

# Evensong with Licensing of Area Deans and Commissioning of Deanery Lay Chairs

Sunday 6 June, 5.30pm

## Welcome to Manchester Cathedral

Welcome to the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Mary, St Denys and St George in the heart of the City of Manchester. The building is the old mediaeval Parish Church of Manchester. King Henry V first granted it Collegiate status in 1421 and it became Manchester's Cathedral on the creation of the Diocese of Manchester in 1847. It is believed that there has been a church on or near this site for over a thousand years.

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

### Photography

Please do not use cameras, photo-imaging devices or recording equipment during the service.

### Musicians

The choir is conducted by Christopher Stokes,  
Organist and Master of the Choristers.  
The organ is played by Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub-Organist.

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available.

The two leading officers of any Deanery are the Area Dean and Deanery Lay Chair. During this service, the Area Deans will be authorised by the Bishop's licence to undertake their responsibilities in the newly formed deaneries. The Lay Chairs are elected by their respective Deanery Synods, and will be commissioned to their role. Whilst the Area Deans are presented for licensing, the Deanery Lay Chairs have already been elected as follows:

Mrs Diane Carr (Deanery of Manchester North and East)  
Canon Dr Addy Lazz-Onyenobi (Deanery of Manchester South and Stretford)  
Mr Keith Lewis (Deanery of Bolton)  
Canon Richard Lewis (Deanery of Salford and Leigh)  
Mrs Kathryn Pollard (Deanery of Bury & Rossendale)

Two Deaneries (Oldham and Ashton; Rochdale) are yet to elect a Lay Chair.

### **Music before the service**

Cloister-Garth

*Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)*

*Please remain seated as the clergy enter.*

*The Bishop welcomes the congregation*

### **The Presentation of Area Deans**

*The area-deans designate are led to the Bishop by the Archdeacons of Bolton & Salford, Manchester and Rochdale.*

Archdeacon of Manchester Right Reverend Father in God, we are pleased to present to you the following.

The Revd Helen Scanlan to be Area Dean of Manchester North and East Deanery and Assistant Curate of St Agnes, North Reddish;

The Revd Nick Watson to be Area Dean of Manchester South and Stretford Deanery and Assistant Curate of St John, Flixton.

Archdeacon of Bolton & Salford The Revd Simon Cook to be Area Dean of Bolton Deanery and Assistant Curate of St Peter with St Philip, Bolton le Moors;

The Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mann to be Area Dean of Bury and Rossendale Deanery and Assistant Curate of St Mary the Virgin, Bury;

The Revd Colin Pearson, to be Area Dean of Salford and Leigh Deanery and Assistant Curate of Holy Rood, Swinton.

Archdeacon of Rochdale      The Revd Canon Karen Smeeton to be Area Dean of Rochdale Deanery and Assistant Curate of St Paul, Norden, with St James, Ashworth, and St Michael, Bamford;

The Revd Daniel Ramble is prevented from being present in person today. He has been licensed as Area Dean of Oldham and Ashton Deanery and Assistant Curate of St Thomas, Leesfield.

Bishop                      Thank you for your presentation.

## **The Declaration and Oaths**

*The area deans designate make the declaration and oaths once the Bishop has read the following 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?

*The area-deans designate make the Declaration of Assent:*

I, *NN*, 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.

*Taking a New Testament in their right hands, the area-deans designate say:*

I, NN, 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, NN 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 area-deans designate sign copies of the declaration and oaths which they have made.*

## **The Licensing**

*The Bishop reads aloud the licences by which the new area deans are admitted into their respective offices, and hands these to them.*

## **The Blessing of Area Deans**

*Each Area Dean is blessed by the Bishop of Bolton or Bishop of Middleton, according to which oversees the deanery the Area Dean serves.*

## **Commissioning of the Deanery Lay Chairs**

*The newly-elected Deanery Lay Chairs stand before the Bishop.*

Addy, Diane, Kathryn, Keith and Richard: you have been elected to office as Deanery Lay Chairs. As the senior lay person in your deanery, you have an important role in leadership. Will you discharge that responsibility diligently to the best of your ability, for the wellbeing of the church in this diocese and to the glory of God?

Lay Chairs With God's help, I shall.

## **The Welcome**

*The Lay Chairs of the Deaneries welcome the new area deans:*

As representatives of the deaneries you now serve, we welcome you. We look forward to working with you as together we establish our new deaneries, helping to make their parishes and ministries focuses of renewed mission.

We commit ourselves to play our part in building up the Church in each of our deaneries to the glory of God and the advancement of his kingdom. May God bless us all in our endeavours. Welcome!

