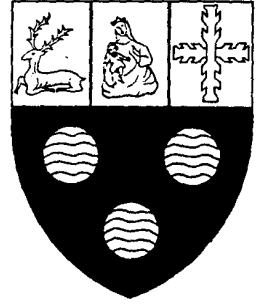


Southwell
Minster

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



ADMISSION *and* LICENSING
of
LICENSED LAY MINISTERS
(READERS)

Saturday 26 September 2026
11.00am

Welcome to Southwell Minster



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We are a Fairtrade cathedral, committed to continuing and increasing our use of fairly traded goods wherever possible.

The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

The service is led by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams.

The organ is played by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

The Worship Songs are led by the Tom Walters, *Diocesan Contemporary Worship Lead*.

A retiring collection will be taken, net proceeds of which will support the mission and ministry of Licensed Lay Ministry within the Diocese. Envelopes and cash may be deposited in the donation box, or preferably use the contactless donation station. Please give generously.

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Today's Candidates

Please pray for those to be admitted and licensed at today's services:

Lesley BLACK. Lesley began worshipping in Saint Mary & All Saints, Bingham after years of not attending church regularly. Having become a Christian as a teenager and following The Lord for most of her adult life, she fell away and mostly stopped going to church all together when life dealt her some hard blows. It was when COVID restrictions meant that the freedom of attending church every week was taken away, she decided she wanted to come back to regularly worshipping God, in a “you don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone” thought process. She booked a place on-line every week and joined the Bingham family of Saint Mary and All Saints. Fast forward four years, after exploring courses like Leading Evangelism and DISCIPLE, she felt a distinct nudge towards something more. She admits now to knowing it was a call to licensed lay ministry but took another two years to commit - just to be sure she had heard God correctly! The rest, as they say, is history and she is here today being licensed by a Bishop, in the church of England. Lesley is being licensed to The Revd Canon Stephen Hippisley-Cox (Area Dean) in the Benefice of Bingham.

Simon CARTER. Simon lives in Calverton with his wife Jane and their two teenagers Wilf and Edie May. He can't say for sure when he found a faith, but remembers being gifted a book of Jesus stories as a child and reading it on a break from his superhero comics. Jesus being a real-life superhero meant that Captain America didn't really cut it for Simon after that. It took Simon until the age of 39 to get baptised and until the age of 50 to realise that he really ought to be putting his lifelong background in creative writing and the performing arts into more active service for Jesus. Simon was cast as Jesus in the 2023 Nottingham Passion, a transformative experience which led Simon to find his church home at St Helen's and St Mary's where he serves on the leadership team, preaches regularly, and plays percussion for the worship band. Simon loves going to rock gigs with friends and family, writing, cooking, and eating what he cooks. He still likes to read comics, on breaks from reading stories about Jesus. Simon has never felt alone, or abandoned, despite the catalogue of profoundly painful life experiences which have hit him hard on his journey to the Minster today. All he really wants to do, with everything he has, is to talk about Jesus with anyone who's prepared to listen. Simon is being licensed to The Revd Anna Clarke in the Benefice of Burton Joyce, Bulcote and Stoke Bardolph with Lowdham, Caythorpe and Gunthorpe.

Shan Shan CHAN (Celia). Celia grew up in Hong Kong and has lived in Worksop since 2023. After deciding to move, she sensed God's calling to ministry. She then completed a Master's degree in Christian Studies to equip herself before relocating to the UK. Her passion is to serve the community and help people come to know God. Celia is now part of Christ Church, Worksop. In addition to leading the Cantonese Service and the Hong Kongers Home Group, she also preaches monthly in the Sunday service. She is excited to begin the new chapter of ministry as she follows God's guidance. Celia is being licensed to The Revd Jenni Foreman in the Benefice of Worksop Christ Church and Shireoaks.

