



Ordination of Priests

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Welcome to this ordination service, whether you are joining us in church or online. Today we give thanks for those committing their lives in service of God as they are ordained priests in the Church of England.

Please pray for all those being ordained priest this year and for the places where they serve:

Alexandra Elizabeth (**Lex**) **Bradley Stow** - to serve in the Benefice of Cherwell Valley

Michael Peter **Dormandy** - to serve in the Benefice of Albury with Tiddington, Holton, Waterperry, Waterstock and Wheatley

Henry **Nicholas (Nick)** **Fielden** - to serve in the Benefice of Bodicote

Christopher Stephen (**Chris**) **Hunt** - to serve in the Benefice of Bicester with Bucknell, Caversfield and Launton

Rosemary Elizabeth (**Romey**) **Poston** - to serve in the Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham

Sasha Louise **Reeves** - to serve in the Benefice of Didcot, All Saints

Sorrel May **Shamel-Wood** - to serve in the Benefice of Dorchester

Miles Herbert John **Welborn** - to serve in the Benefice of Bampton with Clanfield

Further details for each of our ordinands can be found at the back of this Order of Service.







The Declaration of Assent

(made by the candidates before the service)

The Declaration of Assent is made by deacons, priests and bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained and on each occasion when they take up a new appointment (Canon C 15).

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, N, 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 Gathering

An organ voluntary will be played before the service as the congregation gathers in church and online.

Processional hymn

O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.
4. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.
5. To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

C Wesley (1707-1788).

The Greeting

Bishop Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Bishop There is one body and one spirit.
All **There is one hope to which we were called;**





Bishop one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
All **one God and Father of all.**

Bishop Peace be with you
All **and also with you.**

The Bishop welcomes the congregation and invites them to sit.

The Bishop introduces the service.

Bishop God calls his people to follow Christ, and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his kingdom.

To serve this royal priesthood, God has given particular ministries. Priests are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being. They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.

The Presentation

The Associate Archdeacon presents those to be ordained and each candidate stands as their name is called.

Associate Archdeacon Reverend Father in God, I present N & N to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God.





When the candidates have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions of the Director of Ordinands and any involved with their training who all stand.

Bishop Have those whose duty it is to know these deacons and examine them found them to be of godly life and sound learning?

DDO **They have.**

Bishop Do they believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry?

DDO **They do.**

The Bishop turns to the ordinands and says

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

Ordinands **I do so believe.**

Bishop I invite the Associate Archdeacon to confirm that the candidates have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

Associate Archdeacon They have duly taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop. They have affirmed and declared their 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'.

The Collect

Bishop Let us pray.

A time of silent prayer is kept.

Bishop God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us
into the fellowship of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servants now to be ordained
the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**





The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-end

Rev'd Alice Wood

¹⁵The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.

So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you."

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the ploughing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn:

The Summons

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 name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

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 pray'r in you and you in me?"





3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners 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?"
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?"
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Gospel Reading

Luke 9:51-end
Rev'd Sarah Sharp

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
All **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."





Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

preached by the Venerable Judy French
Archdeacon of Dorchester

The Liturgy of Ordination

The Declarations

The ordinands stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation.

Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God’s new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world’s temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ’s name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God’s people, they are to tell the story of God’s love. They are to baptize new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith. They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord’s table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They are to bless the





people in God's name. They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster the gifts of all God's people, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

The Bishop addresses the candidates directly.

Bishop We trust that long ago you began to weigh and ponder all this, and that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to devote yourself wholly to his service, so that as you daily follow the rule and teaching of our Lord and grow into his likeness, God may sanctify the lives of all with whom you have to do. And now, in order that we may know your mind and purpose, you must make the declarations we put to you.

Bishop Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Ordinands **I do so accept them.**

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?

Ordinands **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you lead Christ's people in proclaiming his glorious gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?

Ordinands **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you faithfully minister the doctrine and sacraments of Christ as the Church of England has received them, so that the people committed to your charge may be defended against error and flourish in the faith?

Ordinands **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you, knowing yourself to be reconciled to God in Christ, strive to be an instrument of God's peace in the Church and in the world?

Ordinands **By the help of God, I will.**





Bishop Will you endeavour to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ, that you may be a pattern and example to Christ's people?

Ordinands **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you work with your fellow servants in the gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God?

Ordinands **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you accept and minister the discipline of this Church, and respect authority duly exercised within it?

Ordinands **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to make Christ known among all whom you serve?

Ordinands **By the help of God, I will.**

The congregation stands. The ordinands turn and face the people.

Bishop Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that these ordinands are ready to undertake, and you have heard their declarations. Is it now your will that they should be ordained?

All **It is.**

Bishop Will you continually pray for them?

All **We will.**

Bishop Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

All **We will.**

The ordinands turn back to face the Bishop, who continues addressing them.

