



TRANSFORMING **CHURCH**
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**ADMISSION AND LICENSING OF
LICENSED LAY MINISTERS (READERS)**

Conducted by The Rt Revd Jo Wells

Bishop of Dorking

Saturday 26th June 2021 at 5.30 pm

**Emmanuel Church
Stoughton**



Candidates to be Admitted as Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers)

Peter Evans	Stoughton, Emmanuel
Heather Goddard	Dorking, St Paul
Alison Moulden	Guildford, All Saints
David Shervington	Farnborough, St Peter
Iain Whitlam	Fetcham, St Mary

Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) whose Licences are to be renewed

Caroline Blake	Camberley, St Martin
Ros Fox	Crookham, Christ Church
Tony Harris	East Molesey, St Paul
Jane Jones	Fleet, All Saints with St Philip & St James
Phil Miller	Grayswood, All Saints
Lis Ricketts	Camberley, St Paul
Elizabeth Rowlandson	Farnborough, St Peter
Lesley Shatwell	Badshot Lea & Hale, St George St John & St Mark

THE DECLARATIONS

The candidates to be admitted and licensed as Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) have already made the following declarations in the presence of the Bishop.

The Preface – The 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 Declarations – The Candidates

I, AB, 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 I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

I, AB, will give due obedience to the Bishop of Guildford and his successors in all things lawful and honest.

I, AB, about to be licensed or given permission to officiate to exercise the office of Licensed Lay Minister in the Diocese of Guildford, do hereby promise to endeavour, as far as in me lies, to promote peace and unity, and to conduct myself as becomes a worker for Christ, for the good of his Church, and for the spiritual welfare of all people. I will give due obedience to the minister in whose cure I may serve, in all things lawful and honest.

ORDER OF SERVICE

*The Revd Canon Frank Scammell, Vicar of Emmanuel Church,
welcomes the congregation and invites them to stand.*

SONG

*The music group will sing this song while the candidates, the Warden
of LLMs, the LMP Principal and the Bishop process into the church*

Come, people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all"!

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

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One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

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THE GREETING

The Bishop greets the people and introduces the service.

Bishop The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Bishop The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

All **Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.**

The Collect

Bishop Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
Hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they 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.

All **Amen.**

The congregation sits

REFLECTION ON THE MINISTRY OF LICENSED LAY MINISTERS

David Shervington will reflect on his formation for ministry as an LLM, and then Elizabeth Rowlandson on her first five years as an LLM.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Reading

Judges 12: 1 - 7

Read by Alison Moulden

*This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God***

HYMN *(sung by music group)*

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts

Music: traditional, arr. Dave Bainbridge, Joanne Hogg & Teri Bryant ©SGO Publishing Ltd.

All sit.

Reading

Luke 17: 11 - 19

Read by Peter Evans

This is the Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Bishop of Dorking

ADMISSION AND LICENSING

The candidates for admission come and stand before the Bishop with their Parish Priests standing at their seats.

Bishop My brothers and sisters, God has called us into the fellowship of the universal Church. As members together of his body, Christ calls us to minister in his name and, according to our gifts, to be instruments of his love in the world. Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) are called to serve the Church of God and to work together with clergy and other ministers. They are to lead public worship, to preach and teach the word of God, to assist at the Eucharist and to share in pastoral and evangelistic work. As authorised lay ministers, they are to encourage the ministries of God's people, as the Spirit distributes gifts among us all. They are called to help the whole Church to participate in God's mission to the world.

Canon Dr Steve Summers, Principal of the Local Ministry Programme, Guildford presents the candidates.

Principal Bishop, I present to you Peter Evans, Heather Goddard, Alison Moulden, David Shervington and Iain Whitlam to be admitted to the office of Licensed Lay Minister.

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. They have also made the declaration of obedience to the Bishop and the declaration which must be made before a Licensed Lay Minister is licensed.

Bishop Are they persons of Christian character, well versed in the Holy Scriptures and in the doctrines of our faith?

Principal They are.

Bishop Have they been sufficiently prepared for the duties of this office?

Principal They have.

The Questions

The Bishop addresses the candidates.

Bishop In order that we may be satisfied that you are ready to begin the ministry of a Licensed Lay Minister, you must now answer the questions we put to you.
Do you believe God is calling you to this ministry?

