

The Ordination of Deacons

The Bishop of Manchester
Manchester Cathedral

The Bishop of Bolton
Bolton Parish Church

The Bishop of Middleton
Oldham Parish Church

Wednesday 23 September 2020

Welcome to Manchester Cathedral

Ordinations during the pandemic

Ordinations are times of great joy, not only for those being ordained, but for the whole Church giving thanks to God for the ministers he has called. That joy is undiminished this year, but sadly cannot be shared by a large congregation. Government regulations, rightly concerned to protect everyone's health, limit attendance to 30. Those present at the service are therefore representative of many others who are today praying God's blessing upon those made deacon, and who look forward with expectation to their new ministries.

It is not only numbers which are limited in order for today's service to be "covid secure". For instance, there can be no singing. Those attending are also required to observe the following:

- face masks are to be worn at all times (except when receiving Communion);
- hand sanitiser is made available to be used on arrival and departure;
- the congregation must remain seated in their allocated places;
- all direct interaction is to be avoided with those not in your household or bubble, maintaining a two-metre distance;
- Communion will be distributed in one kind (i.e. bread alone): hand sanitiser will be available, and must be used should there be accidental contact with the hand of the administer of Communion
- the congregation should leave directly after the service, maintaining a two-metre distance and without interacting with others inside or outside, taking this order of service with them.

Photography

No photography in any form is permitted during the service; there will be opportunity for photographs at the end of the service.

Have you turned off your mobile phone?

Please make sure that you have turned off your mobile phone and any other electronic equipment that might interrupt the service.

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE SERVICE

Please pray for those being ordained Deacon today

To be ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Manchester

Admos Osmund CHIMHOWU
St Chrysostom, Victoria Park with the Revd Canon Ian Gomersall

Robert Craig ELOFF
St Paul with Christ Church, Salford, and Lower Broughton, The Ascension
with the Revd Canon David Wyatt

Joanna (Jo) JARRETT
Benefice of Firswood and Gorse Hill with the Revd Ross Malkin

Adam James ROBERTSON
The Good Shepherd and St Barnabas, Manchester with the Revd Maria
Onuigbo

Farid YASINI
St Aphrahat the Persian Sage Church in the benefice of Heatons with the
Revd Omid Moludy

To be ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Bolton

Deborah (Debbie) CLARKE
Benefice of Astley, Tyldesley and Mosley Common with the Revd Martin Cox

Ian James FLEMING
Benefice of Holcombe and Hawkshaw with the Revd Paul Sumsion

Nicola Jane GILLARD
Benefice of Horwich and Rivington with the Revd Michael Behrend

Layfetta Ann-Marie MASIH
Benefice of West Bolton with the Revd Canon Rodger Petch

To be ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Middleton

Hazel Adele BRIDLE
Benefice of Middleton and Thornham with the Revd Alison Bailie

Scott Gordon RICHARDSON

Benefice of Newchurch with the Revd Rod Bevan

Matthew (Matt) Christian SANDERSON

Holy Trinity Shaw with the Revd Katy Cunliffe

Amy Elizabeth SHERIDAN

St John the Baptist Hey with the Revd Lyn Woodall

Message from the retreat conductor

Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life in all its fullness" – John 10:10

This season is particularly challenging for those starting ordained ministry. As we live in Covid-19 world, 'uncertainty' is the only normal that we can expect to live with. People are asking deeper questions as the scaffolding that many have built their lives on has come tumbling down. We can almost touch the fear. As followers of Jesus we have a narrative that speaks of a God who is with us in these disorientating times, with a message of love and hope, teeming with abundant life. God cannot help himself but be generous and through the Spirit calls us to be a generous offering.

Jesus lived in very uncertain times. He who was not driven by fear but drawn by hope. He lived, moved and had his being in the truth that he was God's Beloved.

Living in the truth that we God's beloved is the place where we always begin. Our first calling and priority is to be rooted and grounded in this truth, to live out of the generous grace that has been bestowed upon us. This through my own experience is never easy - there are many competing priorities, and let's be honest we are complicated! Our gracious God invites us to truthful about fragility, and to befriend time and silence so to hear his voice of love which is both affirming and challenging. It will bear fruit, often hidden, and bear witness to the kindness of God.

When I was going forward for ordination, I started to doubt myself. Someone sent me a card that said – 'to go bravely forward is to invite a miracle' . That phrase has lived with me. So, go forward joyfully, hold your nerve, and see how Jesus to will use you to bring his abundant life to many.

Revd Canon Phil Stone

Introduction to the ordination service

All Christian ministry has its roots in baptism, is enabled by the Holy Spirit and shares in the ministry of Christ, the Good Shepherd and High Priest. The Church's ordained ministry has been shaped under the guidance of the Holy Spirit through the processes of human history, and the Church of England has maintained the three-fold order of bishop, priest and deacon. In their life and ministry, bishops, priests and deacons are called to speak in Christ's name and build up the Church.

Ordination is a weighty calling, and is undertaken after much consideration, preparation and prayer. As the ordination service progresses, the nature of each distinct ministry is revealed within the words and actions, in the readings, questions, explanations and prayers.

