



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

Institution

by the Bishop of Hertford

The Right Revd Dr Michael Beasley

and

Induction and Installation

by the Archdeacon of St Albans

The Venerable Dr Jane Mainwaring

of

The Reverend Timothy Hugh Vickers

as

Vicar

of

St John's Harpenden

Sunday, 12th September 2021

at 3 p.m.



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 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 institutes the new Vicar designate and blesses him together with all who minister here. He then institutes the new Vicar by praying together with him to the Holy Spirit and sharing with him the Cure of Souls. Following the installation of the new Vicar, he is welcomed by the community and all are invited to share 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 that your new Vicar is described sometimes as an evangelist or a teacher or as president during this act of commitment. These titles emphasise the differing gifts that are needed by the people of God in their Christian witness. Because your 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. The service concludes with the blessing by the Bishop of the people and parish.

Order of Service

The Gathering

The Rural Dean welcomes the congregation.

Silence is kept.

All stand as the Bishop's procession enters the church.

The Bishop is escorted to his seat by the churchwardens who then return to the door of the church in time for the presentation

Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Words: Horatius N. Bonar (1808-1889)

*Music: Melody from English County Songs, 1893,
collected by John Alexander Fuller Maitland (1856-1936),
harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

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 Tim to this benefice
and institute 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:

Congregation sits.

Rural 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.**

Rural 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.**

Rural 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 *Tim* 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 Churchwardens to bring forward your new Incumbent for
presentation

The new Incumbent designate (waiting at the porch), is led by the churchwardens and Diocesan Board of Patronage representative to the Bishop, escorted by a representative of his previous sphere of ministry. The Churchwardens then return to their places.

Diocesan Board of Patronage representative
Right Reverend Father in God,
I present to you Tim Vickers
who after prayerful consideration and due consultation
has been chosen to serve as Vicar in this parish,
and I present him to be instituted.

A representative of the parish of Bushey

Right Reverend Father in God, I, Guy Edwards, who have shared Tim's ministry at the Parish of Bushey, 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 new Incumbent designate

Tim, I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bishop addresses the new Incumbent designate:

Tim,

You have been chosen as Incumbent of the Parish of St John's Harpenden -
Do you believe that God has truly called you to this ministry?

Incumbent designate

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

The congregation stands

The Bishop addresses the people of the parish.

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

All **It is.**

Bishop Will you support and uphold him in this ministry?

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

The representative from the Diocesan Board of Patronage and other representatives return to their seats.

The congregation sits

The Declaration of Assent and the Oaths

Bishop In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
I shall now institute *Tim Vickers*, Clerk in Holy Orders,
as *Vicar* of this parish, but first let the Declaration of Assent be made and
subscribed, and the Oaths be taken according to law.

The new Incumbent designate, supported by the Archdeacon, stands before the Bishop.

The Bishop addresses the new Incumbent 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 Incumbent designate affirms, saying:

I, Timothy Hugh Vickers 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, Timothy Hugh Vickers 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, Timothy Hugh Vickers 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 Incumbent designate signs the Declarations.

All stand

Bishop The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

Silence is kept.

The following collect is said by the Bishop.

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 Tim now to be instituted
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 new Incumbent designate moves to a seat near the front of the church and all sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

A reading from Scripture follows
Matthew 7: 7-14

Sermon

The Venerable Dr Jane Mainwaring, Archdeacon of St Albans

The Institution

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

The Bishop then kneels with the new Incumbent designate and silence is kept.

We sing this hymn to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far from foes, give peace at home:
where thou art guide, no ill can come.

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.

*Music: Veni Creator Spiritus (plainsong)
Words: Latin, ninth century trans. John Cosin 1627*

The congregation stands.

The new Incumbent designate remains kneeling before the Bishop, holding the seal of the Deed of Institution in his hand.

The Bishop reads the Deed and hands it to the minister.

Bishop *Tim, receive 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.*

Incumbent *Amen.*

The Anointing

The Bishop anoints the hands of the new Incumbent.

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 Incumbent and Ministry Team

Colleagues join the new Incumbent and stand before the Bishop at this point.

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 instituted *Tim* as Incumbent of this parish.
We now direct you to induct him into formal possession of the parish.

The Archdeacon takes the new Incumbent to the main door of the church and presents the key to St John's Harpenden

Archdeacon *Tim* by virtue of the authority given to me, I induct you into possession of this church and parish.

The Incumbent 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 *Tim*, I install you as Incumbent of this parish.

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 Incumbent then stands in his stall and faces the people.

Bishop I present to you, your new Vicar.

The new Incumbent is welcomed with applause.

The congregation sits

The Deanery Lay Chair welcomes the new Incumbent on behalf of the deanery. Representatives of the local church and community and local Christians then welcome the new Priest.

The Peace

The congregation stands.

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.

All The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

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

All are invited to share the peace with one another.

The congregation sits.

The new parish Incumbent may give the Notices.

An Act of Commitment by Incumbent and People

The Bishop addresses the Incumbent 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 Incumbent stands at the front of the church.

A Lay person holds a flagon of water in front of the Incumbent.

Lay person Tim 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 Incumbent says:

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

All Together, by God's grace, we will share the good news of Christ with the world and make new disciples.

A lay person holds a Bible in front of the Incumbent.

Lay person 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 Incumbent 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 in front of the Incumbent

Lay person 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 Incumbent 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.**

Incumbent 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

The congregation sits

Incumbent 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 Tim, our Incumbent, 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 Representative

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.**

Headteacher/school rep/parent

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**

Incumbent 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.**

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

All **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.**

We all stand to sing a hymn as the Bishop, preceded by the ministers, move to the church door.

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,
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 deliverer,
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 and praises
I will ever give to thee.

*Words: arglwydd, arwain trwy'r anialwch William Williams (1717-1791),
translated by Peter Williams (1727-1796)*

Music: John Hughes (1872-1914) descant by Malcom Archer (b.1952)

The Dismissal

The Blessing of the congregation

Please remain standing

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 Blessing of the parish

Please exit in an orderly fashion, maintaining appropriate social distancing, and taking care while crossing the road, to the common opposite the church for a blessing of the parish

The Bishop blesses the parish:

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. **Amen**



You are invited to join Tim, Sophy, Jem and Laurie for refreshments, which will be served in the church grounds after the service.

Collection plates will be available so that you might give an offering for the support of ordination candidates in training. Please give generously.

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