

THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN



The Licensing of the Reverend Al Jenkins as
Interim Priest in Charge of the benefice of North Lafford



Monday, 14 June 2021
7pm

All Saints, Ruskington

GREETING

Bishop In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Bishop Peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

The Bishop welcomes those present and introduces the occasion.

HYMN BROTHER SISTER LET ME SERVE YOU (THE SERVANT SONG)

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pary that I may have grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
Fellow trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pary that I may have grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

PRESENTATION OF THE NEW PRIEST

The priest to be instituted is presented to the Bishop.

Right Reverend Father, I present to you Al Jenkins
who has been appointed as Interim Priest in Charge
of the benefice of North Lafford
asking that he may be licensed to that office and ministry

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The Bishop says

My brothers and sisters,
we are shortly to inaugurate the ministry of Al
in this place
and to recommit ourselves to the building up of God's kingdom.
Let us now all recall the promises made at our baptism,
in which we were made members of his royal, prophetic
and priestly people.

All

Do you turn to Christ?
I turn to Christ.

Bishop

Do you repent of your sins?
I repent of my sins.

All

Bishop

Do you renounce evil?
I renounce evil.

All

Bishop

I now ask you to profess the faith of the Church.
Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

All

Bishop

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.**

All

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Bishop

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All

Amen.

FIRST READING 2 TIMOTHY 4. 1-5

I In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

HYMN **CHRIST TRIUMPHANT (GUITING)**

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King.
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, th'eternal name.*

World incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
By your humble birth:

Suffring servant, scorned, ill treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
High in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon you grazing,
This shall be our song:

SECOND READING JOHN 1.1-13

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. 4 What has come into being in him was life and the life was the light of all the people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

HOMILY

preached by the Bishop.

COMMITMENT TO WORSHIP

The parish priest stands before the Bishop who says

Priests are ordained to work with the Bishop as servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. They are called to baptize, to proclaim the Word of the Lord and to preside at the Eucharist.

In order to fulfil this ministry I need your prayers and encouragement. Before I license him to minister in this benefice, I require his assurance that he accepts the responsibilities of his new office, and your assurance that you will work with him in partnership and give him the encouragement and support he needs.

All stand. The Bishop continues

Priest and people, will you worship together as the Body of Christ in this place?

All By the grace of God, we will.

Bishop

I, will you seek to enable these people to pray and praise as the people of God; will you lead them in worship and in service; will you encourage them to share in the life of the Gospel, and proclaim his saving love to the world?

Priest By the grace of God, I will.

Bishop People of this benefice, will you be faithful members of the Body of Christ, will you support Al and, together with him, serve the Kingdom of God?

All **By the grace of God, we will.**

The congregation sits.

THE CANONICAL OATHS

The parish priest stands before the Bishop, who says

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?

Priest I, David Alan Jenkins, 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 authorised or allowed by Canon.

Taking a New Testament, the priest turns to the congregation and says

I 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.

Turning to face the Bishop, he continues

I swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Lincoln and his successors, in all things lawful and honest; so help me God.

THE LICENSING

The parish priest kneels before the Bishop. The Bishop reads the legal document and then says

Receive the Cure of Souls which is both yours and mine;
in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The parish priest remains kneeling and the Bishop prays for him and then blesses him.

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and to proclaim the word and works of God:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

HYMN

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake,
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but man refused, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King:
then, 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'against him rise.

They rise, and needs will have

my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering got,
and he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend

INTERCESSIONS

The new parish priest prays briefly for the benefice committed to his charge. All then pray together the Lord's Prayer.

HYMN

O LORD MY GOD (HOW GREAT THOU ART)

O Lord, my God,
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
Thy hand has made,
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder,
They pow'r throughout
The universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul,
My saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul,
My saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art.*

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing
Sweetly in the trees;
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook,
And feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God,
His son not sparing,
Sent him to die,

I scarce can take it in
That on the cross,
My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
To take away my sin.

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart;
When I shall bow
In humble adoration,
And there proclaim:
My God, how great thou art.

BLESSING

The Bishop says

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.

All

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop

All

Bishop

The God of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
and to proclaim the word and works of God;
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 new parish priest says

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

All

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