Symbolic action

Ordination takes effect by prayer and the laying-on of hands. Within a sequence of prayer, the Bishop says the Ordination Prayer, during which he lays hands on each candidate with the words:

*Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant N
for the office and work of a deacon in your church.*

After the ordination a number of secondary symbolic acts take place:

- The giving of a Bible to each candidate has always been an element of Anglican ordination. It is a sign of the authority given by God to preach the Word of God, and the action gives vivid expression to the truth that all Christian ministers are under the authority of that Word.
- After the ordination the newly-ordained are symbolically vested in robes appropriate to their new order. In fact, the ordinands will have been wearing most of their robes since the beginning of the service, and this 'vesting' is indicated by the placing of a stole around them. Deacons wear a liturgical stole across the body - from left shoulder to right hip. In some Anglican Churches the ministers do not wear stoles. Candidates from this tradition may choose to have a black 'preaching scarf' placed upon them, instead. This is simply worn around the back of the neck, and hangs down the front.

The Declaration of Assent and Oaths

The following declaration and oaths are made by the ordinand before the service.

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

Candidate 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 authorized or allowed by Canon.

Oaths

Taking the New Testament in the right hand, the candidate says:

Candidate I, *N*, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors, according to law: so help me God.

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

The Greeting

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

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

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

All Peace be with you
and also with you.

The Bishop introduces the service

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 a variety of ministries. Deacons are ordained so that the people of God may be better equipped to make Christ known. Theirs is a life of visible self-giving. Christ is the pattern of their calling and their commission; as he washed the feet of his disciples, so they must wash the feet of others.

The Presentation

Each ordinand is presented

Reverend Father in God, I present *N* to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God;

N is to serve *in the benefice of N.*

When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which the appropriate persons respond

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

Response **They have.**

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

Response **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/registrar* to confirm that the ordinands have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

Response 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

The Bishop introduces a period of silent prayer with the following bidding or other suitable words

Let us pray for these ordinands, and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

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

Reading

Jeremiah 1.4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’
Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for
I am only a boy.’ But the LORD said to me,
‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.’
Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the
LORD said to me,
‘Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.’

At the end the reader says

All

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

Gospel Reading

John 13.1-17

An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

The words that I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life, says the Lord.

All

Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.'

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rt Rev'd Dr David Walker

The Liturgy of Ordination

The Declarations

The ordinands stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation

Bishop

Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.

Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound.

Deacons are to seek nourishment from the Scriptures; they are to study them with God's people, that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the gospel in the world. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us.

The Bishop addresses the ordinands directly

We trust that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to give yourself wholly to his service, that you may draw his people into that new life which God has prepared for those who love him.

And now, in order that we may know your mind and purpose, you must make the declarations we put to you.

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.

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.

Do you believe the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of England has received it, and in your ministry will you expound and teach it?

Ordinands

I believe it and will so do.

Will you strive to make the love of Christ known through word and example, and have a particular care for those in need?

Ordinands

By the help of God, I will.

Will you be a faithful servant in the household of God, after the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve?

Ordinands

By the help of God, I will.

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.

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.

Will you accept the discipline of this Church and give due respect to those in authority?
Ordinands **By the help of God, I will.**

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to grow in holiness and grace?
Ordinands **By the help of God, I will.**

The ordinands turn to face the congregation.

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.**

Will you continually pray for them?
All **We will.**

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

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

In the name of our Lord, we bid you remember the greatness of the trust in which you are now to share: the ministry of Christ himself, who for our sake took the form of a servant.

Remember always with thanksgiving that the people among whom you will minister are made in God's image and likeness. In serving them you are serving Christ himself, before whom you will be called to account.

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 ordinands kneel and silence is kept.

The Litany

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 David, Mark and Mark our bishops,
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 these ordinands, called to be deacons 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 all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God;
to you, O Lord.

All

The Ordination Prayer

The ordinands continue to kneel before the bishop, who stands to pray.

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 sent your only Son Jesus Christ
to take the form of a slave;
he humbled himself for our sake,
and in obedience accepted death,
even death on a cross.
We praise and glorify you
because in every age you send your Spirit
to fill those whom you have chosen,
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 these your servants,
whom we ordain in your name,
to share as deacons in the ministry of the gospel of Christ,
who came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

Here the Bishop lays his hands on the head of each ordinand, saying

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

When the Bishop has laid hands on all of the ordinands, the prayer continues

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,
give these your servants grace and power to fulfil their
ministry.

Make them faithful to serve
and constant in advancing your gospel in the world.
May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son,
who washed the feet of his disciples,
and set the needs of others before his own.

May their life be disciplined and holy,
their words declare your love
and their actions reveal your glory,
that your people may walk with them in the way of truth
and be made ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit,
belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for
ever.

All **Amen.**

The Giving of the Bible

The newly ordained deacons stand and the Bishop gives the New Testament to each of them.

Bishop Receive this book,
as a sign of the authority given you this day
to speak God's word to his people.
Build them up in his truth
and serve them in his name.

The Welcome

The newly ordained deacons are welcomed

We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord
and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.
All **We welcome you as fellow servants in the gospel:
may Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

Coronavirus Information

Following advice issued by the Church of England, in order to minimise the spread of infection we ask that you do not shake hands during the Peace.

The Bishop introduces the Peace in these or other suitable words

All We are all one in Christ Jesus.
**We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.**

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

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine The 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

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, 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.

Bishop And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

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

Bishop Every time we eat this bread
 and drink this cup,
All **we proclaim the Lord's death
 until he comes.**

Giving of Communion

Bishop Jesus is the Lamb of God
 who takes away the sin of the world.
 Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
 but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Bishop receives communion and then says

All The body of Christ.
 Amen.

The people receive communion in one kind only and without further words being spoken. If you require Gluten-free wafer, please point to the altar when it is your turn to receive.

Prayer after Communion

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.**

The Sending Out

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.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

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 the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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TAKING YOUR ORDER OF SERVICE WITH YOU.
THANK YOU**

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