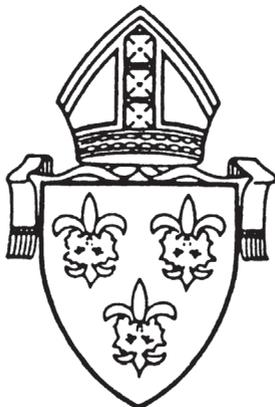


The Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin
and St Ethelbert the King in
Hereford



ORDINATION

To be made Deacon

JOANNA BURDEN
LAWRENCE GITTINS
TIFFANY JACKSON

Sunday 27 September 2020

12 noon

THE CHAPTER'S WELCOME

WE WELCOME you most warmly to this ancient and beautiful church in the heart of the city for this year's ordination of deacons. This cathedral is the seat of the Bishop of Hereford and the home of a Christian community that has worshipped here and worked together continuously for over 1,300 years. It is a place where the mission of the church to proclaim God's love is central, and your welcome presence here for worship today helps to strengthen this enduring act of witness.

Please ensure that all mobile telephones and watch alarms have been silenced before the service begins. Throughout this order of service, indications of where the congregation should stand or sit are given for guidance only: please feel free to follow your usual practice if this is different. Toilets, including facilities for the disabled and for baby changing, are available in the Chapter House Yard just outside St John's Door in the south-east transept: the stewards will be happy to give you directions.

In this and every Eucharist we warmly invite Christians of all denominations to receive Holy Communion: those who prefer not to do so are invited either to approach the altar at the time of communion to receive a personal blessing or to remain in their seats.



During the service, an induction loop system is in operation for hearing aid users, offering clear reception of all amplified sound.



Hereford Cathedral is a *Fairtrade* church: the communion wine and sacramental oils used in all services have been certified to *Fairtrade* standards.

TRAINING INCUMBENTS

As well as praying for the ordinands and their families, please will you also pray for the training incumbents with whom they will serve:

Jo Burden
Lawrence Gittins
Tiffany Jackson

The Revd Ruth Hulse
The Revd Kelvin Price
The Revd Sean Semple

LEGAL PRELIMINARIES

The Canon Law of the Church of England requires that, before any person is ordained, he or she must make, in the presence of the bishop or his commissary, the declaration of assent and then take the oaths of allegiance to the sovereign and of canonical obedience to the bishop. Each of the candidates being ordained today has done this: a fact that will be confirmed by an archdeacon during the service. For your interest, here are the texts of the declaration and the oaths.

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 authorized or allowed by Canon.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

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

OATH OF CANONICAL OBEDIENCE

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING

GREETING

All stand as the procession enters the cathedral

The Bishop says

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 may offer some informal words of welcome: then he continues

INTRODUCTION

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 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.

All remain standing

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon As we stand together before God, and trusting in his grace alone, let us join with these ordinands in confessing our sins.

Silence is kept

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Bishop Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, ✠ forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will, and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT

Bishop Let us remain standing as we pray for those who are to be ordained, 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. *Amen.*

All sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

EPISTLE

Romans XII, 1-12

IAPPEAL TO YOU therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of

faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Reader For the word of the Lord:

All Thanks be to God.

All stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark x, 35-45

Deacon The Lord be with you:

All and also with you.

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

JAMES AND JOHN, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit

SERMON
The Very Reverend Michael Tavinor
Dean of Hereford

After the sermon a short period of silence is observed

All remain seated, except the ordinands

THE LITURGY OF ORDINATION

An Assistant Archdeacon invites the candidates to move from their places and to stand on the lower pavement of the plinth in order to be presented to the Bishop, who is seated in King Stephen's chair at the tower crossing

PRESENTATION

Addressing the Bishop, an Assistant Archdeacon says

RIGHT Reverend Father in God, I present these people to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God:

Jo Burden	<i>The West Hereford Team Ministry</i>
Lawrence Gittins	<i>Ludlow St Laurence and Ludlow St John</i>
Tiffany Jackson	<i>Ross with Walford and Brampton Abbots</i>

The ordinands turn to face the congregation as their name is called

An Assistant Archdeacon continues to address the Bishop, saying

THOSE whose duty it is to know these ordinands and examine them have found them to be of godly life and sound learning, and believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry. I certify that these ordinands have taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of canonical obedience to you and your successors, as required by law. They have also 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 ordinands turn back to face the Bishop, who addresses them directly, saying

DO YOU believe that God is calling you to this ministry?
Answer I do so believe.