Lesley COOKE. Lesley was born and raised in Sutton-in-Ashfield but has been associated with St Andrew's Skegby for many years, having been baptised there at the age of 8 weeks. She married her husband Tony at St Andrew's and they have now been married for 35 years. She has worked in her own business as a foot health practitioner and reflexologist for the last 22 years and loves what she does, seeing it as an opportunity to take a form of ministry to clients, many of whom are not familiar with church life, in a more informal way than attending church services. Lesley was given the opportunity to join the lay worship team a few years ago and, as she became more involved with this, she felt God's calling to do more. Being accepted onto the LLM training course was an incredible experience. After a shaky start, wondering what she was getting into, she now feels that her confidence, faith and knowledge have grown hugely. So much so, that she is looking at other courses to undertake to keep growing her faith and ministry after licencing. She is excited and looking forward to the next season in her benefice and her ministry. Lesley is being licenced to The Revd Dr Lee Gordon (Area Dean) in the Benefice of Skegby with Teversal.

Matthew CUMBERLIDGE. Matthew originates from Wrexham, North Wales but found himself settling in Nottinghamshire in 1999 after having lived in a variety of places in Wales, England, Germany and Cyprus. As a son of a Priest and later Army Chaplain, church life and Jesus was integral to everything. As his own faith developed so did the call to serve God. Matthew is a Primary School teacher of thirty years having worked in a variety of schools and roles in the county. He lives in Ollerton, where he has worshipped since 2010, with his wonderful wife Donna, and has four children. Over the time at St Paulinus he has been Churchwarden, Standing Committee member for the Deanery Synod, and Treasurer. He has absolutely loved doing the LLM course, supported in the Parish by his vicar, Revd Richard Hanford, and fellow LLM graduate Rachel Hanford (Richard's Wife). Opportunities to preach, lead, support in funeral ministry and youth ministry have been plenty and he finds it such a joy to tell of the life-changing delight it is to know Jesus. Matthew is being licenced to The Revd Richard Hanford in the Benefice of Ollerton with Boughton.

Linford GRANT. Linford has lived in Nottingham all his life and is a committed family man who values the love and support of his family. He seeks to live out his faith in Jesus both at home and within the wider community. Linford was raised in a broadly Christian background and occasionally attended church and Sunday School with his brothers and sisters. Nine years ago, he returned to a living faith in Jesus and has since developed a deep and personal relationship with God. Since then, Linford has become actively involved at St Stephen's with St Paul's, Hyson Green (Bobbers Mill), taking part in church activities and services. More recently, he has felt a growing call to evangelism and a desire to share the love, hope and Good News of Jesus with others. Linford is excited to take this next step in ministry, continuing to grow in faith and serve the church and wider community wherever God leads him. Linford is being licensed to The Revd Clive Burrows in the Benefice of Hyson Green and Forest Fields.

Ho Yin LAU (Stephen). Stephen was born and raised in Hong Kong, where his Christian faith was nurtured and his calling to serve God first began. In 2023, he and his wife moved to the United Kingdom to begin a new chapter in their lives. Stephen has a particular passion for preaching God's Word in a way that is faithful to Scripture, relevant to everyday life, and encouraging others. He also has a heart for caring for the Hong Kong community in the UK, supporting people as they settle into a new country, build meaningful relationships, and grow in their faith. Stephen looks forward to serving alongside the church and the wider community, sharing God's love through preaching and practical service. He is grateful to God's faithfulness throughout his journey from Hong Kong to the UK and is excited to see how God will continue to lead and use him in this new ministry. Stephen is being licensed to The Revd Jenni Foreman in the Benefice of Worksop Christ Church and Shireoaks.

Darren MANGOLD. Darren lives in Brinsley and worships at Selston with Westwood with his wife Mandy. They have three children and six grandchildren. His diverse working life has comprised of textiles, HM Prison Service and latterly in property repair and maintenance. Through his work and life, he has always valued meeting people, listening to their stories and helping where he can. His faith has grown since his encounter with The Holy Spirit in 1996 and through discovering God in the ordinary moments of everyday life, and he feels particularly called to serve within rural communities. Darren sees his licensing as a Lay Minister as both a privilege and an opportunity to serve God, support others and share the love of Jesus in practical and meaningful ways. Darren is being licensed to The Revd Lee Gordon in the Benefice of Selston with Westwood.

