



*Going Deeper into God * Transforming Communities * Making New Disciples
leading to Spiritual and Numerical Growth*

Collation
by the Bishop of Hertford
The Rt Revd Dr Michael Beasley

and

Installation and Induction
by the Archdeacon of Hertford
The Venerable Janet Mackenzie

of
The Reverend Simon Vivian

as

Vicar of Sawbridgeworth

on

Sunday 20th September 2020
at 3pm

Introduction

Welcome to this service, which marks both a new sphere of ministry in the life of your new Vicar and a new chapter in the worship and life of this parish. It is fitting therefore that we come together with the Bishop and representatives of our partner churches to offer ourselves afresh to God for the work of the Gospel.

We approach God most appropriately at the beginning of worship in praise and confession. The new Vicar designate is then introduced and presented to the Bishop and people. The Declaration of Assent and the Oaths to the Sovereign and Diocesan Bishop are required by law and give us assurance of the trustworthiness of his ministry.

A reading from God's word to us from the Bible is followed by a sermon, in which the same word is given relevance for this time and place.

As we pray together for the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, the Bishop collates the new Vicar and blesses him, together with all who minister here. As the Bishop of St Albans is Patron, the Bishop of Hertford then collates the new Vicar by praying together with him to the Holy Spirit and giving him the Cure of Souls. Following the installation of the new Vicar, he is welcomed by the community and all are invited to greet one another in the exchange of the Peace.

Because ministry and mission is not the prerogative of one person but the privilege of all the baptised, the following Act of Commitment reflects this collaboration between priest and people. It is meaningful during this act of commitment that your new Vicar is described sometimes as an evangelist or teacher or as president. These titles emphasise the differing gifts that are needed by the people of God in their Christian witness. Because your new Vicar is described as 'among the people', it emphasises the responsibility of the whole worshipping community to work together for spiritual and numerical growth.

Water, representing our baptism at the start of our Christian journey, is brought forward to the new Vicar and then poured into the font.
All commit themselves to making new disciples as partners in mission.

The Bible, in which God's word is uniquely revealed to us in Jesus the Word of God, is brought forward to the new Vicar and then placed upon the lectern.
All commit themselves to going deeper into God as partners in mission.

Bread and wine, recalling the Holy Communion in which Jesus the Bread of Life comes to us, are presented to the Vicar and then placed upon the altar.
All commit themselves to the transformation of our communities by the presence of Christ in us as Christians together.

Prayers are then led by the new Vicar and lay people before the service concludes with the blessing by the Bishop of the people and parish.

*At this time, for health and safety reasons,
there are a few additional guidelines we would like to share with you:*

Although 'ALL' responses are usually declaimed loudly and with conviction affirming the declaration between yourself and God, on this occasion - for health and safety reasons - they should be said quietly.

The hymns and anthem will be sung by the choir only.

There will not be an Offertory Hymn during this service. However an offering, to be used for the support of ordination candidates in training, can be made as you leave the church after the service. Please give generously. Gift Aid envelopes are available for UK taxpayers.

During The Peace, you are asked to remain in your seats and greet each other in a socially distanced manner.

Please may we ask that you do not leave this printed Order of Service in the church after the service, but take it home with you.

Toilet facilities are available in the Parish Hall, a short walk from the church. The stewards will be able to direct you.

At the end of the service, to ensure social distancing, please remain in your seats and wait to be directed to an exit by a steward.

Order of Service

The Gathering

The Rural Dean welcomes the congregation

Silence is kept

All stand and listen to the following hymn sung by the choir along, during which the Bishop's procession enters the church

The Bishop is escorted to his seat by the Churchwarden, who then returns to the rear of the church in time for the presentation

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

*Words: Henry Lyte (1793-1847)
Music: John Goss (1800-1880)*

The Greeting

The Bishop greets the people

Grace and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **And also with you**

Preface

Bishop We have come together to worship God
and to celebrate the ministry of the whole
people of God in this place.
God blesses his people with a rich variety of gifts
and it is our duty and our joy to use those gifts
to extend God's kingdom in the world.

Today we welcome Simon and Charlotte
with Alice and Samuel to this parish
and collate him at the beginning of his ministry among us.
Together we dedicate ourselves to the service of God
in this community and listen afresh to God's call
to each one of us to go deeper into God,
make new disciples and transform the community.
So let us first wait humbly upon God,
giving thanks for all that He has done to bring us to this moment.

Silence is kept

Confession

Mindful of God's blessings, let us now ask forgiveness for those times we have neglected God's call or failed in our service of one another and our communities.