Bishop In the name of our Lord we bid you remember the greatness of the trust that is now to be committed to your charge. Remember always with thanksgiving that the treasure now to be entrusted to you is Christ's own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross. It is to him that you will render account for your stewardship of his people.

You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that your heart may daily be enlarged and your understanding of the Scriptures enlightened. Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.





The congregation sit or kneel and the ordinands stand.

The Prayers

A time of silent prayer is kept and then the Veni Creator is sung by a cantor as a prayer for those to be ordained.

Cantor Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart;

Choir **Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.**

**Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
with the abundance of thy grace;
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song,**

**Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*WORDS: Veni Creator Spiritus, Latin 8th or 9th century
trans. John Cosin (1594–1692)*





Intercessions are led by Revd Jane Hemmings, Area Director or Ordinands, and David Tyler, Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester, for the ordinands and for the ministry of the whole Church.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the members of the Church
in their vocation and ministry,
that they may serve him in truth and love,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For our bishops, Steven, Gavin, Alan and Olivia,
and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons,
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For Lex, Michael, Nick, Chris, Romey, Sasha, Miles and Sorrel
called to be priests in his Church,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness we may proclaim the gospel of reconciliation
to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the unity of the Church,
that we may be one in Christ, according to his will,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**





For those who do not yet believe,
that they may receive the light of the gospel,
and for those whose faith has grown cold,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering,
for the aged and infirm,
for the lonely and neglected,
and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the hungry,
for the homeless and the oppressed,
for all prisoners and captives,
and for our brothers and sisters
who are persecuted for their faith,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For Elizabeth our Queen,
for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves,
for grace to repent and amend our lives,
that we may be pardoned
and absolved from all our sins,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with Frideswide, Birinus and all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God;
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**





The Ordination Prayer

The Bishop stands.

Bishop We praise and glorify you, almighty Father,
because in your infinite love
you have formed throughout the world
a holy people for your own possession,
a royal priesthood, a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you
because you have given us your only Son Jesus Christ,
the image of your eternal and invisible glory,
the firstborn of all creation and head of the Church.

We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome death;
and that, having ascended into heaven,
he has given his gifts abundantly,
to equip your holy people for the work of ministry,
for the building up of the body of Christ.

And now we give you thanks that you have called your servants,
whom we ordain in your name,
to share as a priest in the ministry of the gospel of Christ,
the Apostle and High Priest of our faith,
and the Shepherd of our souls.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

The ordinands come forward in turn.

The Bishop and the assisting priests lay their hands on the head of each candidate.

The Bishop says

Bishop Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant, N,
for the office and work of a priest in your Church.

The candidates hold their hands, palms up, towards the Bishop who anoints them with oil of chrism.

Bishop May God, who anointed the Christ with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, anoint and empower you to reconcile and bless his people.





After hands have been laid on all the candidates, the Bishop continues the ordination prayer.

Bishop Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,
give your servants grace and power
to proclaim the gospel of your salvation
and minister the sacraments of the new covenant.
Renew them in holiness,
and give them wisdom and discipline
to work faithfully with those committed to their charge.

In union with their fellow servants in Christ, may they
reconcile what is divided, heal what is wounded and restore
what is lost.

May they declare your blessings to your people;
may they proclaim Christ's victory over the powers of
darkness and absolve in Christ's name those who turn to him
in faith;

so shall a people made whole in Christ
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you, our God and
Father,

to whom, with the Son and the Holy Spirit,
belong glory and honour, worship and praise,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Giving of the Bible

The congregation sits, and the newly ordained priests stand and their Training Incumbents (TI) replace their ordination stoles to be worn priest-wise.

The Bishop gives a Bible to the newly ordained priests, saying to each one

Bishop N, receive this book

After all have received their Bibles, the Bishop continues

Bishop as a sign of the authority which God has given you this day
to preach the Gospel of Christ
and to minister his Holy Sacraments.





The Welcome

The newly ordained priests turn to face the congregation. On behalf of the clergy of the diocese, Archdeacon Judy French says

Minister God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

All **We welcome you as an ambassador for Christ:
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

*The congregation greet the newly ordained priests with applause.
The newly ordained priests turn back to face the Bishop.*

The Peace

The congregation stands.

Bishop God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us, and as a pledge of what is to come
has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

Bishop Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*By the end of the hymn newly ordained priests, TI's, DDO and Archdeacons to
gather around the table.*

Hymn Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,
be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.





Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;
be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower:
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise:
be Thou mine inheritance now and always;
be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Tr. Mary E. Byrne & Eleanor H. Hull.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Bishop takes the bread and wine.

Bishop Pour upon the poverty of our love,
and the weakness of our praise,
the transforming fire of your presence.
All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Bishop The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**





Bishop It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through your servant, Jesus Christ our Lord.
At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son.
Coming among us as one who serves,
he taught us that the greatest in your kingdom
are those who make themselves least
and the servants of all.