Daniel PATE. Daniel was born into a Christian family and spent his first 18 years living in various countries in Africa where his parents were missionaries. He came back to the UK for university, where he increasingly began to make his faith his own and seek to make Jesus Lord of every part of his life. He has been blessed by wonderful church communities helping him in his Christian walk as an adult - first for four years in Bristol, then ten years in London and now four years at St Mary's in East Leake. Daniel is married to Veronika and together they have three young children. They are deeply grateful for the welcome they and their children have had at St Mary's, and for all the support and encouragement the church family has provided them with over these four years. Daniel loves preaching, studying the Bible with others and seeing people transformed by the living word of God. He is excited to see what God will be doing next. Daniel is being licensed to The Revd Tim Parker in the Benefice of East Leake, West Leake, Stanford-on-Soar, Rempstone and Costock.

Katrina PROCTOR. Katrina was born and has lived in Nottinghamshire throughout her life. Her family, church, and local community have played a significant role in shaping both her faith and her sense of vocation. She is married to Jacob, they have three children: Chelsea, Adam, and Lydia. Family life has been instrumental in nurturing her understanding of Christian love, service, and discipleship. Alongside her family commitments, Katrina serves as a Waterways Chaplain, a voluntary role that reflects her passion for pastoral care and her commitment to accompanying people with compassion, empathy, and hope. She enjoys sharing her faith with others and finds contemporary worship music an important expression of her relationship with God. Throughout the Licensed Lay Ministry course, Katrina's relationship with Jesus has deepened significantly and become an integral part of her identity, shaping her values, spiritual formation, and understanding of ministry. This journey has affirmed her calling to serve God's people with humility and grace. Katrina believes that every person is created in the image of God and should have the opportunity to experience the love, acceptance, and hope that Jesus offers. She is committed to prioritising people, building authentic relationships, and reflecting Christ's love through both her words and actions as she continues to grow in her ministry. Katrina is being licensed to The Revd Julie Cotterill in the Benefice of Sutton-in-Ashfield St Mary Magdalene.

Sally Ann RICHARDS. Sally was born and raised in a small village in Derbyshire. Although baptised as a baby, Sally's childhood had no religious content at all, except that she used to sneak into the back of the Methodist or Salvation Army when they were singing. After studying RE at school in Staveley, she came to faith in her late teens, being confirmed in 1985. Sally worked for many years in the textile industry and is now teaching the skills she acquired in that time. Following the breakdown of her marriage though, Sally left both Derbyshire and the church, feeling that she was unworthy to attend. Having remarried, Sally returned to faith, and when her daughter Polly was born, she was baptised at Staveley church. Later, Sally, her husband Phil, and Polly began attending St Andrew's Eakring regularly. Sally has been worshipping there for around 10 years now and was a member of the choir until starting training for Lay Ministry. Sally has always felt drawn to the church, and only relatively recently realised that what she felt was God calling her to serve. Sally has had the opportunity, since starting training, to lead services regularly. She has discovered a passion for preaching and a gift of engaging with people, which she is hoping will help bring more people to Jesus through her ministry. Sally is being licensed to The Revd Dr David Emerton in the Benefice of Eakring and the Benefice of Bilsthorpe.

Gary WILLIS. Gary was born in Nottingham spending most of his early years in Nuthall. Gary was christened as a baby and grew up attending Sunday School so faith has always been part of his life even if he didn't always realise just how much. Gary trained as a carpenter and woodworking has been his passion for as long as he can remember quoting that there is something very satisfying, about creating something with your hands and it is a trade that has taught him patience, perseverance and care. Gary has been married to his best friend and soulmate Tina for 47 years. Together they have been blessed with four amazing children and five grandchildren, who bring them much joy. Looking back Gary has realised that God has been drawing him closer even when he didn't fully recognise God's hand at work in his life. It wasn't until Gary received his calling to serve that he truly understood where God was leading him. Pastoral care, evangelism and sharing God's love and hope is where he feels most at home. For Gary himself, it's a privilege to be able to serve God and others in this way and is excited to see where God leads him in this next chapter. Gary is being licensed to The Revd Dave Stephenson in the Benefice of Eastwood and the Benefice of Brinsley with Underwood.

