

The Diocese of Oxford

The Institution of
The Revd. Simon Thomas Kirby
as Vicar of the Parishes of
Cogges and South Leigh and
the Parish of North Leigh

by

The Rt. Revd. Colin Fletcher O.B.E.
Bishop of Dorchester
and the

Induction and Installation
by The Revd. Canon Judy French
Assistant Archdeacon of Oxford

Friday 18th January 2013
7.30pm

At the Parish Church of St. Mary
North Leigh

Welcome to The Parishes of Cogges and South Leigh with North Leigh

About this service

This service is both a legal act and an act of worship. It marks the start of Simon's ministry here and a new stage in the life of these Parishes.

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.

The service has a number of distinct elements:

- **The Gathering of the people**, including the Presentation of the new Vicar by the Patron
- **The Liturgy of the Word**, in which we read the Bible together and discern what it has to say to our lives
- **The Liturgy of Institution**, in which the tasks of ministry are spelled out, and its collaborative nature is emphasised as the context for the ministry of Simon, who is then formally inaugurated
- **The Induction** is the admission by the archdeacon of a team rector, rector or vicar into the possession of the church building, churchyard and parsonage.
- **The Installation** is the formal placing by the archdeacon of a priest in his seat in the church. Simon is then duly welcomed
- We pray for all in need
- **The Dismissal**, in which the people are sent out with God's blessing to proclaim the Gospel to the world

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 in these Parishes in the past
- praying for all who share ministry here, both lay and ordained,
- praying for the new Minister
- praying for the local communities served by this Team and for your own involvement in the life and witness of this part of God's Church.

A message from Simon and his family.

Simon, Sue, Thomas and Luke would like to thank everyone for their very warm welcome and say how excited they are at becoming part of the community of Cogges, North Leigh & South Leigh.

Simon writes “There were several reasons why I applied to become Vicar of Cogges and South Leigh with North Leigh, with the most significant being an incredible sense of God leading me to this post. The Parish profiles spoke to me of diverse but dynamic Communities and it will be a privilege to help to build on the great work of the two Andrew’s, Miri, Nick and the rest of the clergy and lay teams. I hope that together we will discover much more about God’s amazing transformative love for us as individuals and His purposes for our Communities.”.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING

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

Hymn - “Tell out my soul”

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord;
unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of His word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His Holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
firm is His promise, and His mercy sure:
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

(The congregation is invited to be seated)

The Bishop greets and addresses the congregation

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

All and also with you.

We have come together in the presence of God to welcome Simon to
these benefice, to institute him to the ministry he will share, to pray for
Simon 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.

The Bishop introduces the prayers of penitence

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

All Christ have mercy

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

All Lord have mercy

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.

All Amen

Presentation of the new Minister

Mr David Mason, Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, leads the new Minister to stand before the Bishop and reads the Letters Patent.

Bishop

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

Simon, do you believe, so far as you know your own heart, that God has called you to serve these benefices?

I believe that God has called me.

Will you commit yourself to the mission and ministry of the people in these parishes to further the kingdom of God?

With the help of God, I will.

The Ministry Team stand in their places to be addressed by the Bishop

Members of the Ministry Team, will you welcome Simon 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?

With the help of God, we will.

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

People of God, will you welcome Simon and support and uphold him in his ministry now and in the years to come?

All With the help of God, we will.

The Collects

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 Simon
now to be licensed 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 Collect of St Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester 1062-1095

Lord God, who raised up Wulfstan to be
a bishop among your people and a leader of your Church:
help us, after his example,
to live simply, to work diligently and
to make your kingdom known;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Choir sing the Anthem “*My Shepherd is Lord*” by Harrison Oxley

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-13

Read by The Witney Deanery Lay Chairman

Hymn “Guide me O thou great Redeemer”

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.

