

*Chelmsford Cathedral*



# Ordinations

*Deacons are ordained so that the people of God  
may be better equipped to make Christ known*

## **The Ordination of Deacons**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Holy Cross Day**

**You are warmly welcomed to our Eucharist at Chelmsford Cathedral, whether you are joining us online at home or in the Cathedral. We wish a special welcome to all those being ordained Deacon today, and to those here to support them.**

Everything you need for this celebration is in this booklet. Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off.

**Toilets:** Limited toilet facilities are available. Public toilets can also be found very nearby (behind the Golden Fleece pub).

**Hearing Aids:** There is a loop system installed throughout the church. If you are a hearing aid user, please turn it to T.

**Gluten-free wafers are available.** Please speak to one of the stewards.

**Music:** Details about the music played can be found at the back of the booklet.

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**Receiving communion:** You are invited to receive communion (in one kind – the bread) at your seat. Please hold out your hands to receive and the bread will be placed in your hands.

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*Please pray for all those who are being ordained Deacon this weekend:*

*Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September*

Andrew Bellis  
Tim Broadbent  
Penny Brooks  
Geoff Clarke  
Marianne Hayward  
Urbain Matsalou-Yombe

David Baker  
Jessica Bostock  
Janetta Brathwaite  
David Edmondson  
Jaimée Summers  
Olive Thursby

*Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September*

Trudy Arnold  
Matthew Austen  
Carol Cockcroft  
Sally Croft  
Stephen Finch  
Julia Lacey  
Hannah Robinson

Elsie Bouffler  
Louise Oliver  
Sharon Quilter  
Elisabeth Ring  
Catherine Towner  
Chris Willis

*Organ music will be played before the service.*

## **¶ The Gathering**

### **Welcome**

*The Dean welcomes the congregation.*

*Please stand.*

### **The Greeting**

*The Bishop says:*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.

*All* **There is one hope to which we were called.**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

*All* **one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*The Bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.*

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.

*Please sit.*

## **The Presentation**

*The candidates are presented by the Archdeacons. The candidates each stand as their name is called.*

*An Archdeacon says:*

Right Reverend Father in God, we present the following candidates to be ordained to the office of Deacon in the Church of God:

*The candidates step forward. An Archdeacon announces each candidate by name.*

*The Training Minister responds:*

S/he is to serve in the parish of N.

*When all the candidates have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which the appropriate people respond:*

Have those whose duty it is to know these persons and examine them found them to be of godly life and sound learning?

*Tutor* They have.

Do they believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry?

*Diocesan Director of Ordinands*

They do.

*The Bishop turns to the ordinands and says:*

Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?

*Ordinands* I do so believe.

*The Bishop says*

I invite the Registrar to confirm that the ordinands have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

*The Registrar says*

They have duly taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop. They have 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 Collect**

*The Bishop invites the whole congregation to pray.*

Let us pray for these candidates, and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

*The congregation stands, and there follows a pause for silent prayer*

Lifted up among us, O God,  
is Jesus the crucified:  
sign of your steadfast love  
and pledge of your will to save.  
To those who look upon the  
cross with faith  
grant healing of soul  
and life eternal.  
We ask this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for  
ever and ever.

*All*     **Amen.**

*Please sit.*



## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The Reading**

*Romans 12: 1-13*

*Read by one of the candidates.*

I appeal 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. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

*All*     **My lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**

*Organ music will be played before the Gospel.*

## Alleluia

*Please stand.*

Those who would follow the Lord must learn to be a servant,  
for he came not to be served but to serve.

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Gospel Reading

*John 3: 13 - 17*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## Sermon

*The Ven. Rev'd Elizabeth Snowden*

*Please remain seated after the sermon. Organ music will be played.*



# ¶ **The Liturgy of Ordination**

## **The Declaration**

*The candidates stand and turn to face the Bishop, who says:*

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 Bishop addresses the ordinands directly:*

We trust that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to give yourselves 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.

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

*Candidates*      **I do so accept them.**

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?

*Candidates*      **By the help of God, I will.**

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?

*Candidates*      **I believe it, and will so do.**

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

*Candidates*      **By the help of God, I will.**

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?

*Candidates*      **By the help of God, I will.**

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?

*Candidates*      **By the help of God, I will.**

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

*Candidates*      **By the help of God, I will.**

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

*Candidates*      **By the help of God, I will.**

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?

*Candidates*        **By the help of God, I will.**

*The congregation stands and the ordinands turn and face them.*

Brothers and sisters, 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?

*People*            **It is.**

Will you continually pray for them?

*People*            **We will.**

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

*People*            **We will.**

*The ordinands turn back to face the Bishop, who continues, addressing them:*

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.

*Please sit or kneel for a time of silence, after which a cantor sings:*

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art, who  
dost thy sevenfold gift

Thy blessèd unction from above is  
comfort, life, and fire of love; enable  
with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face with  
the abundance of thy grace:  
keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, and  
thee, of both to be but One; that  
through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song,

'Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.' Amen.

