

Licensing service
for
Lay Workers
in the Diocese of Bath & Wells



28th June 2020 by Zoom
at 10:00

Bishop Peter welcomes everyone and introduces the service reflecting on the present national situation, and the hope and promise of an ordination to the diaconate later in the year.

Reading: Matthew 10.40-end read by Preb Rob Walrond

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

Thanks be to God

Bishop Ruth offers a short reflection on the reading

Revd Preb Sue Rose presents the candidates to the Bishop

Sue: Bishop I present to you, to be licensed as Lay Workers in the Church of God,

Chris Absolon to serve in the Benefice of Combe Down, Monkton Combe & South Stoke

Philip Albrow to serve in the Isle Valley Benefice

Andrew Avramenko to serve in the Benefice of Charlcombe with Bath St Stephen

Louise Bale to serve in the Benefice of Taunton St Mary Magdalene & St John the Evangelist and the Benefice of Taunton St Andrew and also as Chaplain of Musgrove Park Hospital and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

Cath Candish to serve in the Benefice of Bath Abbey with St James and the Benefice of Combe Down with Monkton Combe and South Stoke

Jan Church to serve in the Benefice of Cannington, Otterhampton with Combwich and Stockland

Julian Davies to serve in Benefice of Timsbury with Priston, Camerton and Dunkerton

Sam Healey to serve in The Isle of Wedmore Benefice

Philip Hopper to serve in the Benefice of Pilton with Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder

Sue Hoskins to serve in the Benefice of Wrington with Redhill, Butcombe and Burrington

Richard Kelley to serve in the Wellington and District Team Ministry

Emma Kendall to serve in the Benefice of Milverton with Halse, Fitzhead and Ash Priors

Suzanne Kirkham to serve in the Benefice of Christ Church, Clevedon

Michele Kitto to serve in the Benefice of Glastonbury St John and St Benedict with Meare and also Chaplain of Millfield Preparatory School

Thea Oliver to serve in the Benefice of Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke

Shaula Reilly to serve in the Benefice of Saltford with Corston and Newton St Loe

Jo Robinson to serve in Hardington Vale Benefice

Dave Wilkie to serve in St James, Taunton

Bishop Peter calls upon each candidate to affirm their loyalty to the Anglican inheritance of faith and to declare their obedience to the Bishop.

Chris, Philip, Andrew, Louise, Cath, Jan, Julian, Sam, Philip, Sue, Richard, Emma, Suzanne, Michele, Thea, Shaula, Jo and Dave

...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 candidates respond

I, Christopher John Absolon...
I, Philip Paul Albrow...
I, Andrew Richard Avramenko...
I, Louise Ann Bale...
I, Catherine Candish...
I, Janet Church...
I, Julian Paul Davies...
I, Samuel Healey...
I, Philip John Hopper...
I, Susan Hoskins...
I, Richard Paul Kelley...
I, Emma Jane Kendall...
I, Suzanne Kirkham...

I, Michele Claire Kitto...
I, Dorothea Louise Oliver...
I, Shaula Reilly...
I, Joanne Sally Robinson...
I, David Robert Wilkie...

...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 I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by canon.

The candidates declare their obedience to the Bishop:

I, Christopher John Absolon...
I, Philip Paul Albrow...
I, Andrew Richard Avramenko...
I, Louise Ann Bale...
I, Catherine Candish...
I, Janet Church...
I, Julian Paul Davies...
I, Samuel Healey...
I, Philip John Hopper...
I, Susan Hoskins...
I, Richard Paul Kelley...
I, Emma Jane Kendall...
I, Suzanne Kirkham...
I, Michele Claire Kitto
I, Dorothea Louise Oliver...
I, Shaula Reilly...
I, Joanne Sally Robinson...
I, David Robert Wilkie...

...will give due obedience to the Lord Bishop of Bath & Wells and his successors in all things lawful and honest.

Bishop Peter reads a conflation of licences

All candidates hold up their licence which the bishop sent them, and Bishop Peter says:

Chris, Philip, Andrew, Louise, Cath, Jan, Julian, Sam, Philip, Sue, Richard, Emma, Suzanne, Michele, Thea, Shaula, Jo and Dave

...receive this duty and care, which is both yours and mine;
in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Prayers

Revd Mandy Priestley prays for the ministry of the new Lay Workers and their parishes and benefices

Bishop Ruth prays for the families and friends of the candidates and remembers Steve Rogers and his family

Bishop Peter blesses the newly Licensed Lay Workers in their ministries

God the Holy Trinity
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side
and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Led by Preb Sue Rose, the assembled people on the zoom call and on Facebook if they have a copy of the service, then say to the newly Licensed Lay Workers together:

**All Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
 may the Lord make you a blessing among those to whom
 you minister,
 and may we be a blessing to you,
 as we work together for Christ.**

Bishop Peter encourages all who have been part of the service, whether on Facebook or on the zoom call, to applaud the newly Licensed Lay Workers.

