson (1874 – 1950)

John Bode (1816 – 1874)

Prayers

Kneel or sit

Prayers led by the Vice Dean

At the end

**All 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.**

Stand

Hymn

during which the procession moves to the Great West Doors and the congregation turns to face the Bishop



**Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
That all the world his glorious praise may sing.**

**Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call:
How shall they call if they have never heard
The gracious invitation of his word?**

**Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
Share God's good gifts - let no one be denied;
Live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
Your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.**

**Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
Go till all nations his great name adore
And serve him, Lord and King for evermore.**

Woodlands (186) ~ Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

James E Seddon (1915-1983)

Blessing and Dismissal

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Bishop God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew
and all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

Bishop Go into the world and live the good news. Alleluia, Alleluia.
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Organ Voluntary ~ Étude de Concert: Joseph Bonnet (1884-1944)

There will be a retiring collection for the work of this Cathedral, which is open daily and without charge for both local people and out of area visitors, to come inside and spend time here.

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