*Veni, creator Spiritus attributed  
to Rabanus Maurus c776-856 and John Cosin 1594-1672  
Tune: Veni Creator (NEH 138)*

*Please sit.*

## The Ordination Prayer

*The Bishops stand to pray.*

*The Bishop stretches out his hands towards the candidates and prays. During the Ordination prayer, music will be played.*

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:

*Here the Bishop lays his hands on the head of each candidate, during which the Taizé chant Veni Sancte Spiritus is sung.*

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant N  
for the office and work of a deacon in your Church.

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.

All **Amen.**

*The Deacons vest in their stoles.*

### **The Giving of the Bible**

*The Deacons are each given 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.

### **The Welcome**

*The Director of Ordinands says:*

We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as  
your servants for Jesus' sake.

All **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 Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*Please stand.*

## **The Peace**

*The Bishop introduces the peace with these words*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*     **And also with you.**

*The Deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The Bishop greets the Deacons. Please exchange a sign of peace with one another.*

*Organ music will be played during the preparation of the altar.*

## **Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar**

*The Bishop says*

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus  
Christ, our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

*All*     **Amen**

*Please remain standing*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

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

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who came not to be served, but to serve  
and to give his life a ransom for many.  
He calls his faithful servants  
to lead your holy people in love,  
nourishing them by your word and sacraments.  
Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name:

*All* 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.



In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

*The Deacon says*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
*All* **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary, Peter, Cedd  
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## The Lord's Prayer

*All* O Christ, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**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.**

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying:*

*All* 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.**

*We say together*

*All* **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.**

*The Bishop invites the congregation to receive communion:*

The body of Christ. The blood of Christ.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
*All* **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The President and people receive communion (from their seats). Please indicate if you wish to receive Communion by holding out your hands. If you simply wish to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed. Organ music will be sung and played during the distribution of Communion.*

## Spiritual Communion

*If you are worshipping online, while the priest receives communion, you are invited to use this prayer of spiritual communion wherever you are.*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly,  
day by day. Amen. *after the Prayer of St Richard of  
Chichester*

## Anthem During Communion

*In the hour of my distress when temptations me oppress and when I my sins confess, sweet Spirit, comfort me! When I lie within my bed sick in heart and sick in head and with doubts discomforted, sweet Spirit, comfort me! When the house doth sigh and weep, and the world is drowned with sleep, yet mine eyes the watch do keep. Sweet Spirit, comfort me!*

Words: Robert Herrick (1591- 1674)

Music: Peter Hurford (1930 - 2019)

## Prayer After Communion

*We say together*

**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  
in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord. Amen.**

## ¶ **The Dismissal**

*Please stand*

### **The Blessing**

*The Bishop says*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

God who has called you is faithful.

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

*All* **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you, and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Deacon says*

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Bishop leads the newly-ordained Deacons out of the Cathedral, whilst organ music is played.*

*If you'd like to make a donation, contactless plates will be available as you leave.*

## Music Programme

*Saturday 12th September*

*Please also find attached a separate sheet with notes about the music.*

Pre-service:

Veni Creator Spiritus *Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)*

Choral Varié sur le thème du 'Veni creator' *Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)*

Post:

Paeon *Ernest Tomlinson (1924-2015)*

The organ music before today's service is based on the plainchant hymn 'Veni creator spiritus', which we will hear sung by a cantor later in our worship. The words to this ancient hymn can be found on page 12.

The first piece is written by Kenneth Leighton, a British composer, whose musical 'voice' is very distinct, and can be slightly acerbic. The very first notes of his organ piece on 'Veni creator' reveal the melody very clearly, and yet as the piece progresses, the harmony becomes more complex and bolder, like a small spark which becomes a large flame.

The second piece we hear is part of a larger work written by twentieth century French composer Maurice Duruflé. In his 'Chorale Varié', we hear a statement of the theme of 'Veni creator', followed by a set of shimmering variations on this melody, and finally building to a majestic climax based on the 'Amen' from the hymn.

The final voluntary today is a joyful 'Paeon' by Ernest Tomlinson. This piece remains sadly under-performed, but is a wonderful example of twentieth century English music, and makes use of the solo reed stop of the organ. 'Paeon' means a song of triumph or praise, which makes it an ideal way to celebrate this joyous occasion!

*Sunday 13th September*

Pre-service:

Fantasia super 'Komm, heiliger Geist' BWV 651 *J S Bach (1685 – 1750)*  
from Klavier-Übung Part III:

Kyrie, Gott Vater BWV 672

Christe, aller welt trost BWV 673

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist BWV 674

Post:

Carillon de Longpont (from 24 Pièces en style libre, op.31) *Louis Vierne*  
(1870 – 1937)



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7.45am: Morning Prayer

5.15pm: Evening Prayer

8.15pm: Night Prayer

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8.45am: Breakfast with the Bible

10.30am: Eucharist

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