



**Service of Institution, Induction
and Installation of
The Revd Kevin Lovell**

as vicar of
The Benefice of St Barnabas,
Emmer Green and Caversham Park



At St Barnabas Church, Emmer Green. RG4 8RA

**by the Bishop of Reading,
The Rt Revd Olivia Graham**

Thursday 15th December 2022
7pm

This service is both a legal act and an act of worship. It marks the beginning of the ministry of Kevin and a new stage in the life of this Parish. As the mission and ministry of the Church is the responsibility of all baptised people, so they come together with their New Minister and the Bishop to celebrate their ministry and offer themselves afresh to God.

Please play your part in the service by answering firmly wherever 'All' is indicated in the margin.

Please spend some moments of quiet before the service:

- giving thanks to God for all who have worshipped and ministered here in the past
- praying for the present congregation
- praying for Kevin and Gill
- praying for the local community served by this church
- praying for your own involvement in the life and witness of God's Church.

Toilet facilities are situated in the Parish Centre.

St Barnabas Church, has a hearing loop installed.

BISHOP OF OXFORD'S OUTREACH FUND 2022

The Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund Reg Charity No.247954. The Outreach Fund is dedicated to supporting the mission of the Church worldwide and is generated by offerings across the diocese, particularly at ordinations, confirmations, collations, institutions and licensing. Through the fund, the Bishop is able to respond to a wide range of requests for help, in areas such as humanitarian need, Christian education, training and mission.

In 2021, the fund received gifts totalling £9,000 (significantly down from previous years due to Covid-19) and made a total of £24,000 in donations. These donations have supported 18 projects, groups and charities. Within the diocese, grants were made amongst others to support the Young Christian Climate Network pilgrimage to COP26, Church at Home, Discovering Prayer, The Porch Appeal, and ODBE School Leaders Training.

Guided by the Diocesan Partnership in World Mission team, our support for projects overseas included Congo Church Association, Christian Aid, Crosslinks, CMS, MANNA, Embrace the Middle East, Latin Link, Mission to Seafarers, Mothers' Union, Tearfund and USPG.

The Gathering

The Area Dean, the Revd Mike Smith, welcomes the people and invites them to stand for the opening hymn, during which the ministers enter.

Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
be thou my best thought, in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be thou mine inheritance, now and always:
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

Irish 8th C Tr Mary Byrne (1880-1931)

The Greeting

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

All **and also with you.**

Bishop We have come together in the presence of God to welcome Kevin and his family to this benefice, to institute and licence him to the ministry he will share, to pray for Kevin and for those who minister with him and to dedicate ourselves afresh to the service of God in this community and to the call which God makes of each one of us.

Let us therefore wait humbly upon God, giving thanks for all that God has done, and asking forgiveness for those ways in which we have failed each other, our communities, and God.

Prayers of Penitence

Bishop Lord Jesus, you said to your disciples:
'You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.'
Lord have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, we know that the harvest is plentiful
but the labourers are few.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus you appointed us to go out and bear fruit that will
last.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Bishop May the God of love
Bring us back to himself,
Forgive us our sins
And assure us of his eternal love
In Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Presentation of the New Minister

A representative of the Patron (Christ Church, Oxford) leads Kevin to stand before the Bishop and says

Bishop Olivia, after due consultation and prayerful consideration, Kevin John Lovell has been nominated and has accepted to be vicar of this benefice. I now present him to you to be Instituted and Inducted.

Bishop I thank you and all those who with prayer have been involved in the appointment of Kevin to this benefice.

The Patron returns to their seat.

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

Kevin I believe that God has called me.

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

Kevin With the help of God, I will.

The ministry team steps forward to be addressed by the Bishop

Members of the ministry team, will you welcome Kevin to the team, and work creatively and faithfully with him, 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.**

Kevin turns to face the congregation, whom the Bishop addresses as a whole

Bishop People of God, will you welcome 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 Kevin
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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

At the end of each Reading the Reader may say

All This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

First Reading - Isaiah 54:1-10

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,
so weary, 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.

