



Ordination of Priests

Sunday 29 June 2025, Dorchester Abbey







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 Oaths

(made by the candidates before the service)

The Oath of Allegiance

I N, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III, his heirs and successors, according to law: So help me God.

The Oath of Canonical Obedience

I N, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Oxford, and his successors and through his delegation to the Bishop of Dorchester in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.





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 in this service:

Dov Whittle (Damascus Benefice)

Emma Firth (Dorchester Team)

Frances Caroe (Wantage Benefice)

Further details for each of our ordinands can be found on page 26.

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The Gathering

Widor: Toccata from Symphony No. 5 will be played before the service as the congregation gathers in church and online.

Throughout the service, although you are invited to stand or sit at various points, please use whatever posture is most comfortable and helpful for you.

Processional hymn: LET ALL THE WORLD IN EVERY CORNER SING

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!'

Tune: Luckington, G Herbert (1593-1632)

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 Archdeacon presents those to be ordained and each ordinand stands.

Archdeacon Bishop Gavin, I present Dov, Emma and Frances 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 Area 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?

ADO **They have.**

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

ADO **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 Archdeacon to confirm that the candidates have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

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

New Testament Reading

I Peter 2: 19 – end, read by Hannah Caroe

The Example of Christ's Suffering

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that?





But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Hymn: BROTHER, SISTER LET ME SERVE YOU.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we're together on this road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.



Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.
(Richard Gillard, 1977)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16: 13-19, read by Revd Canon Helen Kendrick

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All **Glory to you, O Lord**

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

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

Sermon

preached by the Rev Jane Hemmings
Area Director of Ordinands



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 ordinands 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 is invited to stand. 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 is invited to 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;

All 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 Rev Jane Hemmings (ADO) and Rev Jane Willis (Team Rector,
Dorchester Benefice)*

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, Dave, Mary and Gavin,
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 Dov, Emma and Frances called to be priests in this
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 Charles our King,
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 priests 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 assisting priests lay their hands on the head of each ordinand.

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 ordinands, 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 is invited to sit, and the newly ordained priests stand and their
Training Incumbents reposition their ordination stoles to be worn priest-wise*

Bishop N, receive this book

After all have received their Bibles, the Bishop continues

Bishop Receive this book 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 David Tyler says:*

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

All **We welcome you as ambassadors 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.**

*By the end of the hymn newly ordained priests, TIs, ADO, Archdeacon and Associate
Archdeacon to gather around the table.*

Hymn: LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high.
G. Moultrie (1829-1885) (Tune: PICARDY)



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 Abiding God, you planted the vineyard of creation and called your
chosen people to be your vine, rooted and grounded in you.
In Jesus, you gave us the true vine, turning earth into grapes
and the water of life into the wine of eternal life.
Through your Son you abide in us, and in the power of your Holy
Spirit you shape the branches of the vine to make fruit that will
last.

Your son was crucified on the vine of our sin,
and the blood of his sacrifice might be the wine through which we
may never be thirsty again.

In this meal of creation, of resurrection and of everlasting life,
you pour out the cup of your abundance to give us eternal joy in
you.

And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the
company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.



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 Transforming God, your son took the ordinary substance of human
flesh and bone; and on his last night with his friends he took the
ordinary materials of bread and wine.
Come among us now and make the ordinariness of our lives glow
with the wonder of your eternal life.
Take these gifts of bread and wine and make them before us
the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ.
Who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread and gave it to them saying,
'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in
remembrance of me'.

After supper he took the cup.
Again, he gave you thanks and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'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.'

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

Companionable God, you turn Word into flesh
and your perfect love cast out our fear.
You show us a way to love you by giving us brothers and sisters to
love as we love you.
Abide with all those all whose lives are far from fruitful;
remain with those who have experienced pruning;
dwell with any who feel like branches that have been discarded.
Unite your whole church, living and departed, as branches of your
one vine, and through being rooted and grounded in you,
make us fruitful in body, mind and spirit,
until we stand before you with your whole creation,
and you are all in all, one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**





The congregation is invited to kneel or sit

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 forever. 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;

COME, LABOUR ON!

Come, labour on.

Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
"Go work today."

Come, labour on.

Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
to young and old the gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.

Come, labour on.

Cast off all gloomy doubt and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here.
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfil God's righteous will.

Come, labour on.

No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
"Well done, well done!"

(Words: Jane Borthwick / Music: Ora Labora).

Choir *Anthem: O for a closer walk with God, Stanford*

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see

Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light
Shine in Your church gathered today

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone



Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light
Shine in Your church gathered today

Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come

Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light
Shine in Your church gathered today
Bernadette Farrell (.1957)

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: HOPE OF OUR CALLING

Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
We bring his gospel to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,
To live for God in all we say and do.



Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
From death's despair the gift of life restored;
Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
To sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
The Kingdom's harvest from the Kingdom's seeds.

Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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Tune: Woodlands, Walter Greatorex (1877 – 1949)*

Blessing and Dismissal

All are invited to 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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Biographies

Dov Whittle

Dov came to faith in his late teens. His path to ministry developed over the years while working in various jobs and led to him becoming more involved with his local church. Dov studied full-time at Cuddesdon and has remained in Oxfordshire with his wife and two sons as he serves his curacy in the DAMASCUS Parish.

Frances Caroe

Frances came back to his faith, after some time away, in the Anglican Church in Japan while studying in Tokyo. After completing his studies, he took part in a ministry experience scheme that was cut short by the pandemic, then worked as a gardener before training at Ripon College Cuddesdon. He is serving his curacy in the parish of Wantage, alongside which he is continuing his research into Japanese theology.

Emma Firth

Despite being a lifelong Christian, Emma's journey to ordination was slow - spanning more than three decades! Emma has a heart for rural ministry and a passion for sharing her faith with children, young people and those on the fringes of the church. Being a chorister since the age of 11 has given her a love of choral music as a source of deep spiritual nourishment and an outward expression of faith. Supported by her husband, Andrew and children Megan and Jamie, Emma trained at Cuddesdon and has continued post-graduate study there during curacy. She is the Finance Director of a hospice charity alongside her half-time curacy. Emma has loved being a deacon and is looking forward to being able to preside at the Eucharist. She is serving her curacy in the Dorchester Team.





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