All sit

Area Dean Christ came in humility to share our lives;
forgive us when we make it hard for others to share our worship.
Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy

Area Dean Christ came to proclaim good news for all people;
forgive our silence in a world that does not understand good news.
Christ, have mercy

All Christ, have mercy

Area Dean Christ came in love to a world of suffering;
forgive our self-centred hoarding of riches we have received.
Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy

Bishop May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour,
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

All Amen

Silence is kept

Bishop Heavenly Father,
we gather in your name with thankfulness and praise
for the continuing ministry of your Church in this place,
for all who have been raised up in times past to serve you here,
and for your servant Simon called by you to this present task.
Guide and strengthen all your faithful people
that we may give ourselves in love and service
to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

The Presentation

Bishop I now invite the Churchwarden to bring forward your new Vicar for presentation.

The Vicar designate (waiting at the South Door), is led by the Churchwarden to the Bishop, escorted by the Archdeacon and the Revd Canon Timothy Pilkington, formerly Team Rector of the Great Berkhamsted Team Ministry where Simon served his Title. The Churchwarden then returns to his place.

Archdeacon

Right Reverend Father in God,
I present to you Simon John Vivian,
who, after prayerful consideration and due consultation,
has been chosen to serve as Vicar in this benefice,
and I present him to be collated.

The Revd Canon Timothy Pilkington

Right Reverend Father in God,
I, Timothy Pilkington,
formerly Team Rector of the Great Berkhamsted Team Ministry,
who have shared Simon's ministry at St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted,
warmly commend him to you and to the people of this parish.

Bishop I thank you for your presentation and commendation.

The Bishop addresses the Vicar designate

Simon, I greet you and your family in the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ and welcome you to this Archdeaconry.

You have been chosen as Vicar designate of Sawbridgeworth.
Do you believe that God has truly called you to this ministry?

Vicar designate

I believe that God has called me and, with his help,
I will serve faithfully in this ministry.

The people stand

The Bishop addresses the people of the benefice

Bishop People of God, is it your will that Simon should serve with you in this benefice?

All It is

Bishop Will you support and uphold him in this ministry?

All With the help of God, we will

The Revd Canon Timothy Pilkington returns to his seat

The people sit

The Declaration of Assent and the Oaths

Bishop In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
I shall now collate Simon John Vivian, Clerk in Holy Orders,
as Vicar of this benefice.
But first let Declaration of Assent be made and subscribed,
and the Oaths be taken according to law.

The Vicar designate, supported by the Archdeacon, stands before the Bishop

The Bishop addresses the Vicar designate

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?

The Vicar designate affirms, saying

I, Simon John Vivian, 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.

Taking a Bible, he turns to the people and says

I, Simon John Vivian, 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.

Holding the Bible, he turns to the Bishop and says

I, Simon John Vivian, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of St Albans and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

The Vicar designate signs the Declarations

The Collect

All stand

Bishop The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

Silence is kept

The following Collect is said

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that, through your Son, you have called us
into the fellowship of your universal church:
hear our prayer, which we offer for all your faithful people,
that each in their vocation and ministry may be an instrument of love
and give to your servant Simon, now to be collated,
the needful gifts of grace, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

All **Amen**

The Vicar designate moves to a seat near the front of the church and all sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

A reading from St Matthew's gospel, chapter 6, verses 19 to 34.

Jesus said 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Reader This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

A sermon is preached by the Bishop of Hertford

The Collation

The Bishop invites the congregation to observe a period of silent prayer

The Bishop then kneels besides the Vicar designate and silence is kept before the ancient prayer Veni, Creator Spiritus is sung by the Vicar designate and choir to invoke the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

Words: Latin - ninth century, trans: John Cosin (1594-1672)

Music: Plainsong

The congregation stands

The Vicar designate remains kneeling before the Bishop, holding the seal of the Deed of Collation in his hand

The Bishop reads the Deed and hands it to the Vicar designate

Bishop Simon, receive a share in 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.

Vicar Amen

The Anointing

The Bishop anoints the hands of the new Vicar

May God, who anointed the Christ with the Holy Spirit at his baptism,
anoint and empower you in your new ministry.

The Blessing of the Vicar and Ministry Team

Whilst remaining in their places, the parish's associate ministers stand with the new Vicar before the Bishop

Bishop Almighty God,
 who, for the salvation of the world,
 gives his people many gifts and ministries,
 stir up in you the gifts of his grace,
 sustain you in your own ministry in this place;
 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 Induction and Installation

Bishop Archdeacon, we have collated Simon as Vicar of this parish. We now direct you to induct him into formal possession of the benefice.

The Archdeacon places the key of the church in the Vicar's hand

Archdeacon Simon, by virtue of the authority given to me, I induct you into possession of this church and benefice.

The Vicar then goes to the church bell and tolls it to make public his induction and the start of his ministry in the parish. He is then taken to the Incumbent's stall by the Archdeacon and sits down.

Archdeacon Simon, I install you as Incumbent of this benefice.

God the Holy Trinity,
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side
and guide you in truth and peace.

All **Amen**

The Welcome

The Vicar then stands in his stall and faces the people

Bishop I present to you, your new Vicar.

