



The Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

## **Order of Service**

THE INSTITUTION BY

THE BISHOP OF DUNWICH

THE RIGHT REVEREND CLIVE YOUNG

AND

THE INDUCTION BY

THE ARCHDEACON OF SUDBURY

THE VENERABLE DAVID BRIERLEY

OF

THE REVEREND STEPHEN JOHN ABBOTT

AS RECTOR OF THE BANSFIELD BENEFICE ON

TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008

AT 7.30pm

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH, WICKHAMBROOK

### **ABOUT THIS SERVICE**

In earlier times a priest visited a Bishop to be authorised (instituted) to a parish, and travelled to the parish to be put in (inducted) by the Archdeacon. Institution and Induction now come together in a single service.

The congregation has its own important part. We are witnesses as our new Parish Priest accepts the responsibilities of his ministry here, and we also accept and affirm our part in Christ's ministry. Local leaders and neighbouring clergy of other Christian traditions welcome the new arrival into the life of the community. Within the service itself, the new priest begins his ministry by leading the prayers.

In the time before the service, please pray for this Benefice, for its future life and work, and for the new Parish Priest. Remember too, that we in this place share in the life of the Diocese, and that other parishes are praying for us at this time.

### **THE ENTRANCE**

*Members of the choir having already taken their places, the procession, below, enters during the first hymn:*

Crucifer  
Elders  
Readers  
Visiting Clergy  
Clergy of the Benefice and the Deanery  
Rural Dean and Deanery Lay Chairman  
Archdeacon  
All Churchwardens (carrying their staves)  
Bishop  
Bishop's Chaplain

**INTROIT:**           The Ousden Singers

*The Rural Dean welcomes the people and says:*

Lord, let your priests be clothed with righteousness, that your faithful people may rejoice.

## Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but nought 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.

*The Bishop standing before the congregation says:*

The Lord be with you.

**All:**                   **And also with you**

**Bishop:**           We have come together to give thanks for the life of the community in this place and for all who have done God's work in it; to pray for Stephen now to begin his ministry here, that he may have joy, courage and hope, and for ourselves that we may be renewed in the work of God's Kingdom.

**All:**                   **God our Father, Lord of all the world, we thank you that through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church: Hear our prayer for your faithful people that all in their vocation and ministry may be instruments of your love, and give to your servant now to be instituted and inducted the needful gifts of grace: through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**A READING:** Matthew 11: 25 - 30  
Read by The Rev'd Liz Law – Rector of the Rattlesden Benefice.

**Hymn**

From heav'n you came, helpless babe,  
Entered our world, your glory veiled;  
Not to be served but to serve,  
And give your life that we may live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,  
My heavy load he chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn;  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

*This is our God.....*

Come see his hands and his feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice,  
Hands that flung stars into space,  
To cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God.....*

So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving.

*This is our God.....*

**SERMON** The Bishop

**CHOIR ANTHEM :** The Choir of St. Nicholas Church, Rattlesden sings  
"Come Holy Ghost"

**AN ACT OF COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY**

*All sit.*

*The new incumbent stands before the Bishop and is presented by a representative of the Patron:*

Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you Stephen to be instituted and inducted as Rector of this Benefice.

*The Bishop says:*

Stephen, do you believe that you are called by God and his Church to accept this work?

**Priest:** I do.

*The Churchwardens stand with the new Parish Priest before the Bishop.*

**Bishop:** The ministry of the Church is shared by all of God's people, exercising their particular gifts. Will you, as officers of the Bishop, and on behalf of the people of God in this place, care for Stephen, and support him in all those duties, which he undertakes as the Parish Priest of this Benefice?

**Churchwardens:** We will do so with the help of God.

*The Churchwardens return to their seats.*

*A Bible is brought forward:*

**Bishop:** At your Ordination, you were given a Bible because our Lord has called us to proclaim that the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand. Will you spread the Good News of Christ's Kingdom, and build up the body of Christ in this place by your teaching and example?

**Priest:** I will, with the help of God.

*The Archdeacon reads from 1 Peter 2: 9-10*

In the First Letter of Peter, the apostle writes: 'You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.'

Will you, who share with Stephen Christ's call in this place, endeavour to deepen your faith by the study of the Bible and by prayer and so seek to find and follow God's will?

**All: We will do this, with the help of God.**

**Bishop:** Stephen, take this Bible and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

*The Bible is taken by the Priest and placed upon the lectern.*

*Water in a ewer is brought forward:*

**Bishop:** Stephen, it is the duty of the Parish Priest to baptise in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and to encourage the people of God's Church in their faith. Will you do this, and seek the unity of all who have shared in the one baptism?

**Priest:** I will, with the help of God.

*The Archdeacon reads from Ephesians 4: 4-6*

In the epistle to the Ephesians, the people of God are told: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Will you together with Stephen, work with others of faith in Jesus Christ through baptism, and seek that unity in faith that is God's will?

**All: We will do this, with the help of God.**

**Bishop:** Stephen, take this water and baptise as our Lord has commanded.

**All: Amen.**

*The Priest pours the water into the font.*

*Bread and wine are brought forward:*

**Bishop:** The Church is called to obey the command of Jesus to break the bread and share the cup until he comes again. Stephen, will you lead and guide the people in worship and prayer, and preside at the Holy Communion, seeking the unity of all God's people?

**Priest:** I will, with the help of God.

*The Archdeacon reads from 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17:*

St. Paul wrote: "When we bless the cup of blessing, is it not a means of sharing in the blood of Christ? When we break the bread, is it not a means of sharing in the body of Christ?"

Because there is one Lord, we who are many are one body, for we all partake in one bread."

Will you, who are the body of Christ in this place, be regular in worship and receive the Holy Communion faithfully, so as to bear witness to Christ in daily life?

**All: We will do this, with the help of God.**

**Bishop:** Stephen, take this bread and wine and celebrate the Holy Communion by the breaking of the bread and the blessing of the cup.

**All: Amen.**

*The Priest takes the bread and wine and places them on the altar.*

*Oils are brought forward:*

**Bishop:** From early times oil has been blessed and used as a sign of God's healing and reconciling love.

Stephen, will you care for the people of this place, showing them the love of Jesus Christ?

Will you pray for them and watch over them, especially those who are ill or in need?

**Priest:** I will, with the help of God.

*The Archdeacon reads from 1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13, 16-18:*

In the first letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul writes:

"We beseech you, brethren, to respect those who labour among you and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves, for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you."

Will you, together with Stephen, care for one another in Christ, and encourage one another, bearing each other's burdens as Jesus has shown us?

**All: We will do this, with the help of God.**

**Bishop:** Stephen, take these oils and tend the people of God in this place.

**All: Amen.**

*The Priest takes the oils and places them on the altar.*

*A bowl of water and a towel are brought forward:*

**Bishop:** Those of us entrusted with the work of oversight in God's church are called to be eager to serve, not lording it over those entrusted to us, but being examples to the flock.

Stephen, will you seek so to follow Christ that you will be an example of Christ-like servanthood?

**Priest:** I will, with the help of God.

*The Archdeacon reads from the Gospel of John, Chapter 13: 14-15*

Jesus said, "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord', and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet."

Will you, together with Stephen, seek to serve one another, the people of this Benefice, and the people for whom God gives you responsibility?

**All: We will, with the help of God.**

**Bishop:** Stephen, take this bowl and towel as a sign that you are called to serve, following the example of our Servant Lord.

**All: Amen**

*The bowl of water is placed beside the Bishop.*

## THE INSTITUTION

**Bishop:** Stephen, both you and the people of this Benefice have declared your willingness to work together in building up the body of Christ in this place.

*The Bishop addresses the people:*

Therefore in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Head of the Church, I, Clive, your Bishop, am here to institute Stephen as Rector of the Benefice of Bansfield. Before I do so, it is necessary for the Declaration of Assent to be made and the Oaths of Allegiance and Canonical Obedience to be taken.

*The Priest then stands before the Bishop and the Declaration and Oaths are made and taken.*

## THE OATHS

**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 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 the 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 DECLARATION OF ASSENT

*Priest (facing the Bishop):*

I, Stephen John Abbott, do 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 OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.**

Priest (*facing the Congregation*)

I, Stephen John Abbott, do swear that I will be faithful and bear allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, her Heirs and Successors, according to law, so help me God.

**THE OATH OF CANONICAL OBEDIENCE TO THE BISHOP.**

Priest (*facing the Bishop*)

I, Stephen John Abbott, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and his successors in all things lawful and honest, so help me God.

**Bishop:** I thank you for this declaration of loyalty. In my turn I undertake to support and uphold you Stephen, as you seek to serve our Lord in this place.

