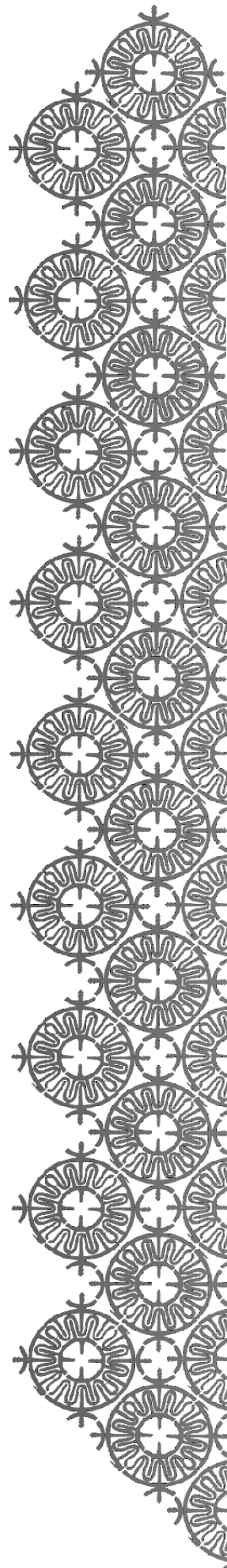


# Rochester

CATHEDRAL

Choral Evensong  
with the  
Collation, Installation & Welcome  
for The Reverend Prebendary Sandra McCalla  
to be the Archdeacon of Rochester  
for the Reverend Nicholas Cornell  
to be the Archdeacon of Tonbridge

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025  
at 15:15



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Diocese of **Rochester**  
called together

## **Introduction and Welcome by the Bishop of Rochester**

I am delighted to welcome you to this service at which we will collate and install Sandra and Nicholas as Archdeacons respectively of Rochester and Tonbridge. It is a great pleasure to see so many friends from across the Diocese of Rochester and the wider Church of England, as well as many ecumenical and civic guests.

Sandra and Nicholas bring rich and varied experience to their new roles at an exciting time in the life of our Diocese. Our new Diocesan Vision and Strategy were unanimously endorsed by the Diocesan Synod in December:

***Seeking first the kingdom of God, we are called together by God to change, serve and grow with compassion, courage and creativity***

Our commitment is to work together under God to enable our vision to become a reality. The strategy that underpins our vision is the means by which we will seek to do this.

Within this overall vision, our key objectives are to grow *missional churches*, with *missional leaders* and *missional disciples*, that in turn are:

- Creating a safe and healthy culture for all
- Growing younger and more diverse
- Growing spiritually and numerically
- Impacting their communities
- Releasing financial resources for mission
- Planting and growing new missional churches

Our three Archdeacons, as Sandra and Nicholas join Allie Kerr, the Archdeacon of Bromley and Bexley, will play a pivotal role in working with clergy and lay people in their areas, as well as with colleagues in the Diocesan staff team, to help fulfil our vision. Please pray for them and do all you can to support them in the adventure to which God is calling us in the days ahead.

## **Biography of Sandra McCalla**

Sandra brings to the role of Archdeacon a wealth of legal expertise as a former barrister in the city of London for many years. She trained for Ministry at Westcott House and Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge. Sandra has a wealth of parochial experience in the Diocese of London, serving her title in the parish of Poplar, as an incumbent in the parish of Heston, as well as being a Dean of Racial Justice and Chaplain and lecturer at St Mellitus theological college. As Chaplain to the Bishop of London, Sandra has had first-hand knowledge of the complexities of running a large and diverse Diocese. Sandra is delighted to be joining the Diocese of Rochester and looks forward to getting to know everyone.

## **Biography of Nicholas Cornell**

Nick is married to Gillian and they have two sons both at secondary school. He grew up in the Diocese of Rochester and studied modern languages at Trinity Hall, Cambridge before qualifying as a tax advisor for a large accountancy firm in London.

After training for ministry at Oak Hill Theological College, he was ordained deacon in 2008 and served his curacy in the Chichester Diocese in a town-centre church in Eastbourne. He then undertook a first incumbency serving two rural parishes - Maresfield and Nutley for six years where he was also for a time Acting Archdeacon of Hastings.

In 2018 Nick moved to Rochester to become Rector at Christ Church, Southborough where he has also served as Area Dean of Tunbridge Wells and more recently as one of the Associate Archdeacons of Tonbridge. He is looking forward to serving the diocese in the role of Archdeacon particularly in growing healthy churches and supporting clergy and laity as they navigate the opportunities and challenges of contemporary ministry in this ever-changing time.

