

THE ORDINATION OF PRIESTS

by

The Rt Revd Alastair Cutting Bishop of Woolwich



The Woolwich Episcopal Area

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, LEE

Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate with Andy, Christopher, Ivan, Dominic and Peter their ordination to the Priesthood. We are glad that you have joined us, and the congregation at the Good Shepherd, welcome you all.

The Good Shepherd was originally built as a 'chapel of ease' for St Margaret's, Lee, in 1881. The Rector of St. Margaret's wrote at the time, "it is to hold 550 persons, all the sittings are to be unappropriated, so that the poor cannot be crowded out from what is more especially their own Church". The Good Shepherd was granted independent status a few years afterwards in 1888.

The original church was almost completely destroyed by a firebomb during the Second World War. On the day after the bombing, the church put up a sign proclaiming 'We Carry On' and services continued to be held in a temporary hall behind the building. Several of our church members still remember that day.

The current church was built on the original foundations and consecrated in 1957. Some of the fittings were transferred from the soon to be demolished St. Peter's, Eltham. In 1960, the parish of the Good Shepherd, Lee was merged with the parish of St. Peter, Eltham. Like the Good Shepherd, the original St. Peter's no longer exists, and the current building is the fourth St. Peter's! Today, the Good Shepherd is our centre for worship, and St. Peter's is our centre for social justice work.

Amongst the list of incumbents, the pioneer Bible translator J.B. Phillips was vicar between 1940 and 1944. His translation of the New Testament into contemporary language was inspired by spending time with teenagers in the church who struggled to understand the KJV.

In the 1990s the church was divided into two, to provide a flexible space with a worship space at one end, and a hall that was to be used primarily for youth work at the other end. Our hall is used by uniformed groups four nights a week, and by our church youth group on Sunday nights. The Scout group have been meeting here for over 100 years, and the Guides for over 70 years, so we have a long legacy of working with local young people.

Please do remain after the service for refreshments, which will be served outside - weather permitting.

The Revd Bridget Shepherd

Vicar, Church of the Good Shepherd & St. Peter, Lee

WELCOME TO THIS ORDINATION SERVICE

During the Service

Please ensure your **mobile phone** is turned to **silent**. The **toilets** are on the left-hand side of the hall, and the accessible toilet includes baby changing.

A retiring collection will be taken at the end of the service, with gifts going towards the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call (registered charity no. 1075122) which supports charities in the diocese and overseas. This year, the Bishop's Lent Call is raising funds for projects that focus on peace and justice in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East; and resilience and wellbeing in our link dioceses in Zimbabwe. Contactless giving is also available.

Holy Communion will be administered at three stations - two at the front and one at the back. Christians of all denominations who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to do so here. The stewards will show you where to go.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE TO BE ORDAINED PRIEST AT THIS SERVICE

Andy Blacknell Herne Hill & HMP Brixton

Christopher Henriette Good Shepherd & St. Peter, Lee

Ivan Ibuno
St Phillip and St Mark, Camberwell

Dominic TomsSt James, Kidbrooke

Peter Welby
St Mary Magdalen w St. Olave, St John & St Luke, Bermondsey

THE ORDINATION OF PRIESTS, ALSO CALLED PRESBYTERS

The Processional Hymn

Please stand as the procession enters

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his Word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

- Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.
- Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
 Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
 Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and forevermore!

WOODLANDS Walter Greatorex (1877-1949) Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) based on the Magnificat

The Bishop greets the people

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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 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 particular ministries. Priests are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being. They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.

As we stand together before God, and trusting in his grace alone, let us join with these ordinands in confessing our sins.

Silence is kept

Almighty God,

all our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

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.

All Amen.

Please sit

The Presentation

Those to be ordained are presented by the Revd Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Canon Treasurer & Director for Clergy Formation and Diocesan Director of Ordinands

Reverend Father in God, I present *N* to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God; *he/she* is to serve in the parish of *N*.

When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks the following questions, to which the DDO responds

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

DDO They have.

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

DDO They do.

The Bishop turns to the ordinands and says

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

Ordnds I do so believe.

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

Adcn 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'.

Please stand

Let us pray for those to be ordained priest, and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

God our Father, Lord of all the world, through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church: hear our prayer of your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love, and give to your servants now to be ordained the needful gifts of grace; 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.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading Read by Jennifer Henry Lay Chair of East Lewisham Deanery

A reading from the book of Amos.