Horatio Bonar (1808-1889)

Second Reading – Luke 7:24-30

Sermon
The Bishop of Reading,
The Rt Revd Olivia Graham

The Liturgy of Institution

The Dedication of the Ministers and People

Representatives of the church community gather around Kevin with symbols of ministry.

The Associate Archdeacon Revd Canon Liz Jackson 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.

Lifting or presenting water for baptism, one says

Kevin, 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.**

Lifting or 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.**

Lifting or 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.**

Lifting or presenting a copy of the Book of Common Prayer or of Common Worship, 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 God in spirit and in truth.**

Lifting or 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 highlighted, Kevin 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.**

The Declaration and Oaths

The people sit and Kevin 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?

Kevin makes the declaration of assent

I, Kevin John Lovell, 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.

Kevin turns and faces the people and, taking a Bible in his right hand, swears the oath of allegiance.

I, Kevin John Lovell, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, his 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 John Lovell, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and Canonical Obedience to the Lord Bishop of Oxford and his Successors and, through his delegation to the Bishop of Reading, in all things lawful and honest: So Help me God.

Kevin signs the declaration and oaths.

The Institution

The people stand. The Bishop reads the Deed of Institution and gives it to Kevin, saying

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.**

The Bishop anoints Kevin with the oil of Chrism, saying

Kevin, 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.**

The ministry team and other licensed ministers of the benefice join the minister, and they kneel before the Bishop.

Taking her pastoral staff, the Bishop blesses Kevin and the ministry team, saying

The God of all faithfulness

strengthen you for your ministry and commitment to one another;

the God of all grace give you vision, courage and joy;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you and upon all your work done in his name,

now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Induction

The people remain standing while the Bishop delivers the Mandate of Induction to the Associate Archdeacon, saying

Archdeacon, I have Instituted Kevin John Lovell to ministry in this benefice. I ask you to Induct him, in the presence of this congregation, and to support him in his ministry here.

The Churchwarden leads 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 this parish church of Emmer Green St Barnabas with Caversham Park with all the rights and responsibilities belonging to it.

The Churchwarden presents the keys of the church in the benefice to Kevin 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 Installation

The Archdeacon leads the minister to his stall in the church, and places him in, saying

Kevin, I Install you as Vicar of this benefice. Pray for your people, lead them in worship and service, and encourage them in their witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The church bell may be rung by Kevin.

The Welcome

The Bishop presents Kevin and Gill to the people, saying

People of this benefice, I present to you your New Vicar now duly Instituted, Inducted and Installed, and I invite you to greet him and his family in the name of Christ. I commend them to your love and to your prayers.

All

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

The congregation greet Kevin with a warm round of applause.

St Barnabas Choir sing – Come and join the celebration to welcome Kevin and Gill

The Area Dean introduces representatives of the church and community, particularly any ecumenical partners, who also greet Kevin.

The Peace

Kevin

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.

Kevin

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Refrain

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

The people kneel or sit for prayers of intercession, led by Kevin. These conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

**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 Dismissal

The Bishop pronounces God's blessing with these or other suitable words

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,
and 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.

All

Amen.

The people stand for the recessional hymn.

Hymn

Sisters and brothers, with one voice
confirm your calling and rejoice:
each is God's child and each God's choice.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Strangers no more, but cherished friends,
live as the body God intends,
sharing the love the Spirit sends.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Not, though, by wisdom wealth or skill,
nor by ourselves can we fulfil
what, for the world, is God's own will.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In factory, office, home or hall,
where people struggle, strive or stall,
seek out and serve the Lord of all.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Seeking and serving, with one voice
confirm your calling and rejoice:
each is God's child and each God's choice.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

John L Bell and Graham Maule

Kevin stands by the open door of the church and says

Go in the power of Christ.

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

Go in peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God!**

**There will be a retiring collection for the Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund. Collection plates will be at the back of the church. Gift aid envelopes will be available in the pews. Alternatively, donations can be made online at:
Tinyurl.com/Outreach-fund**

We warmly invite you to stay afterwards for refreshments next door in the church hall



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