Nick loves reading, music, watching films and seeing friends and family. He also enjoys a strong cup of coffee and tinkering with an array of technology.

The Chapter welcomes you to Rochester Cathedral this afternoon.

*As God's pilgrim people we come together with Jonathan our Bishop to celebrate the ministry and mission of the Church in the diocese of Rochester. We are especially glad to welcome those who are supporting The Reverend Prebendary Sandra McCalla to be the Archdeacon of Rochester and the Reverend Nicholas Cornell to be the Archdeacon of Tonbridge. In communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, we pray for all to respond to God's call and for the strengthening of the bonds of friendship among God's people within this Cathedral Church and Diocese.*

*The Cathedral Voluntary Choir is directed by Mr Adrian Bawtree, Director of Music and Organist. The Organ is played by Mr Robbie Carroll, Assistant Director of Music and Sub Organist.*

Music before the service

*Adagio espressivo from 'Organ Sonata in G' – E. Elgar (1857 – 1934)*

## Order of Processions

*At 15:00, please REMAIN SEATED for the following processions:*

(Verger)  
Diocesan Licensed Lay Ministers  
Diocesan Clergy

(Verger)  
Priest-Vicars  
Ecumenical Canons of Honour  
Honorary Canons

*At 15:10, as an organ fanfare is sounded, please STAND for the following procession:*

(Verger)  
Visiting Clergy  
Ecumenical Guests  
Visiting Chapters  
Visiting Archdeacons  
Visiting Bishops

The Dean greets  
The Mayor of Medway  
The High Sheriff of Kent  
The Dean of Rochester escorts The Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Kent

## The Gathering and Welcome

The Dean gives a welcome

*All stand as the Foundation procession enters the Nave during the hymn.*

Cross and lights  
Porter  
Choir  
Priest Vicar and Cantor  
Diocesan Registrar  
Archdeacons Designate  
Archdeacon

Verger  
Chapter  
Dean of Rochester  
Bishop of Tonbridge  
Bishop of Rochester  
Bishop's Chaplain

## Hymn



**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!***

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God!  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.**

**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 wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.**



## Opening Responses

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.  
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Choir O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Choir Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

Choir Praise ye the Lord.  
The Lord's name be praised.

*Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941-)*

*The Bishop says*

Peace be with you.  
**All And also with you.**

*The Bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.*

We have gathered in the name of Jesus Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to collate, install and welcome  
Sandra McCalla and Nicholas Cornell  
as members of the College of Canons of this Cathedral  
and to give thanks for our fellowship one with another in the Gospel.  
Let us therefore pray for God's abundant grace and blessing  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God and his kingdom.

*The Bishop prays*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
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.

**All**        **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Psalm 150**

*sung by the choir*

O praise God in his holiness:  
praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him in his noble acts:  
praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:  
praise him upon the lute and harp.  
Praise him in the cymbals and dances:  
praise him upon the strings and pipe.  
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:  
praise him upon the loud cymbals.  
Let everything that hath breath:  
praise the Lord.

*The congregation stands.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*(GS Talbot 1875-1918)*

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55.1-13**

*read by the Revd Wil North Associate Archdeacon of Tonbridge*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Thanks be to God

*Stand*

## Hymn



Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidst me come to thee,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears, within, without,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
Because thy promise I believe,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth,  
and height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

*Saffron Walden (A&M 451i) ~ Arthur Henry Brown (1830 – 1926)*

*Charlotte Elliott (1789 – 1871)*

*Sit*

## **The Presentation**

*The Archdeacons–Designate are presented to the Bishop by Mrs Sarah Poole, Chair of the House of Laity and the Revd Canon Jeremy Blunden, Chair of the House of Clergy, saying*

Bishop Jonathan, we present to you The Reverend Prebendary Sandra McCalla to be collated and installed as Archdeacon of Rochester and The Reverend Nicholas Cornell to be collated and installed as Archdeacon of Tonbridge.

*The Bishop replies*

Thank you for your presentation

*The Bishop addresses the Archdeacons–Designate*

Sandra, you have been chosen to be the new Archdeacon of Rochester and Nicholas you have been chosen to be the new Archdeacon of Tonbridge. Do you believe God is calling you to this ministry?