Having made these declarations, Stephen may now receive the Cure of Souls here. Let us pray in silence that God will bless his ministry here.

*The Priest kneels and silence is kept.*

**Hymn**

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| 1. O Thou who camest from above,<br>The pure celestial fire to impart,<br>Kindle a flame of sacred love<br>On the mean altar of my heart.                | 2. There let it for thy glory burn<br>With inextinguishable blaze,<br>And trembling to its source return<br>In humble prayer, and fervent praise.  |
| 3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire<br>To work, and speak, and think for thee;<br>Still let me guard the holy fire,<br>And still stir up thy gift in me. | 4. Ready for all thy perfect will,<br>My acts of faith and love repeat,<br>Till death thy endless mercies seal,<br>And make my sacrifice complete. |

*The Priest continues kneeling before the Bishop while the people stand.*

*The Bishop reads the Deed of Institution:*

Stephen, 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.**

## THE INDUCTION

**Bishop:** Having instituted Stephen, I ask you, Mr. Archdeacon to induct him into the real, actual and corporeal possession of this Church and Benefice, and to defend him so inducted.

*The people remain standing and face the principal door.*

*The Archdeacon and the Churchwardens take the Incumbent to the main door of the Church. The Archdeacon lays the Priest's hand on the handle and says:*

I, David, by virtue of my office as Archdeacon of Sudbury, induct you Stephen into the real, actual and corporeal possession of this Church and the Churches of Cowlinge, Denston, Lidgate, Ousden, Stansfield and Stradishall.

*The Incumbent led by the Churchwardens, goes to the belfry and tolls the bell to signify his entry into the Incumbency.*

*The Archdeacon leads the Priest to his accustomed stall with the words:*

I place you, Stephen, in the accustomed seat of the Rector of this parish. May God bless you in your ministry here, and in this Benefice.

*The Archdeacon goes to his seat in the Sanctuary, the Churchwardens return to their seats, and the congregation kneels and keeps silence.*

*The Parish Priest prays alone, aloud:*

Create a pure heart in me, O God  
And give me a new and steadfast spirit.  
Send out your light and your truth,  
Let these be my guide:  
Then shall I go to the altar of God,  
To the God of my joy and gladness.

Let us pray

That the people of God in all the world  
May worship in spirit and in truth,  
Lord hear us:

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

That the Church may discover again that unity which is your gift,  
Lord hear us:

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace,  
Lord hear us:

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

That the whole creation, groaning in travail may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Lord hear us:

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

With the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter, St Margaret of Antioch, St Nicholas and all the Saints in light, let us offer eternal praise to the Lord made manifest:  
Lord hear us:

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

The new Parish Priest leads everyone in saying:

**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**

### **Hymn**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright,  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord,  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord....*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord....*

*The Rural Dean welcomes the Parish Priest to the Deanery.*

*The Lay Chairman welcomes the Priest and his family on behalf of the laity of the Deanery.*

*The Rural Dean introduces representatives of the local community.*

*The new Parish Priest reads the notices.*

*During the following hymn, an offering will be collected on behalf of the Benefice Fund*

### **Hymn**

God is working his purpose out  
as year succeeds to year,  
God is working his purpose out  
and the time is drawing near;  
Nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory  
of God as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west where'er  
man's foot hath trod,  
By the mouth of many messengers goes  
forth the voice of God,  
'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles,  
give ear to me,  
That the earth may be filled with the glory of  
God as the waters cover the sea.'

What can we do to work God's work,  
to prosper and increase  
The brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of  
the Prince of Peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory  
of God as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God with  
the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world;  
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set  
their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of  
God as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God  
blesses the deed ;  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God  
gives life to the seed;  
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the  
time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory  
of God as the waters cover the sea.

*The Churchwardens take their places at the sanctuary steps.*

*(Please remain standing)*

**THE BLESSING** – *Bishop Clive*

**THE RECESSION**

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR  
THIS SPECIAL OCCASION. YOU ARE  
WARMLY INVITED TO STAY FOR LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS.



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND



# The Bassfield Benefice

St. Margaret  
COWLINGE

St. Nicholas  
DENSTON

St. Mary  
LIDGATE

St. Peter  
OUSDEN

All Saints  
STANSFIELD

St. Margaret  
STRADISHALL

All Saints  
WICKHAMBROOK