*An Incumbent or church warden of the parishes to which the new area deans are licensed welcome them:*

As an incumbent or church warden of the parishes to which you are licensed, we welcome you. We look forward to supporting you in your new roles, and offering, through our parishes, communities of prayer, comfort and refreshment. We pray that together we shall be effective partners in the Gospel. May God make our ministries fruitful in the name of Christ. Welcome!

*The Area Deans respond*

Thank you for your welcome. We pledge ourselves to work for the good of the Church in our deaneries, rejoicing in the gifts God has shared with all his people. May we together show Christ's love to the world.

*All return to their seats*

*Please stand if you are able*

## **Preces**

sung by the Choir  
*William Smith (1603-45)*

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

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

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

Praise ye the Lord.

*Please sit*

**Psalm 37. 1-11**

sung by the Choir  
*Henry Gauntlett (1805-76)*

Fret not thyself because of the ungodly: neither be thou envious against the evil-doers.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass: and be withered even as the green herb.

Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good: dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thou in the Lord: and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.

Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him: and he shall bring it to pass.

He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light: and thy just dealing as the noon-day.

Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him: but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.

Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure: fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

Wicked doers shall be rooted out: and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone: thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.

But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth: and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.

*Please stand if you are able*

Glory be to the Father:  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Please sit*

## First Lesson

Jeremiah 6. 16-21  
*read by Canon Richard Lewis*

The first lesson is written in the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the book of the Prophet Jeremiah beginning at the 16<sup>th</sup> verse.

Thus says the Lord:  
Stand at the crossroads, and look,  
and ask for the ancient paths,  
where the good way lies; and walk in it,  
and find rest for your souls.  
But they said, "We will not walk in it."  
Also I raised up sentinels for you:  
"Give heed to the sound of the trumpet!"  
But they said, "We will not give heed."  
Therefore hear, O nations,  
and know, O congregation, what will happen to them.  
Hear, O earth; I am going to bring disaster on this people,  
the fruit of their schemes,  
because they have not given heed to my words;  
and as for my teaching, they have rejected it.  
Of what use to me is frankincense that comes from Sheba,  
or sweet cane from a distant land?  
Your burnt offerings are not acceptable,  
nor are your sacrifices pleasing to me.  
Therefore thus says the Lord:  
See, I am laying before this people  
stumbling blocks against which they shall stumble;  
parents and children together,  
neighbour and friend shall perish.

Here ends the first lesson.

*Please stand if you are able*

## Magnificat

sung by the Choir  
*Service in D, Herbert Brewer*

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud  
in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Please sit*

## **Second Lesson**

Romans 9. 1-13  
*read by Valerie Cathcart*

The second lesson is written in the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Letter of Paul to the Romans beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants.

For this is what the promise said, "About this time I will return and Sarah shall have a son." Nor is that all; something similar happened to Rebecca when she had conceived children by one husband, our ancestor Isaac. Even before they had been born or had done anything good or bad (so that God's purpose of election might continue, not by works but by his call) she was told, "The elder shall serve the younger." As it is written,

"I have loved Jacob,  
but I have hated Esau."

Here ends the second lesson

*Please stand if you are able*

### **Nunc Dimittis**

sung by the Choir  
*Service in D, Herbert Brewer*

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

For mine eyes have seen:  
thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared:  
before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Remain standing*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

All        **I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects**

sung by the Choir  
*William Smith*

The Lord be with you;  
And with thy spirit.  
Let us pray.

*Please sit*

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

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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

O Lord, save the Queen;  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;  
And make thy chosen people joyful.

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

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

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

### **Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity**

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

### **Collect for peace**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace  
which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*Amen.*

### **Collect for aid against all perils**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*Amen.*

## **Anthem**

sung by the Choir

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,  
that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation;  
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

*John Stainer (1840-1901)*

*Isaiah 52. 7*

## **Sermon**

The Rt Rev'd Dr David Walker  
Bishop of Manchester

## **Prayers of Intercession**

led by Canon Addy Lazz-Onyenobi

*The prayers conclude with the following*

All           **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

*Please remain seated and refrain from singing*

## **Hymn**

sung by the Choir

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful name:  
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol:  
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh, his presence we have:  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
All honour and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

*Paderborn NEH 476*

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*Paderborn Gesangbuch 1765*

*Please stand*

## **The Blessing**

Bishop Christ our King,  
who gives different ministries to his church to prepare God's  
people for Christian service,  
bless you in the ministry to which he has called you,  
build you together in one body to serve him  
and guide you in the ways of justice and of peace,  
that his goodness and mercy may follow you all the days of  
your life.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

## **Music after the Service**

Marche Héroïque

*Herbert Brewer*

***Please leave the building promptly, taking your order of  
service with you. Thank you.***