*The Archdeacons-Designate reply*

I do so believe

## **The Declaration and Oaths**

*The Bishop reads the Declaration of Oaths and then says*

Sandra and Nicholas before you are commissioned as Archdeacons, you must by law make the Declaration of Assent and take the Oath of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop and the Oath to observe the Cathedral Statutes.

## **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?

*Archdeacons-Designate holding a Bible in their right hand facing the Bishop say*

I, Sandra Sheron McCalla, I, Nicholas Simon Cornell, 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 Oath of Allegiance**

*Archdeacons-Designate facing west say*

I, Sandra Sheron McCalla, I, Nicholas Simon Cornell, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, his heirs and successors, according to the law: So help me God.

## **The Oath of Canonical Obedience**

*Archdeacons- Designate facing the Bishop say*

I, Sandra Sheron McCalla, I, Nicholas Simon Cornell, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of Rochester and his successors, in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.

## **The Oath of Observing the Cathedral Statutes**

*Archdeacons-Designate say*

I, Sandra Sheron McCalla, I, Nicholas Simon Cornell, do swear by Almighty God that I will faithfully observe the Statutes, Ordinances and laudable customs of the Cathedral Church of Christ and The Blessed Virgin Mary, Rochester, so far as they are not contrary or repugnant to the laws and God and the Statutes of this Realm and so far as they concern me in respect of my being collated to a Canonry in the said Cathedral Church: So help me God.

## **The Collation**

*The Archdeacons-Designate kneel, the Bishop reads the Deed of Collation and then hands it to the new Archdeacons saying*

Sandra and Nicholas, receive this ministry, which you and I both share,  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

*The Bishop prays for God's blessing on the Archdeacons*

Sandra and Nicholas,  
God give you the spirit of holy discipline,  
faithfulness, and love for all.  
The Lord bless you and watch over you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.

**Amen**

*The Archdeacons are vested in their copes by the Dean and Residentiary Canons.*

*The Bishop says*

This Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary is a place of daily prayer and worship at the heart of our Diocese. It is a place that all can call home and provides the opportunity for discovery, encounter and faith for everyone who comes here. As the seat of the Bishop, it is often the focus for our diocesan life together.

You are to be members of the College of Canons of this Cathedral. The College is a community of fellowship and mutual support which, as a focus for unity, enables the Bishop, Cathedral and Diocese to work together for the building up of the kingdom of God. As members of the College, you should seek to contribute to the corporate life of the Cathedral and to promote its mission and service to the Diocese and wider church.



## **The Installation**

*The Bishop hands the Mandate to the Dean saying*

Dean Philip, receive this mandate empowering and requiring you to induct and install Sandra and Nicholas into the seats designated to the Archdeacon of Rochester and the Archdeacon of Tonbridge in this Cathedral Church.

*The Dean, holding the Mandate in his hand, takes each new Archdeacon in turn by the right hand and installs them saying*

By virtue of this Mandate, I do induct and install you, Sandra as Archdeacon of Rochester into the real and actual possession of the assigned canonry and stall in the Quire of this Church, with all the rights and duties of the said canonry.

By virtue of this Mandate, I do induct and install you, Nicholas as Archdeacon of Tonbridge into the real and actual possession of the assigned canonry and stall in the Quire of this Church, with all the rights and duties of the said canonry.

We welcome you into our fellowship with a glad heart. The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and for evermore.

**All            Amen.**

## **The Welcome**

*Stand*

*The Bishop of Tonbridge addresses the congregation*

Sandra and Nicholas, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and on behalf of the clergy and lay people of your archdeaconries, we welcome you as our new Archdeacons. We pray that God will strengthen you in caring for the clergy and people of your archdeaconries and you may bring forth the fruits of the spirit in love and joy and peace.

Let us all join together in welcoming Sandra to serve this Diocese as the Archdeacon of Rochester and Nicholas to serve this Diocese as the Archdeacon of Tonbridge

**All            In the name of the Lord, we welcome you.**

*The congregation continues to welcome the Archdeacons with applause.*

## **Magnificat**

*Sung by the choir*

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination  
of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Luke 1: 46 – 55*

*C Wood in E flat ii (1866 – 1926)*

*Sit*

**New Testament Reading:** Matthew 6. 25-end

*read by Mrs Judy Carr, Licensed Lay Minister at Frindsbury with Upnor and Chattenden*

“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life”?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Thanks be God.

*Stand*

## **Nunc Dimittis**

*Sung by the choir*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Luke 1: 46 – 55*

*C Wood in E flat ii (1866 – 1926)*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived  
by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended  
into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended  
into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the  
Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection  
of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

## Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer and Responses

Cantor     The Lord be with you.