Although he was their teacher and their Lord,
he washed the feet of his disciples
and commanded us to do the same,
that we might reveal the power of your love,
made perfect in our human weakness.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Bishop We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.





Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Bishop Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy
will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Frideswide, Birinus and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

All Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The congregation kneels or sits.

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread.

Bishop We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The Bishop invites the people to communion

Bishop God's holy gifts
 for God's holy people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Bishop and people receive communion.

If you normally receive communion in your own church, you are most welcome to receive it here. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask the minister when you come forward. All others are most warmly invited to come forward to receive a blessing: please bring this order of service with you so that the ministers know that you want a blessing.





During communion, the following hymns will be sung;

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -
No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David J Evans

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Before the Throne of God

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
whoever 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.
2. 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 Saviour 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.



3. Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace.
At one with him, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Saviour and my God,
with Christ my Saviour and my God.

Charitie L. Bancroft (1841-92)

Here I am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.





Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Refrain

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The Sending Out

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray

A moment of silence is kept.

Bishop Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness

I. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.*

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!





2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 join with all nature in manifold witness
 to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Refrain

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Blessing and Dismissal

All stand.

Bishop God who has called you is faithful.
 May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
 cleanse you by his holiness
 and send you to proclaim his word.

All **Amen.**

Bishop May Christ, who has ascended to the heights,
 pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All **Amen.**

Bishop May the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
 equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

All **Amen.**

Bishop And the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Bishop Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**





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oxford.anglican.org/bishop-of-oxford/outreach-fund.php

Biographies

Alexandra Elizabeth (Lex) Bradley Stow

Lex was brought up in a Christian family and came to faith at 14. Lex is a qualified youth worker and spent her working life prior to training in schools-as a teacher, boarding mistress and school chaplain. Lex lives with her partner Rhiannon, their cat Bertie and new puppy Rosie.

Michael Peter Dormandy

Michael grew up in a church-going family and made a personal commitment to Christ in his late teens. He is currently a lecturer at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, a training college for Anglican clergy, as well as being Curate of the Wheatley benefice. His academic interests include Biblical manuscripts and the theology of Paul the Apostle. He is married to Katherine and enjoys books or films with spies in them.

Henry Nicholas (Nick) Fielden

Nick's early faith was strengthened through life's challenges, deepening his trust in God. Married with two grown up children, he enjoyed a 27-year career in IT before experiencing a call to ministry in 2016. The long journey to ordination has been one of deep listening and obedience to God. He is currently serving his curacy in the parish of St John the Baptist Church, Bodicote (near Banbury), under the Revd Sarah Sharp.

Christopher Stephen (Chris) Hunt

Chris Hunt lives in Bicester with his wife Autumn and their children; Ephram, Rosie and Adelaide. Chris is serving his curacy as a pioneer minister on the Eco-town, leading Hope Church; a church planted over lockdown. Having spent ten years playing music in Memphis with his wife, Chris is passionate about ways to minister the gospel through the arts and creativity.





Rosemary Elizabeth (Romey) Poston

Born in Yorkshire, Romey has spent most of her adult life overseas, as a foreign correspondent, as a director of overseas aid to Afghanistan and finally as a diplomat's wife. In that time, she has volunteered in churches and with charities in many countries, especially with children's ministries and domestic abuse and Sue Ryder charities. Now widowed and with three adult children, she answers God's call on her life with humility and joy.

Sasha Louise Reeves

Having come to faith in her teenage years, Sasha will now be ordained into the Priesthood. She previously taught in a nursery school and worked as a private nanny. Sasha is married to Matthew.

Some of her interests include baking, crocheting and being beside the sea.

Sasha has a particular interest in the inclusion of those with disabilities within Church life and has a heart for pastoral care.

Sorrel May Shamel-Wood

Sorrel joined Oxford from the Diocese of Portsmouth, via Ripon College Cuddesdon. In addition to parish ministry, Sorrel enjoys teaching on the diocese's Old Testament course and recently became a vocations advisor. She is extremely grateful to everyone who helped make this ordination happen and to her family and the wonderful people of the Dorchester Team, both lay and ordained, for their ongoing support.

Miles Herbert John Welborn

Miles has been serving curacy this last year at the parish of Bampton with Clanfield including Aston, Lew and Shifford. It has been incredible to journey with everyone in this community this last year and he's really looking forward to the next chapter here. He recently married Katie, who is set to be ordained Deacon this year. He studied for ordination at Ripon College Cuddesdon and was previously a verger at Hereford Cathedral.





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*As Jesus was walking
along, he saw a man called
Matthew sitting at the tax
booth; and he said to him,
'Follow me.' And he got up
and followed him.*

Matthew 9:9





**Come, Holy Ghost,
Our souls inspire**



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