Julie WRAGG. Julie was born in Doncaster, attending Church from the age of 2 when her parents became Christians. Julie can vividly remember asking her mum to pray with her around the age of 4 or 5 because she wanted to be a Christian too! As she got older, Julie began to understand more about what it meant to love Jesus and follow him wherever that might lead. Despite difficult situations in her teenage years that tested her faith, God remained faithful to Julie and she gives thanks to God for her husband Neil and their now grown-up children. With the arrival of 4 grandchildren, the Wragg household is rarely a quiet one! At 50, Julie reflects that God has been calling her towards ministry for some time. She began to explore what this calling might be when she signed up for LLM training and sensed that God was calling her out of her first career, nursing. She gave up her job and is currently working for her local Church as operations manager. She says that instead of looking after people physically, she will just help look after them spiritually instead. Julie believes there is a huge need for spiritual healing across our country right now. Julie loves the outdoors and, despite 3 spinal operations, still enjoys running and celebrated the success of the surgeon's hands by running a 92-mile ultra marathon! Julie gives complete glory to God and wants to encourage others to have faith, trust God and give him the final say over their life. Julie is being licensed to The Revd Jenni Foreman in the benefice of Christ Church and St Luke's Worksop.

Candidates' Preparations before the Service

These are the declarations made prior to the service by those to be admitted and licensed to exercise their office in the Diocese, in the presence of the Lord Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams.

DECLARATION OF ASSENT

Registrar 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?

Candidates 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 I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

DECLARATIONS OF OBEDIENCE

Candidates I, N, will give due obedience to the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham and his successors in all things lawful and honest.

I, N, about to be admitted and licensed to exercise the office of Reader in the Benefice of N in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, do hereby promise to endeavour, as far as in me lies, to promote peace and unity, and to conduct myself as becomes a worker for Christ, for the good of his Church, and for the spiritual welfare of all people. I will give due obedience to the minister in whose cure I may serve, in all things lawful and honest.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Before the service somebody from the Minster, welcomes the congregation.

Please stand as the procession enters the Cathedral:

A Verger
The Taperers
The Crucifer
The Candidates
The Training Incumbents
The Area Dean of Newark & Southwell Deanery
The Warden of Readers
The Licensed Lay Ministry Programme Tutor
School of Discipleship Lead
The Associate Archdeacon
The Director of Discipleship and Ministry
The Registrar
The Canon Missioner
The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham

THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Words: Irish, c. 8th century
trans. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)*

*Tune: SLANE NEH 339
Irish traditional
versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

GREETING

Bishop The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you
and also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Let us rejoice and sing God's praise forever.

The Bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

Bishop My brothers and sisters, God has gathered us into the fellowship of the universal Church. As members together of his body, Christ calls us to minister in his name and, according to our gifts, to be instruments of his love in the world. Within this ministry, Licensed Lay Ministers otherwise known as Readers are called to serve the Church of God and to work together with clergy and other ministers. They are to lead public worship, to preach and teach the word of God, to assist at the Eucharist and to share in pastoral and evangelistic work. As authorised lay ministers, they are to encourage the ministries of God's people, as the Spirit distributes gifts among us all. They are called to help the whole church to participate in God's mission to the world.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE *led by Sue Waterston, Warden of Readers*

As we meet in the presence of God,
holy and almighty,
we are mindful of our human frailty and failures
and of God's love and power to forgive us.

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centeredness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Bishop 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 life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT

Bishop Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
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.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 11: 19–end

read by Sally Ann Richards

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

read by Gary Willis

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *given by The Rt Revd Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham*

Please stand

SONGS *at the end of which the Warden of Readers and candidates come forward*



My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord, there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You*

Song: *SHOUT TO THE LORD*

Words and Music: Darlene Zschech

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The splendour of the King,
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice.

And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God.....

*How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!*

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing:
How great is our God!

How great is our God.....