The New Testament Reading: The Gospel of St. Matthew 24: 42-46

Read by the Revd. Miri Keen

Sermon: The Rt Revd. Colin Fletcher OBE Bishop of Dorchester

Songs of Worship led by the Cogges Worship Band (*All stand*)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

*My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace*

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there a thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

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The splendour of a King clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tried to hide
and trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Chorus

*How great is our God, sing with me
how great is our God,
and all will see how great,
how great is our God.*

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The God, the Three-in-One, Father, Spirit, Son,
the lion and the lamb, lion and the lamb.

Chorus

Name above all names, You are worthy of all praise,
and my heart will sing how great is our God
Chorus

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My Jesus, My Saviour

Lord there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship you.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth,
let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King:
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

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THE LITURGY OF INSTITUTION *(All Sit)*

The Dedication of the Ministers and People

Representatives of the church and community present the new Minister with symbols of ministry, a Taize Chant, "Nade te turbe" is sung as the new Minister moves from place to place in the Church.

The Area Dean 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.

Presenting water for baptism, a recently baptised member says

Simon, 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.***

Presenting the oil of healing, a lay person 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.***

Presenting a Bible, a lay member of the Discipleship Hub 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.***

***Presenting a copy of both the Book of Common Prayer and Book of
Common Worship, a worshipper 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.***

Presenting bread and wine, a Lay Assistant 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.***

***Presenting symbols of the community, Harry Eaglestone,
Mayor of Witney says***

Be among us as a man of the community, pastorally caring for young and old alike.

All Together, by God's grace,
we will seek to be the living body of Christ.

When the symbols have been presented, the new Minister 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. **Amen.**

The Declaration and Oaths

The new Minister stands before 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 Minister makes the declaration of assent

I, Simon Thomas Kirby, 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, Simon Thomas Kirby, 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, Simon Thomas Kirby, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Oxford, the Area Bishop of Dorchester and their successors, in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

The Minister then signs the declaration and oaths.

The Institution

The Bishop reads the Deeds of Institution and gives them to the Minister, 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. **Amen.**

The whole Ministry Team is invited to stand.

The Bishop commends the new Minister and the Ministry Team to the prayers of the people.

The priest and Ministry Team bow their heads for prayer.

Taking his pastoral staff, the Bishop blesses the new Minister and Ministry Team, saying

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain
with you always. **Amen.**

The Induction

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

Archdeacon, I have instituted Simon Thomas Kirby to ministry in these parishes. I ask you to induct him, in the presence of this congregation, 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 churches of Cogges, South Leigh and North Leigh with all the rights and responsibilities belonging to them.

The Churchwardens present the keys of the Churches to the Minister saying

Simon, 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. **Amen.**

The Installation

The Archdeacon leads the Minister to his stall in the Church, and places him in, saying

Simon, I install you as Vicar of these parishes. 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 WELCOME

The Bishop presents the new Minister to the people, saying

People of these Parishes, I present to you your new Vicar, now duly instituted, inducted and installed, and I invite you to greet him in the name of Christ. I commend him to your love and to your prayers.

All We are members together of the Body of Christ;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.

The congregation greets the new Minister with applause.

Representatives of the churches, local schools and the community welcome Simon, Sue, Thomas and Luke.

The Peace *(All stand)*

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

The Bishop exchanges a sign of peace with the Vicar.

All are invited to exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: "Be thou my vision"

During this hymn a collection will be taken for The Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund. (Please use the Gift Aid envelopes which are available in the pews to enable the fund to recover your UK tax payer. Thanks.)

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.

Notices and Prayers of Intercession (All sit)

The new Vicar reads the notices and leads the people in prayer.

The Dismissal (All stand)

The Bishop prays

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 ministry;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund

The Outreach Fund is dedicated to supporting the mission of the Church worldwide and is generated by offerings at services across the diocese – particularly confirmations, institutions and licensings. Through the fund the Bishop is able to respond to a wide range of requests for help, particularly in the areas of humanitarian need, Christian education and training and mission.

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You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments.