

**The Institution of the Revd Philip Harvey
As Rector of the Benefices of Weobley & Staunton
26th April 2021**



THE GATHERING

All stand

RECORDED HYMN

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of Creation

GREETING

Bishop In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

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

All And also with you.

All remain standing while the bishop offers some informal words of greeting

INTRODUCTION

Bishop Christ is head of the Church; he alone is the source of all Christian ministry. Through the ages it is Christ who has called men and women to lives of service. By the Holy Spirit, all who believe and are baptised receive a ministry to proclaim Jesus as Saviour and Lord, and to love and serve the people among whom they live and work. In Christ we are to bring redemption, to reconcile and to make whole. After his resurrection and ascension Christ gave gifts abundantly to the Church. Some he made apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers; to equip God's people for their work of ministry and to build up the body of Christ. We are to be salt for the earth; we are to be light to the world. Today we have come together in the presence of almighty God to inaugurate Philip's ministry in these benefices, and to ask God's blessing upon him.

COLLECT

Bishop As we stand in God's presence, let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for Philip and for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry each may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; 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. **Amen.**

THE INAUGURATION

All sit

STATEMENT OF NEED

The lay co-chair of the deanery synod, Elizabeth Shayler, reads an extract from the benefice statement of need

PRESENTATION

Two patrons, Roger Marshall (Sarnesfield) and The Revd Nicholas Lowton (Diocesan Board of Patronage for Norton Canon) standing with the new parish priest before the bishop, say:

Right Reverend Father in God, We present to you the Reverend Philip Harvey, who served until recently as curate of St Cuthbert and St Mary and St Margaret, Sprowston with Beeston in the diocese of Norwich, and we ask you now to institute him as rector of the benefices of Weobley and Staunton.

Bishop Thank you, I am pleased to accept your presentation.

The new parish priest turns to face the congregation, and one of the elected parish representatives Kim Hendricksen (Norton Canon) says

Right Reverend Father in God, I confirm that the parish representatives have shared fully in the appointment process, and that we assent to the institution of The Revd Philip Harvey.

The new parish priest turns back to face the bishop

Bishop Philip, do you believe that God has called you to serve Christ in these benefices?

Priest I believe that God has called me to serve Christ here.

Bishop Churchwardens and people of these benefices, I commend The Revd Philip Harvey to you. Will you accept his ministry?

All We will.

Bishop Philip, will you share your ministry with the people of these benefices: will you lead, encourage and collaborate with all God's people in building up the Body of Christ?

Priest With God's help, I will.
Bishop People of these benefices, will you work together and share your ministry with Philip, and support and encourage him in the leadership of your congregations?

People With God's help, we will.

The bishop addresses the rural dean and the lay co-chair, saying

Guy and Elizabeth, as the principal officers of the Kington and Weobley Deanery Synod, will you do all in your power to establish Philip in his new ministry in this deanery and to support him in the years to come?

Rural Dean We will gladly do so, the Lord being our helper.
& lay co-chair

All remain seated

PREFACE

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?

DECLARATION OF ASSENT

Priest I, Philip Ian Harvey, 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 authorized or allowed by Canon.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Holding a copy of the New Testament in his right hand, the priest turns to face the congregation and says

I, Philip Ian Harvey, 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

Still holding the New Testament, the priest turns back to face the bishop and continues

I, Philip Ian Harvey, do swear that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of Hereford and his successors, in all things lawful and honest; so help me God.

The priest signs the declaration and oaths, and then kneels before the bishop

SUPPLICATION

Bishop The pastoral care of God's people is a solemn trust and a great gift, so let us pray for Philip as he comes to minister among you that, strengthened by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, he may be equipped for the work that lies ahead.

*All kneel and pray in silence for God's blessing upon the priest's new ministry
All remain kneeling and listen to this recorded hymn*

O thou who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work, and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley 1707–88

HEREFORD
Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810–76

All remain kneeling while the bishop says:

Almighty God, anoint your servant Philip with the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit, that in all things he may know your will and be motivated to obey it. Help him to be faithful to his ordination vows; and encourage him daily in the work and witness that you desire; through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit

THE INSTITUTION

The priest remains kneeling before the bishop, who reads aloud the deed of institution

DELIVERY OF THE SPIRITUALITIES

The bishop hands the document that he has just read to the priest, saying

Philip, 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. **Amen.**

All remain seated while the bishop stands to bless the priest, saying

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

WELCOME

All stand as the bishop invites the priest to stand at his side, and says:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I present to you the Revd Philip Harvey, duly instituted as your new rector.

All We welcome you, we welcome you.

(Applause may follow)

The rector may be welcomed by representatives of the diocese, the deanery, the parishes, and other local congregations (Jeremy Wilding, Revd Steve Hollinghurst, Jo Ware (Methodist), Fr Simon (Roman Catholic), Alan Jones

(Friends of Weobley church), Stephen Grist (chair of governors of Staunton pre-primary school) and parish councillors

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit

READING

The Rector reads Colossians 3: 12-17 and at the end:

This is the word of the Lord

All

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Bishop

RECORDED HYMN

There's a wideness in God's Mercy

All stand

THE INDUCTION

ISSUING OF THE MANDATE

The bishop turns to the archdeacon and says:

Archdeacon Derek, I have admitted the Revd Philip Harvey to the cure of souls in these benefices: I now ask you to induct him, and to support and defend him in his ministry.