Song: HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash

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Wondrously Made Songs

CCLI Song #4348399

Please sit

THE ADMISSION AND LICENSING

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION

The Warden presents the candidates to the Bishop, saying:

Bishop, I present these persons to be admitted to the office of Reader.

The Warden presents each candidate by name.

When all the candidates have been presented, the Bishop asks the following questions:

Have they made the Declaration of Assent, and thereby 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 bear witness? Have they also made the declaration of obedience to the Bishop and the declaration which must be made before a Reader is licensed?

Warden They have.

Bishop Are they men and women of Christian character, well versed in the Holy Scriptures and in the doctrines of our faith?

Warden They are.

Bishop Have they been sufficiently prepared for the duties of this office?

Warden They have.

THE QUESTIONS

The Bishop turns to the candidates and says:

In order that we may be satisfied that you are ready to begin the ministry of a Reader, you must now answer the questions we put to you.

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

Candidates I do so believe.

Bishop Will you be faithful in leading the people of God in worship, and in preaching the word to them?

Candidates By the grace of God, I will.

Bishop 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 grace of God, I will.

Bishop Will you endeavour to fashion your life according to the way of Christ?

Candidates By the grace of God I will.

Bishop Will you promote unity, peace and love in the Church and in the world, and especially among those whom you serve?

Candidates By the grace of God I will.

Bishop Will you work closely with your colleagues in ministry and encourage the gifts of others?

Candidates By the grace of God I will.

The candidates turn and face the congregation.

Bishop Brothers and sisters, these men and women have been chosen for the office of Reader. Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

All **We will.**

Bishop Will you continue to pray for them?

All **We will.**

The Bishop invites the clergy of the new Readers' benefices to stand and asks:

Bishop Will you work closely with your new Readers and encourage them to use their gifts and develop their ministry?

Clergy We will.

Bishop Will you commend them to the people amongst whom they will minister?

Clergy We will.

ADMISSION

The candidates turn to stand before the Bishop, who admits them to the office of Reader by the delivery of a copy of the Scriptures in accordance with Canon E5.

The Bishop says to each:

N, I admit you as Reader in the Church,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The candidates are vested in the blue scarf of their office.

When all have been admitted, the Bishop blesses them with these words:

May the Lord give you wisdom, courage,
strength and love to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon you, and on your work done in his name,
now and always.
Amen.

THE LICENSING

The bishop hands the newly admitted Readers who are to be licensed to a parish their licences with these words:

Receive authority to exercise the office of Reader in this diocese.
May the Lord be with you in all your work and ministry from this day onwards.
Amen.

The newly Licensed Lay Ministers turn to face the congregation.

WELCOME

Bishop We welcome you as ministers of God's word.
May the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Please stand

THE PEACE

Bishop 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
and also with you.

Members of the congregation are invited to share a sign of peace.

SONG



Worthy of every song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You.

Jesus the name above every other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. We live for You.

*Holy there is no one like You,
There is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are and fill me,
With Your heart and lead me
In Your love to those around me.*

**I will build my life upon Your love;
It is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone,
And I will not be shaken.**

Song: BUILD MY LIFE

Words and Music: Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman and Pat Barrett

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Please sit or kneel

THE PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by Julie Wragg, Matthew Cumberlidge, Lesley Cooke and the Revd Maureen Collins (LLM Course Tutor).

The following response may be used.

**Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

The prayers will conclude with THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

Please stand

HYMN *during which the new Licensed Lay Ministers step forward and face the congregation*



**1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This corner stone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**2. In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**3. There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

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Please remain standing

BLESSING

Bishop May the eternal God, the giver of love and power,
whose Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom,
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Bishop Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Order of Recession

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The Taperers
The Crucifer

A Verger
The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham
The New Licensed Lay Ministers
The Training Incumbents
The Area Dean of Newark & Southwell Deanery
The Warden of Readers
The Licensed Lay Ministry Programme Tutor
School of Discipleship Lead
The Associate Archdeacon
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The Registrar
The Canon Missioner

The Bishop leads the new Licensed Lay Ministers out through the west door of the Minster, followed by the clergy and ministers.

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