The Vicar is welcomed with applause

The congregation sits

The new Vicar will briefly respond and give the Notices

The Peace

All stand

Bishop We are the body of Christ,
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

All **And also with you**

The Vicar says

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Remaining in seats, all are invited to greet each other in a socially distanced manner

All sit

Anthem

A Clare Benediction

Words and music: John Rutter (b.1945)

An Act of Commitment by Vicar and People

All stand

The Bishop addresses the Vicar and the congregation

I now invite you to affirm together your commitment to the task of ministry, witness and service to which God is calling you all.

The Vicar stands at the front of the church

A flagon of water is held before the Vicar

Lay person Simon, be among us as an evangelist who rejoices to bring new Christians to Baptism and to share with them the Living Water, Jesus Christ himself.

The lay person pours the water into the font, as the Vicar says

Will you share with me in the ministry of making new disciples to which we are called?

All **Together, by God's grace, we will share the Good News of Christ with the world and make new disciples**

A Bible is held before the Vicar

Lay person Simon, be among us as a teacher who studies the Scriptures,
proclaims the Word and teaches the faith.

The lay person places the Bible upon the lectern, as the Vicar says

Will you share with me in the regular study and proclamation of God's
Word that, together, we may bring the light of faith to those in darkness,
kindle the fire of love upon earth, and open the door of hope to the world?

**All Together, by God's grace, we will go deeper into God
and share the Good News of Christ with the world**

A lay person holds bread and wine before the Vicar

Simon, be among us as a President at the Eucharist,
presiding among us when we celebrate the Lord's death and resurrection.

The lay person places the bread and wine upon the altar, as the Vicar says

Will you share regularly with me in this Sacrament of Holy Communion
that we may grow in unity and love,
and together proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes?

**All Together, by God's grace, we will seek to transform communities
and be the living body of Christ**

Vicar I pledge myself to care for the community that gathers here,
to share with them the Word of God and the work of ministry,
to celebrate with them the sacraments of the new covenant,
and to encourage them in their discipleship.

**All We pledge ourselves to pray and care for our community,
to share with all the Word of God and the work of ministry,
to celebrate with all the sacraments of the New Covenant
and to encourage all in their discipleship.
Together we pledge to make this a place
where Christian people are equipped
for their life and witness in God's world.
Amen**

Prayers of Dedication and Intercession

All sit

Vicar Generous God, we thank you for the gift of faith by which we are called to love and serve you and one another. We give thanks for the life of this benefice, and for the witness of those who have worshipped before us in this place. We ask for your blessing on us now as we look to the future with hope.
Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

Lay person Sustainer God, we pray for all those who have been given responsibility for the ordering of our parish life and we give thanks for the ministry of our churchwardens and PCC members. As we welcome Simon our Vicar, help us to grow together in love and trust, and guide us in using our gifts so that our community of faith may flourish and live life in all its fullness. Enable us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to build on our heritage of faith in this place, so that we may grow in Christian wisdom and your love may reach many more people in this community.
Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

Deanery Lay Chairperson

Living God, we pray for the people we are called to serve and we bring before you the needs of this church. We pray for the leaders of our community that they may act with integrity and be given the spirit of wisdom and compassion so that your kingdom may come in ways which enrich our common life. We ask for your blessing on our homes, on all those who live and work here.
Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

Head teacher

Creator God, we pray for our places of learning, for our nurseries, schools and colleges, that our young people may learn to see you in the beauty of the world around them and discover your creative spirit in their work and their play. May those who learn and those who teach discover their true value and potential and may we serve one another after Christ's example.
Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

Vicar Tender God, as we step out afresh to live your love and serve Christ in the world, we ask that your guiding hand would hold us fast and lead us confidently through all that life has to offer. Bless us as we seek to make new disciples. Inspire us as we worship and ponder your word, so that we might go deeper into God. Encourage us so that our lives might transform the community.

***All* Living God,
draw us deeper into your love;
Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve;
Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news.
Stir us, strengthen us,
teach and inspire us to live your love
with generosity and joy,
imagination and courage;
for the sake of your world
and in the name of Jesus.
Amen**

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

***All* 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 Dismissal

The Blessing of the congregation

All stand

Bishop God the Father draw you deeper into his love;
God the Son empower you to serve the world;
God the Holy Spirit strengthen you to proclaim the Gospel;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen

The congregation listens to a hymn sung by the choir alone as the Bishop and ministers move to the church door.

Hymn

All my hope on God is founded

*Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
based on the German of Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

The Blessing of the parish

The Bishop blesses the parish at the church door

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we commit you.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace,
both now and evermore.

All Amen

Organ voluntary

Imperial March

Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

***To ensure social distancing, please remain in your seats
and wait to be directed to an exit by a steward.***

Facilities will be available near the exit for the retiring offering.

*We would have welcomed the opportunity to celebrate
Simon's collation, induction and installation with you following the service.
However, in these challenging days, we are sadly unable to do this.*

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