On that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen, and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; in order that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name, says the Lord who does this. The time is surely coming, says the Lord, when the one who ploughs shall overtake the one who reaps, and the treader of grapes the one who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them upon their land, and they shall never again be plucked up out of the land that I have given them, says the Lord your God.

Amos 9:11-end

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul...

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger, your name is great and your heart is kind; for all your goodness I will keep on singing: ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul...

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come, still my soul will sing your praise unending ten thousand years and then for evermore!

Bless the lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name, I'll worship your holy name; Lord, I'll worship your holy name.

10,000 REASONS Matt Redman (b.1974) Steve Angrisano (b.1965) based Psalm 103 The Lord be with you and also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, 'Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?' And Jesus said to them, 'The wedding-guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.'

Matthew 9:14-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit

All

The Sermon

The Revd Canon Roxanne Eversley
Dean of Cultural Diversity

Please Stand

We believe in one God,

All the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF ORDINATION

The People sit & the Ordinands stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation

Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to baptize new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith. They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

They are to bless the people in God's name. They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster the gifts of all God's people that, the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

The Bishop addresses the Ordinands directly

We trust that long ago you began to weigh and ponder all this, and that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to devote yourself wholly to his service, so that as you daily follow the rule and teaching of our Lord and grow into his likeness, God may sanctify the lives of all with whom you have to do.

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? Ordnds 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?

Ordnds By the help of God, I will.

Will you lead Christ's people in proclaiming his glorious Gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place? *Ordnds* By the help of God, I will.

Will you faithfully minister the doctrine and sacraments of Christ as the Church of England has received them, so that the people committed to your charge may be defended against error and flourish in the faith?

Ordnds By the help of God, I will.

Will you, knowing yourself to be reconciled to God in Christ, strive to be an instrument of God's peace in the Church and in the world?

Ordnds 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?

Ordnds 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?

Ordnds By the help of God, I will.

Will you accept and minister the discipline of this Church, and respect authority duly exercised within it?

Ordnds 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 make Christ known among all whom you serve?

Ordnds 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?

All It is.

Will you continually pray for them?

All We will.

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

All We will.

The ordinands turn back to face the Bishop, who addresses them

In the name of our Lord we bid you remember the greatness of the trust that is now to be committed to your charge. Remember always with thanksgiving that the treasure now to be entrusted to you is Christ's own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross. It is to him that you will render account for your stewardship of his people.

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.

The ordinands kneel and congregation sit

Silence is kept

The Bishop sings the first line of the Veni, Creator Spiritus, the congregation joining the singing at the second line

- Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,

 All and lighten with celestial fire;
 thou the anointing Spirit art,
 who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
- 2 Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life and fire of love; enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.
- 3 Anoint and cheer our soiléd face with the abundance of thy grace; Keep far our foes, give peace at home; where thou art guide no ill can come.
- 4 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:
- 5 Praise to thy eternal merit,Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS Plainsong

tr. John Cosin (1594-1672) Veni, Creator Spiritus

The Litany Led by the Revd Bridget Shepherd

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For all the members of the Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve him in truth and love, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Christopher our Bishop, Alastair, Bishop of Woolwich, and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons, that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Andy, Christopher, Dominic, Ivan, and Peter called to be priests in his Church, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness we may proclaim the Gospel of reconciliation to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the unity of the Church, that we may be one in Christ, according to his will, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who are lost and for those who have strayed, that they may return to the way of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and suffering, for the aged and infirm, for the lonely and neglected, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the hungry, for the homeless and the oppressed, for all prisoners and captives, and for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for grace to repent and amend our lives, that we may be pardoned and absolved from all our sins, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith, and in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God:

All to you, O Lord.

The Prayer of Ordination

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 have given us your only Son Jesus Christ, the image of your eternal and invisible glory, the firstborn of all creation and head of the Church.

We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome death; and that, having ascended into heaven, he has given his gifts abundantly, 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 priests in the ministry of the gospel of Christ, the Apostle and High Priest of our faith, and the Shepherd of our souls.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

Here the Bishop and priests lay their hands on the head of each ordinand, and the Bishop says

SEND DOWN THE HOLY SPIRIT ON YOUR SERVANT, N, FOR THE OFFICE AND WORK OF A PRIEST IN YOUR CHURCH.