Choir       And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Kneel or sit*

Choir       Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir       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. Amen.

Choir       O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.

Choir       O Lord, save the King.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Choir       Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.

Choir       O Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.

Choir       Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.

Choir       O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941-)*

## Collects

*sung by the Cantor and choir*

## Anthem

*sung by the choir*

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!  
The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!  
The Church with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out;  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*George Herbert (1593-1633)*

## Prayers

*led by the Mrs Sarah Poole, Chair of the House of Laity and the Revd Canon  
Jeremy Blunden, Chair of the House of Clergy.*

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

*Kneel or sit*

For the peace of the world,  
for a right use of the earth's resources,  
for the leaders of the nations,  
for co-operation between people of faith,  
and for the good of all creation:

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All**

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the welfare of God's Church throughout the world,  
for the Gospel of Jesus to be made known to all nations,  
for our links with the Church in Estonia, and with the dioceses of  
Mpwapwa and Kondoa in Tanzania, and Harare in Zimbabwe;  
for all places where the Church suffers,  
for all who work for Christian unity and  
for peace and justice in a troubled world:

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For Bishop Jonathan, Bishop Simon,  
for the Archdeacons, Diocesan Directors and Staff,  
for the Chapter, College of Canons,  
and community of this Cathedral Church,  
for all the clergy and people of this diocese;  
for our fellowship one with another in the Gospel:

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For the people of North and West Kent, Medway  
and the London Boroughs of Bromley and Bexley;  
for our homes, places of work,  
neighbourhoods and local communities;  
and the community of this Cathedral:

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For the wrongs we have done,  
for our blindness to human need and suffering,  
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty;  
for those oppressed by poverty and fear,  
for trafficked people and forced labourers;  
for our waste and pollution of your creation  
and our lack of concern for those who come after us:

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For the fearful, the weary, the despairing,  
for the sick and the suffering,  
for their safety, health and salvation:

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith  
and in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and all the saints,  
we commit ourselves, one another,  
and our whole life to Christ our God;

**All to you, O Lord.**

*Stand*

**Hymn**

Following v. 3

**There's a wideness in God's mercy  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in his justice  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgement given.**



For the love of God is broader  
Than the measure of man's mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
By false limits of our own;  
And we magnify his strictness  
With a zeal he would not own.

There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the head.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,  
We should take him at his word;  
And our lives would be all gladness  
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

*Corvedale (AM806) ~ Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)*

*Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)*

*Sit*

**Sermon**    *The Bishop of Rochester*

*Stand*

## Hymn



How shall I sing that majesty  
Which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
Thy throne, O God most high;  
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
Thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,  
Whilst I thy footsteps trace;  
A sound of God comes to my ears,  
But they behold thy face.  
They sing because thou art their Sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
For where heaven is but once begun  
There alleluyas be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
Inflame it with love's fire;  
Then shall I sing and bear a part  
With that celestial choir.  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
With all my fire and light;  
Yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
Which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
To sound so vast a deep.  
Thou art a sea without a shore,  
A sun without a sphere;  
Thy time is now and evermore,  
Thy place is everywhere.

*Coe Fen (663) ~ Kenneth Nicholson Naylor (1931-1991)*

*John Mason (1654-1694)*

## **Blessing**

Bishop      The peace of God  
                 which passes all understanding  
                 keep your hearts and minds  
                 in the knowledge and love of God  
                 and of his son Jesus Christ, our Lord  
                 and the blessing of God almighty,  
                 ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
                 be among you and remain with you always.

All            **Amen.**

## **Organ Voluntary:**

*Allegro maestoso* from 'Organ Sonata in G' – E. Elgar (1857 – 1934)

## Order of Recession

Cross and lights  
Vergers  
Diocesan Registrar  
Archdeacons  
Vergers  
Chapter  
The Dean of Rochester escorts The Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Kent  
Bishop of Tonbridge  
Bishop of Rochester  
Bishop's Chaplain

(Porter)  
Choir  
Priest Vicar and Cantor  
Diocesan Licensed Lay Ministers  
Diocesan Clergy  
Priests-Vicar  
Ecumenical Canons of Honour  
Honorary Canons  
Visiting Clergy  
Ecumenical guests and Religious  
Visiting Archdeacons  
Visiting Chapters  
Visiting Bishops

*Immediately after the service a Reception will be held in the South Nave Transept.*

The Cathedral Church of Christ  
and the Blessed Virgin Mary

