

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Hello all, I hope you are having a good week. Those who are following Morning and Evening prayer will have noticed a few days have been designated as Ember Days. These are times when we pray particularly for those with vocations, with a focus on vocations to the Ordained ministry.

Of course there are many other kinds of vocation apart from Ordination but this is the time of year when many of those who have been training are licensed to their new parishes and begin their new lives as clergy.

The new system operated by this diocese means that those to be ordained Deacon are initially licensed as lay assistants before being ordained at Michaelmas. This is designed to give them a slightly gentler introduction into their new parish and a chance to get to know the area and set up into which they will be ordained.

On Monday 6th July at 5.30pm, Julia will be licensed by Bishop John and it is the hope that we shall be able to tune in via Zoom or some such to join in on this special occasion. I shall give details as soon as we have them. Until then, please remember Julia, her family and all those who are giving their lives to God in this way and pray for their training parishes too!

Tom.

And finally...So that brides could remember the Order of things for their wedding the vicar told them this.

"It's quite simple my dear, you walk down the aisle and stop before the altar, then we sing the first hymn. All you have to do as you enter the church is look at your groom and think, aisle, altar, hymn".

Sent by Canon Tom Page

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