When the Bishop has laid hands on all of the ordinands, the prayer continues overleaf

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father, give these your servants grace and power to proclaim the gospel of your salvation and minister the sacraments of the new covenant. Renew them in holiness, and give them wisdom and discipline to work faithfully with those committed to their charge.

In union with their fellow servants in Christ, may they reconcile what is divided, heal what is wounded and restore what is lost.

May they declare your blessings to your people; may they proclaim Christ's victory over the powers of darkness, and absolve in Christ's name those who turn to him in faith; so shall a people made whole in Christ offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you, our God and Father, to whom, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The newly-ordained priests stand and their Training Incumbents adjust their stoles

The Bishop anoints the palms of the hands of each ordinand, saying

May God, who anointed the Christ with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, anoint and empower you to reconcile and bless his people.

The Welcome & Peace

Adcn God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

All We welcome you as ambassadors for Christ: let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

The newly-ordained priests may be greeted by applause

Please stand

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us, and as a pledge of what is to come has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Dcn Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange an appropriate sign of peace with their neighbour

After the service a retiring collection will be taken for the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call. Contactless giving is also available



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The Offertory Song

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, 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.

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: 'til 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: 'til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

IN CHRIST ALONE

Stuart Townend (b.1963) & Keith Getty (b.1974)

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through your Son Jesus Christ, our great high priest.

He was lifted up for us on the cross that he might reveal your glory and draw all people to himself.

You exalted him to your right hand on high and through your Holy Spirit you sent upon your people a rich diversity of gifts.

From this royal priestly people you raise up ministers to proclaim your word, to care for your people and to be the stewards of your holy mysteries.

You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed and build up his body the Church to be his bride.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

All 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

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 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God,

All 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 Giving of Communion

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.

Baptised Christians who receive Communion in their home church are welcome to receive Holy Communion today

Please follow the directions of the stewards. If you require a glutenfree wafer they are available at the front

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bring this service booklet with you

The Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand

Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, grant to your Church today the faith of her apostles, the hope of her martyrs and the love of her Lord, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The newly ordained priests stand to receive their Bibles

Receive this book, as a sign of the authority which God has given you this day to preach the gospel of Christ and to minister his holy sacraments.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you

All 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.

Dcn Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand: Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

- Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through: Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
- When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

CWM RHONDDA J. Hughes (1873-1932) P. W. Williams (1727-1796)

Please pray for all those being ordained this year and for the parishes they shall serve, especially:

Those ordained **deacon** on Saturday 29 June 2024 at Southwark Cathedral by The Bishop of Southwark:

Woolwich Episcopal Area

Bethany AustinSt Bartholomew, Sydenham

Wayne Barron St Paul, Newington

Alex Garziglia
St Christopher (Pembroke C M)

Joanne McCrone St John the Baptist, Eltham

> Anna Mills St Mildred, Lee

Owen Morgan
Charlton (United Benefice)

Kingston Episcopal Area

Oliver Mark Butlin St Andrew, South Wimbledon

Dan GraysonSt John the Evangelist, Angell Town

Amanda Emberley
The Ascension, Balham Hill

Zim Chinoso Okoli Holy Trinity, Clapham

Rachel Gardner Immanuel & St Andrew, Streatham

Michael Addis
The Ascension, Balham Hill

Croydon Episcopal Area

Debra Elsdon Limpsfield & Tatsfield Team Ministry

Graham John Hains St Michael & All Angels W St James, Croydon

> Paul Holdon Merstham & Gatton Team Ministry

> > **Tabitha Singh** St John, Shirley

Victoria Stone Horley Team Ministry Those ordained **priest** today at St John the Evangelist, Upper Norwood by the Bishop of Southwark (with the Bishop of Croydon preaching)

Kerry Jane Evans Horley Team Ministry

Jon Fox All Saints with St Margaret, Upper Norwood

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The Good Shepherd, Charlton Beeches

Michael Nayagam (whose priestly orders are being received) St Peter & St Augustine, South Croydon

Being ordained **priest** tomorrow at St Alban the Martyr, South Norwood by the Bishop of Fulham

> Joshua Pollard St Alban the Martyr, South Norwood