The bishop moves to his seat

DELIVERY OF THE TEMPORALITIES

All remain standing and turn towards the church door, as two of the churchwardens Derys Maddox (Letton) and Maggi Denaro (Byford) lead the archdeacon and the new incumbent to the door, where the incumbent places his hand upon the handle, and the archdeacon says:

By the authority of our Right Reverend Father in God, I, Derek Chedzey, Archdeacon of Hereford, induct you Philip Harvey, into the real and actual possession of the rectory and the churches of these benefices. The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore. **Amen.**

The incumbent tolls the church bell to mark his possession of the benefices

All return to the chancel

INSTALLATION

As an indication that the incumbent does not bear the weight of pastoral responsibility alone, representatives of the churchwardens Sarah Girling (Monnington) and Hilary Havard (Sarnesfield) may stand on either side of the rector during the installation

All remain standing while the archdeacon says

As we stand in God's presence, let us pray.

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various ministries within your Church: pour out your grace upon all who are called to any office and ministry in Christ's name, and especially upon Philip, as he takes up his new commission as rector of these benefices; fill Philip and the whole people of God in this place with the fire of your love and clothe them with holiness of life, that together they may faithfully serve you to your great glory and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The archdeacon places the rector in his stall and says

Philip, as I place you in this stall, accept with joy your new commission to preach the living Word of God, to administer the Sacraments of eternal life, and to guard and strengthen the flock that has been committed to your charge. May God keep you in his care; may Christ empower you with his love, and may the Holy Spirit lead you in the ways of truth and peace, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

All sit

ACT OF COMMITMENT TO SHARED MINISTRY

All remain seated while representatives of the benefice clergy and Readers (Susan and Henry Verwey, John Thewlis, Charles Overton, Chris Rhodes, Mike Kneen) stand

Archd'n Members of the benefice clergy and Readers, as you receive your new rector, I invite you to renew your calling to work together to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in this place.

Archd'n Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself taking the form of a servant.

Team Through your love, make us servants of one another.

Archd'n Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you became poor.

Team Archd'n	May our lives and gifts enrich the life of your world. The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Team living Archd'n	By his mercy we present our whole lives to God as a sacrifice. Though many, we form one body in Christ.
Team Archd'n	We belong to one another. By God's grace we have different gifts.
Team Archd'n	We will use them in faith. Rejoice in hope, stand firm in trouble, be constant in prayer.
Team Archd'n	Filled with his Spirit we will serve the Lord. Holy and living God, you call men and women to bring us your creative and redeeming Word: equip the members of this team for their shared ministry and give them the gifts of grace they need to support and encourage one another, that your people may be served and your holy name be praised. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF NEW PARTNERSHIP

As the final part of the service is a celebration of the new partnership in worship, ministry, and mission of the priest and the people, symbols are symbolically presented to the rector by representatives of the parishes

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS

A Bible is presented by Pat Millington (Weobley) who says:

St Paul says to us: 'Preach the Word, be fervent, in season and out of season, correct, rebuke, encourage with the utmost patience in teaching.'

Philip, receive this Bible:

All love the scriptures and always be faithful in proclaiming the Word of God among us.

A jug of water is presented by Liz Lawrence (Weobley) who says

Jesus tells us: 'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' Philip, receive this water:

All and rejoice to bring new Christians to baptism.

Bread and wine are presented by Glenn Jones (Staunton) and Sue Hubbard (Byford), who say

St Paul says to us: 'The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it

not a sharing in the body of Christ?' Philip, receive this bread and wine:

All
Rector **and lead us when we celebrate the breaking of bread.**
I thank you for these tokens of Christ's ministry in his Church, through which the Holy Spirit strengthens our communion with the Lord and with one another, as we work together for the building up of God's kingdom among us.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Rector Let us thank God for our fellowship in the universal Church and for our Christian heritage; for those who down the ages have worshipped in our churches and served God by their work and witness; let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Leader (*Guy Wilkinson*) We give thanks for the gifts God gives to us and pray: for guidance and grace in the ministry the Spirit calls us to share; for our churchwardens and church councillors; for all church members in their various calling; that all we say and do may proclaim God's kingdom and build up the Body of Christ among us; let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We give thanks for our community of families and pray: for every home here, for children, young people and adults, that we may grow together in the way of faith, and that each may learn the secret of God's love; let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We give thanks for those people in our community who serve our needs and pray: for those who bear responsibility in government, for all who work in education and our local schools, for those in farming, commerce and industry, and for those who work here, that we may deal justly, honour one another, and seek the common good; let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We give thanks for all who minister to those who are in trouble and pray:

for all in distress, for the sick and suffering, those who mourn and those without hope, for all who minister to them; let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Rector Gracious Father, strengthen us to carry forward the work of Christ,

All that we and all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rector 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.**

All sit while the rector gives out the notices and then announces the final hymn

RECORDED HYMN

Forth in Thy Name I Go

A Collection plate will be at the door for the bishop's discretionary fund, which is used to further pastoral care and mission

All remain standing

THE SENDING OUT

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord:

All Who has made heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord:

All Now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop Almighty God, who for the salvation of the world gives to his people many gifts and ministries to the advancement of his glory, stir up in you the gifts of his grace, sustain each one of you in your own ministry; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Rector Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

All remain standing while the procession leaves the church

All attending will wear face masks; those taking a spoken part in the service may remove their masks whilst speaking

Social distancing will be observed at all times.

The symbols will be raised by the representatives from their places in the pews

The participants in the Act of Commitment will speak from their places in the pews

The churchwardens and Archdeacon will lead the rector to the church door keeping their distances and wearing masks when not speaking