DECLARATIONS

The ordinands remain facing the Bishop, who addresses the congregation, saying

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 Dean addresses the ordinands directly, saying

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.

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

Answer I do so accept them.

Dean 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?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Dean 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?

Answer I believe it and will so do.

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

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Dean 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?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Dean 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?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

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

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Dean Will you accept the discipline of this Church and give due respect to those in authority?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Dean 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?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

The congregation stands and the ordinands turn to face them: the Dean says

BROTHERS and sisters in Christ, 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.

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

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

All remain standing, while the ordinands turn back to face the Bishop, who addresses them directly saying

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.

INVOCATION

All sit and pray in silence: then all remain seated while the Precentor sings

BE PRESENT, Spirit of the Lord,
Let sounds of earth be dumb;
The Father's love be shed abroad,
The dew of blessing on us poured:
O silent Spirit, come!
O silent Spirit, come!

In pow'r unseen upon us rest,
Your gracious gifts impart:
A mind renewed, a spirit blessed,
A life where Christ is manifest,
An understanding heart.
An understanding heart.

O Spirit come, and with us stay;
Make every heart your home.
So work in us that we who pray
May walk with Christ in wisdom's way:
O Holy Spirit, come!
O Holy Spirit, come!

Timothy Dudley-Smith *b* 1926

REPTON
C Hubert H Parry 1848–1918

All remain seated while an Assistant Archdeacon leads the congregation in the Litany

Archd'n In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

All Lord, have mercy.

Archd'n 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.

Archd'n For those who serve in the ordained ministry as well as for those now to be made deacon in his Church, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Archd'n 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.

Archd'n 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.

Archd'n 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.

Archd'n Remembering all who have gone before us in faith, including Saint Dubricius, who in times past proclaimed the Gospel in these regions, and Putta, first bishop of the See of Hereford and his successors; and in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Ethelbert the King, Saint Thomas of Hereford and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God,

All and to you, O Lord.

The congregation remains seated while the ordinands stand

PRAYER OF ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

The Bishop stands and stretches out his hands towards the ordinands, saying

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:

The Director of Vocations and Ordinands announces the name of each ordinand: the Bishop then lays his hands on the head of each of them in turn, 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 his hands on all of the ordinands, he 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. *Amen.*

VESTING

All remain seated while the newly-ordained deacons vest themselves in their stoles

WELCOME

When the vesting is complete, the deacon says

Will the congregation please stand.

The newly-ordained deacons turn to face the congregation: the deacon says to the newly-ordained deacons

WE PREACH not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

All say

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 congregation may greet the newly-ordained deacons with applause: then the deacons turn back to face the Bishop

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PEACE

Bishop We are all one in Christ Jesus.

All We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you:

All and also with you.

All sit while the altar is prepared: then all stand

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Bishop says

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

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.
All 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 into your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Ethelbert the King, Saint Thomas of Hereford and all the saints, to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All sit and pray in silence

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All say

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 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.

All say

AGNUS DEI

LAMB of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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.

In addition to communicant members of the Church of England, baptized persons who are communicant members of other churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing with their own church, are welcome to receive the Holy Communion: others are warmly invited to receive a personal blessing

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with wheat intolerance: if you require such a host, please ask the administrant

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

When all have returned to their places, remain seated while the Bishop says

Let us pray.

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. *Amen.*

All say

WE THANK you, gracious Father, for welcoming your children to feast in your kingdom; by your love unite us, and with your Spirit send us out in faith and hope, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE SENDING OUT

GIVING OF THE BIBLE

The congregation remains seated while the Bishop gives a copy of the Bible to each of the newly-ordained deacons, saying

N, receive this book.

When all the newly-ordained deacons have received a Bible, the Bishop says

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.

All stand while the Bishop returns to the altar

BLESSING

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord:

All who has made heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord:

All now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop continues

MAY the Father, whose glory fills the heavens, cleanse you by his holiness and send you to proclaim his word. *Amen.*

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

May the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, equip you and strengthen you in your ministry. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

We thank you for your presence and prayerful support during this service, and trust that you will have a safe journey home

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