

**A Celebration of Ministry**

**with the  
Licensing and Installation**

**of the Rev'd Scott Watts**

**as Team Vicar in the  
Vale and Cotswold Edge  
Team Ministry**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7pm



# ¶ *The Gathering*

Hymn

*All stand to sing this hymn as the ministers enter*

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
To his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us,  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

Greeting and Welcome

*The Bishop greets the people*

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

All **and also with you.**

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

## Presentation

*The patrons present the new parish priest to the Bishop.*

Reverend Father in God,  
We present to you Scott  
to be licensed as parish priest of Pebworth, Dorsington,  
Honeybourne, Willersey with Saintbury, Weston sub Edge and  
Aston sub Edge.

*The Bishop replies*

I thank you for your presentation.  
I welcome Scott and will gladly license him.

## Opening Prayer

*The Bishop invites the people to pray for the new priest and for the ministry of the whole Church. All stand for a while in silent prayer, after which the Bishop says the Collect.*

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 for your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
and give to your servant Scott 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***

*Sit*

### First Reading

*The Deanery Lay Chair reads the First Reading (insert reference). At the end the Reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept for a short time after the reading.*

### Psalm 121

On God alone my soul in stillness waits;  
From him comes my salvation.

*All*     **On God alone my soul in stillness waits;  
from him comes my salvation.**

I lift my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer your foot to stumble;  
he who watches over you will not sleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

*All*     **On God alone my soul in stillness waits;**

**from him comes my salvation.**

The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
so that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep your soul.

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out  
and your coming in,  
from time forth for evermore.

*All* **On God alone my soul in stillness waits;  
from him comes my salvation.**

## Gospel Reading

*Please Stand*

*The Area Dean reads the Gospel Reading (insert reference)*

*At the beginning*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord,  
that you should go and bear fruit that shall last.

*All* **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to N.

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

*At the end*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

*Sit*

*Stand to sing*

**Great Is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Though changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

***Great Is Thy faithfulness,  
Great Is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord unto me!***

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Pardon for Sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

## **¶ *The Licensing***

### Declarations

*The people are seated.*

*The new minister stands before the Bishop, who puts these questions to him*

Scott, do you believe that God has called you to share the ministry of the people of God in this community as their priest and pastor?

*The new minister replies*

**I do so believe.**

Will you lead Christ's people in this place in proclaiming his glorious gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard?

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

Will you share your ministry with men and women across the Vale and Cotswold Edge Team and with all who follow the way of Christ in this community?

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

Will you be diligent in prayer, in teaching Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith, and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

**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?

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

## Declaration of Assent

*The Bishop addresses the new minister*

Scott, you are a priest of the Church of God and called to serve at this time in the ministry of the Church of England.

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 minister says*

I, Scott Antony Watts, 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.

## Oath of Allegiance

*The new minister turns to face the people and, with the Bible in the right hand, says*

I, Scott Antony Watts, do 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.

## Oath of Canonical Obedience

*Turning to face the Bishop, the minister, with the Bible in the right hand, says*

I, Scott Antony Watts, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of Gloucester and his successors, in all things lawful and honest. So help me God.

*The Bishop and new minister sign the Declaration and the Oaths*

Licensing



*The new minister stands before the Bishop who reads the Licence. The Bishop, taking the new minister by the hand, gives him the Licence as she says*

Scott, receive this 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.**

Receive it confidently.  
Serve Christ joyfully.  
Put your trust in God.  
He is faithful.

## **¶     *The Blessing of the New Ministry***

Bidding

*The Bishop says*

My brothers and sisters,  
let us ask God to bless Scott,  
to give him joy in his home and family life and  
in his ministry,  
and to renew within him the gifts of his Spirit.

*The congregation stands. The new minister kneels.*

Hymn

**Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground**

**Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around**

**Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place**

## Prayer

*The entire community prays in silence for the new minister.  
After a time of silence, designated members of the parish pray for the  
new minister.*

Holy God,  
fill this your servant Scott with your grace;  
make him alive to your Spirit and ready to do your will;  
may he lead your people boldly,  
walk with them lovingly,  
share with them imaginatively  
and send them forth joyfully  
to proclaim the good news of the kingdom  
of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest and Lord.

*All*     **Amen.**

Gracious Father, giver of all good things,  
may your blessing rest upon Scott and Ros  
in their home.

Where there is much coming and going,  
may your peace be known;  
in Christian service may your joy be found,  
and at all times may your love bring unity and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*     **Amen.**

## Anointing

*The Bishop may anoint the new minister with the oil of Chrism, saying*

Scott, remember your baptism into Christ.  
Remember your ordination in the Church of God.  
May God who anointed Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit  
anoint and empower you for the blessing of God's people.

