

THE DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD

A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

and

THE LICENSING & INDUCTION

of

The Revd Nicholas Peter Heron

as

**Rector of the Benefice of Wem, Lee Brockhurst
and
Weston-under-Redcastle**

By the Ven Paul Thomas, Archdeacon of Salop

***St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church, Wem
Wednesday 9th March 2016
at 7.30 pm***

We are delighted to say that this evening's collection is for the Bishops' Lent Appeal "Standing Up For Children", supporting the work of the Children's Society both in the parishes of our diocese and in the Holy Land. For more information do visit: www.lichfield.anglican.org/lentappeal

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OPENING HYMN

God is here; as we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of his Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place;
here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the Gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive.
We, who cannot live without you,
we adore you, we believe.

We meet in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name:
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

PENITENCE

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith firmly resolved to
keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

A short time of silent reflection is kept.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE COLLECT

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading. Isaiah Chapter 6 verses 1-3

At the end the reader says: This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading. Philippians Chapter 2 verses 1-11

At the end the reader says: This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN.

No.148 "From heaven you came". (The Servant King)

THE GOSPEL

We remain standing

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
[Chapter 10 verses 11-21]

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE PRESENTATION and INDUCTION

THE DECLARATION AND OATHS

The Archdeacon addresses the new minister:

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 that 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 new Minister says:

I, Nicholas Peter Heron, 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 Archdeacon says:

I request you to take the Oaths required by Law.

The new Minister takes the Bible in his right hand, faces the congregation and says:

I, Nicholas Peter Heron, 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.

The new Minister turns to face the Archdeacon and says:
I, Nicholas Peter Heron, do swear that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Lichfield and his successors, in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.
The new Minister signs the Declaration and Oaths.

All stand

The new Minister turns to face the people. The Archdeacon says:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, after due consultation
Nick has been chosen and presented
to be Rector of this benefice.

Will you support him in this ministry,
and uphold him by your prayers?

All: With God's help, we will.

Archdeacon: Let us therefore pray for God's blessing on Nick
and on our work together
in Growing the Kingdom of God.

The new Minister kneels, and a short SILENCE is kept.

Archdeacon: Almighty and ever-living God, by whose Spirit
the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer for all your people in their life and work,
and especially for Nick and your Church in this place.
Fill us with the knowledge of your truth, that in our varied ministries
we may serve your Kingdom in the world,
to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE INSTITUTION

All sit

The new Minister remains kneeling.

Archdeacon: Receive this Licence
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE INSTALLATION AND INDUCTION

Remain seated as the Archdeacon leads the new Minister to his seat in the Chancel. The new Minister sits as the Archdeacon says:

I place you in the stall belonging to the Rector of these parishes.
May God the Holy Trinity
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace.

The new Minister kneels and says this or another suitable prayer:

Lord God, take my mind and think through it;
take my lips and speak through them;
take my heart and set it on fire with love
for you and for your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Archdeacon and the new Minister move to stand in front of the Churchwardens.

The Archdeacon says:

Nicholas, I induct you into the possession of this church and benefice.

Churchwardens hand the keys of the churches to the new Rector, saying:

Nick, receive these keys as a sign of your stewardship, and let the doors of this place be open to all.

The new Rector may cause the bell of the church to be tolled, thereby signifying his Induction to the benefice.

The new Minister stands with the Archdeacon.

WELCOME

The Archdeacon says:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, now that Nick has been licensed and inducted as Rector, let us welcome him in God's name.

All: In the name of the Lord, we welcome you.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We offer our near neighbours a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

No. 518 “Thy hand, O God, has guided”

The collection is taken during this hymn and is offered at the altar together with the Bread and Wine.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The President begins the thanksgiving:

..... we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

You may sit or kneel.

The President continues the thanksgiving.

The President concludes the thanksgiving:

..... all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come; thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

THE COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Everyone is invited to come forward to receive either Communion or
a Blessing. If you would like a Blessing, please bring a book or this
Order of Service with you.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE BLESSING

The Eucharist is ended; go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the People of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended: O now be extended
the fruits of his service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for man.
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us
to work for his kingdom and further his plan.

With praise and thanksgiving to God everliving,
the task of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as brothers all men of each race.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in his life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.



OPENING HYMN

“God is here; as we his people”

Fred Pratt Green

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CLOSING HYMN

“Sent forth by God’s blessing”

Ormer Westendorf

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