Candidates I do so believe.

Bishop Will you be faithful in leading the people of God in worship, and in preaching the word to them?

Candidates By the grace of God, I will.

Bishop 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?

Candidates By the grace of God, I will.

Bishop Will you endeavour to fashion your life according to the way of Christ?

Candidates By the grace of God, I will.

Bishop Will you promote unity, peace and love in the Church and in the world, and especially among those whom you serve?

Candidates By the grace of God, I will.

The candidates turn and face the congregation, whom the Bishop then addresses:

Bishop Brothers and sisters, Peter, Heather, Alison, David and Iain have been chosen for the office of Licensed Lay Minister. Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

All **We will.**

Bishop Will you continue to pray for them?

All **We will.**

The Admission

The Candidates turn back to face the Bishop. The Warden of LLMs introduces each candidate and the Bishop then admits them by delivery of a Bible and their scarf, and with these words:

Bishop N, I admit you as a Licensed Lay Minister in the Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Bishop blesses the candidates.

Bishop May the Lord give you wisdom, courage, strength and love to do his will, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you, and on your work done in his name, now and always.

All Amen.

The newly admitted LLMs turn to face the congregation before returning to their seats, and their Parish Priests sit down.

The Licensing

The newly admitted LLMs and the LLMs whose Licences are to be renewed stand. The Warden presents all these LLMs to the Bishop.

Warden Bishop, I present these ministers (*standing here*) to be licensed or re-licensed for ministry in this diocese as Licensed Lay Ministers.

The Bishop addresses these LLMs

Bishop You are called to serve principally in a particular benefice. Will you work willingly and collaboratively with the clergy and other colleagues in ministry there, and give due obedience to those who are set in authority over you?

LLMs We will.

The parish clergy for the LLMs about to be licensed or re-licensed stand alongside their LLMs, and the Bishop addresses them:

Bishop My brothers and sisters, will you as Parish Priests welcome and work closely with these Licensed Lay Ministers as your colleagues, and encourage them to use their gifts and develop their ministry?

Clergy We will.

Bishop Will you commend them to the people amongst whom they will minister?

Clergy We will.

Clergy sit.

The Warden reads the name and benefice of each LLM to be licensed or re-licensed, as each LLM comes forward. The Bishop gives the LLM their licence and he or she returns to their seat (remaining standing). After they have all received their licences, the Bishop addresses these LLMs:

Bishop Receive authority to exercise the office of Licensed Lay Ministers in this diocese.

LLMs Amen.

Bishop May the Lord be with you in all your work and ministry from this day onwards.

The Welcome

When the LLMs have been licensed they turn to look around the congregation. All present stand to welcome them.

Warden We welcome you as ministers of God's word.

All **May the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

The Bishop invites the congregation to applaud.

*The congregation sit down, except for **all** the LLMs present, who remain standing for a prayer of commitment together:*

LLMs God our Father, we offer our lives to do your work in your Church and in the world. Help us by your Holy Spirit to hear more clearly your call to deeper commitment in your service, and give us grace to respond with gladness: for the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG *(sung by music group)*

Lord, You have my heart
And I will search for Yours
Jesus, take my life and lead me on

Lord, You have my heart
And I will search for Yours
Let me be to You a sacrifice

*And I will praise You, Lord
And I will sing of love come down
And as You show Your face
We'll see Your glory here*

Lord, You have my heart
And I will search for Yours
Jesus, take my life and lead me on

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All sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Prayers led by Heather Goddard and Iain Whitlam

These responses will be used:

LLM Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

Collect

LLM Heavenly Father,
you have promised through your Son, Jesus Christ,
that when we meet in his name,
and pray according to his mind,
he will be among us and hear our prayer:
in your love and mercy fulfil our desires,
and give us your greatest gift,
which is to know you, the only true God,
and your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

LLM As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

THE BLESSING

All stand

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 The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim
the word and works of God;
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 (sung by music group)

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:
Till 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.

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.

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:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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The congregation are asked to remain standing while the newly-admitted LLMs and the Bishop process out of the church. Photographs will be taken outside church, immediately after this service. What else happens after the service will depend on the Covid rules and guidelines applicable – listen for announcements!

There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Bishop of Guildford's Community Fund. Gift Aid envelopes are available.

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