*All*     **Amen.**

## Blessing of the New Minister

*Taking her pastoral staff, the Bishop blesses the new minister*

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.  
Scott, may the Lord bless you.

*All*     **Amen.**

## **¶**     *The Installation*

*The new minister stands. The congregation sits. The Bishop says to the Archdeacon*

Archdeacon, I have licensed Scott to the cure of souls in this parish. I now charge you to install him.

*The Archdeacon replies*

I will do so gladly.

## Installation

*The Archdeacon leads the new minister to the stall. The minister sits in the stall and the Archdeacon says*

Scott, I place you in one of the stalls assigned to the priest of these parishes. May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with all joy and peace that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*All*     **Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The new minister, still kneeling in the stall, invites the congregation to pray. He leads the congregation in prayer for the church and the world, the local community and the shared ministry of the local congregation. This response may be used*

Lord, hear us.

*All*     **Lord, graciously hear us.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
and so in faith and trust we pray

*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 Welcome by the Community*

Welcome

*Scott and Ros stand. The congregation sits. Representatives of the Deanery, the wider community and the church family gather around the minister and say, one after another*

Scott, in the name of N, I welcome you.

*When all have spoken, the entire congregation stands and, led by the Area Dean, says*

**Scott, in the fellowship of Christ,  
we welcome you  
as a servant, fellow-worker and leader  
of the people of God.  
May the Lord richly bless you  
and make you a blessing among us.**

*All greet the new minister with applause.*

Peace

*The Bishop introduces the Peace with a seasonal sentence or these words*

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all things together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

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

*The new minister says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All greet one another in the peace of Christ. The new minister greets first those who gathered around him.*

*The new minister may express thanks for the welcome and gives out any brief notices.*

## Hymn

*During which the collection is taken*

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us in our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, of our world where men disown and doubt you,**

loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you;  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, of ourselves, in living power remake us  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us;  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

## ¶ ***The Dedication of the People and their Priest***

*Representatives of the church community gather around the new minister to present symbols of ministry*

*The new minister says*

Gracious God, we praise and glorify you, because in your infinite love you have formed throughout the world a holy people for your own possession, a royal priesthood, a universal Church, that, sharing in the ministry of our Saviour Christ, we might be witnesses of what he has done for us.

*All*     **Gracious God, we praise and glorify you.**

*Presenting Water for Baptism, one says*

Scott, be among us as a man who rejoices to bring new Christians to Baptism and to share with them the Living Water, Jesus Christ himself.

*All*     **Together, by God's grace,  
we will grow in our faith and discipleship.**

*Presenting the Oil of Healing, one says*

Be among us as a man of reconciliation, showing God's forgiveness and healing.

*All*     **Together, by God's grace,**

**we will be a Christ-like community of love.**

*Presenting a large Bible, one says*

Be among us as a man who studies the Scriptures,  
proclaims the Word and explores the faith.

*All* **Together, by God's grace,  
we will tell the good news of Christ to the world.**

*Presenting a copy of a Prayer Book, one says*

Be among us as a man of prayer,  
offering the Church's liturgy and interceding for God's people.

*All* **Together, by God's grace,  
we will worship him in spirit and in truth.**

*Presenting Bread and Wine, one says*

Be among us as a man of the Eucharist,  
presiding among us when we celebrate the Lord's death and  
resurrection.

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

*When all the symbols have been given, the new minister responds*

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. Together may we make this  
a place where Christian people are equipped for their life and  
witness in God's world.

*All* **Amen.**

Doxology

*All* **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,**



Praise him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## ¶ *The Sending Out*

### Blessing

*The Bishop gives this or a seasonal blessing*

All 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 forever. Amen.**

God keep you in the fellowship of the saints.  
Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels.  
The Spirit make you holy in God's service;  
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 or Song

*during which the ministers move to the principal door of the church.*

**Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power 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!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!**

*At the end of the hymn, the new minister may ring the church bell to  
make known to the community that he has begun his new ministry*

## Dismissal

*The congregation turns towards the door.*

*At the door the Archdeacon lays the hand of the new minister upon the  
key or handle of the door and says*

The cure of souls is a ministry alongside all those who live or work in this community. This church must be open to God's world and to all who seek him. Scott, you are called to help the people who are refreshed here by their worship and fellowship to live out their faith in this community, so that God's love may be known.

*All*     **Together, by God's grace,  
We will be Christ's people at work in the world.**

*All*     The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in  
**from this time forward and for evermore.**

*The new minister opens wide the door and, turning to the congregation,  
says*

Go in the power of Christ.

*All*     **We have a gospel to proclaim!**

Go in the peace of Christ.

*All*     **Thanks be to God!**

*The ministers leave through the open door.*