

The Diocese of Canterbury

The Institution
of
The Reverend Kevin Maddy
as Rector

of

St Stephen
Hackington

by

The Right Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin
BISHOP IN CANTERBURY and BISHOP OF DOVER

and Induction by

The Venerable Jo Kelly-Moore
ARCHDEACON OF CANTERBURY

Monday 11th January 2021
7.00pm

About this Service

Welcome to this Service of Institution and Induction. Today we mark a special moment in the life of this parish and a new stage on our journey of discipleship.

About this parish

St Stephen's has been a parish in the gift of the Archdeacon of Canterbury since the middle ages. It is noteworthy for having been the home of the anchoress Lady Loretta and the parish in which Sir Roger Manwood had his residence and built a hospital for the poor. The parish church has a well-established choral tradition and there has been a strong tradition of theological enquiry to complement its pastoral activities.

About our Rector

Kevin has been the Priest-in-Charge of St Stephen's since 2014 and during that time has been a member of the board and trustee at St Stephen's Junior School, an honorary minor canon at Canterbury Cathedral, a Bishop's adviser for education, chair of the Canterbury Christian Aid Committee, and Area Dean of Canterbury. He continues in his role as chaplain and governor at The Archbishop's School and is in the final stages of completing a project on 'Monasticism and Modernity' at Radboud University in the Netherlands.

Bishop's Justice Appeal

A collection will be taken for the Bishop's Justice Appeal, which will support our vital work with refugees in Kent and Calais, offering help, support and hope to those displaced from their homes by violence, war and oppression. You can also send a cheque made payable to Canterbury DBF, with "Bishop's Justice Appeal" on the back and send to Bishop's Justice Appeal, Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury, CT1 1NQ.

The Opening Hymn

COME down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passion turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: Italian, BIANCO DA SIENA (d 1434)
Tr R. F. LITLEDALE (1833–90)
Music: 'Down Ampney' – R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS (1872–1958)

Welcome and Introduction

The Bishop greets the congregation

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

All

and also with you.

The Bishop welcomes the people and introduces the service.

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 give thanks for the ministry that Kevin has already given to this parish and institute him as the new Rector.

Together we dedicate ourselves to the service of God in this community and listen afresh to God's call to each one of us. So let us first wait humbly upon God, giving thanks for all that He has done to bring us to this moment.

Presentation

The Archdeacon, the minister and the churchwardens stand before the Bishop.

Archdeacon

Right Reverend Mother in God, after due consultation and prayerful consideration, Kevin Maddy has been nominated and has accepted to be Rector of this parish. I now present him to you to be instituted and inducted.

Bishop I thank you for your presentation.

The Archdeacon returns to her seat

Bishop Kevin, do you believe, so far as you know your own heart, that God has called you to serve here as Rector?

Minister I believe that God has called me.

Bishop Will you continue commit yourself to the mission and ministry of the people in this place to further the kingdom of God?

Minister With the help of God, I will.

The ministry leadership team, watching on the live-stream, are addressed by the bishop

Members of the ministry team, will you continue to work creatively and faithfully with Kevin, meeting regularly for prayer, study and fellowship, and doing all in your power to support each other in fulfilling the ministry of Christ?

Team **With the help of God, we will.**

The minister turns to face the congregation participating at home, whom the bishop addresses as a whole

People of God, will you continue to work with Kevin and support and uphold him in his ministry now and in the years to come?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

The Collect

Bishop 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 minister's first name
now to be instituted
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.**

All sit.

The Reading

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14

The Valley of Dry Bones

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Bishop Rose

The Liturgy of Institution

The Declaration and Oaths

The minister stands before the bishop.

Bishop 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 makes the declaration of assent

I, Kevin Maddy, 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.

The minister turns and faces the people and, taking a bible in his right hand, swears the oath of allegiance

I, Kevin Maddy, 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.

Facing the bishop, and still holding the bible, the minister swears the oath of canonical obedience

I, Kevin Maddy, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

The minister signs the declaration and oaths.

Bishop We now ask God's blessing upon Kevin's ministry among you.

All kneel, the minister kneeling before the Bishop

Silence is kept.

The Veni Creator is sung

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
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 soiled 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:

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Remain kneeling

Bishop Almighty Father,
give your servant Kevin grace
to fulfil his calling in this parish.
Give him reverence in ministering the sacraments,
faithfulness in proclaiming your word,
diligence in pastoral care,
tenderness in comforting,
power in healing the wounds of Christ's people,
and humility and self-sacrifice in all things:
that, following the steps of your Son,
he may guide your people towards eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The bishop reads the Deed of Institution and gives it to the minister, saying

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

and he answers

Amen.

The Bishop stands and, taking her pastoral staff, blesses the minister, saying:

God give you the spirit of holy discipline, of faithfulness, and of love for all
his people; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

All stand

The Induction

*The people remain standing while the bishop delivers the Mandate of Induction
to the archdeacon, saying*

Archdeacon, I have instituted Kevin Maddy to ministry in this parish.
I ask you to induct him, in the presence of those here and those
participating with us at home, and to support him in his ministry here.

The churchwardens lead the archdeacon and the minister to the door of the church, and the people turn to face the door. The archdeacon lays the hand of the minister on the key or handle of the door, saying

By virtue of the authority given me, I induct you into the real, actual and corporeal possession of the parish church of St Stephen, Hackington, with all the rights and responsibilities belonging to it.

The churchwardens present the key of the church to the minister saying

Kevin, receive these keys in token of the responsibility which we share; and may the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, now and always.

All **Amen.**

The church bell may be rung by the minister.

The Welcome

The minister then stands with the Bishop, facing the congregation.

Bishop People of this parish, I present to you your new Rector, and invite you to greet him in the name of Christ. I commend them to your love and prayers.

All **We welcome you! May the Lord bless you
and make you a blessing among us.**

The Prayers

The minister leads the prayers, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

All As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Hymn

WE have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for men in all the earth,
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

- 2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall,
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.
- 3 Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross:
For all he loved, his life he gave.
- 4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for he was free:
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share his victory.

- 5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified:
He sends his Spirit on his Church,
To live for him, the Lamb who died.
- 6 Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim;
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Words: EDWARD BURNS (b 1938)

Music: 'Fulda' – WILLIAM GARDINER in *Sacred Melodies* (1815)

Conclusion and Blessing

Bishop May the boldness of the Spirit transform you,
may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you,
may the gifts of the Spirit equip you
to serve and worship God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Minister Go in peace and joy as the servants of the Lord

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Bishop and the new Rector process out together.

*In these difficult times, our services continue to be live-streamed
for all to share together in the safety of our homes.*

*Please join us online this coming Sunday, the Second Sunday of Epiphany,
for our Sung Eucharist at 10.30am,
and a special service of Readings and Music for Epiphanytide at 6.00pm*

Details of these and all of our services can be found on our website:

www.ststephenscanterbury.net/worship