



Service of Celebration of Lay Ministry

Saturday 18th September 2021
10am



You are warmly welcomed to Chelmsford Cathedral, whether you are joining us online or in the Cathedral. This morning we pray for those who have recently completed their training for lay roles in the Diocese.

Everything you need for this celebration is in this booklet. Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off.

The service today is led by The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford. The preacher is Revd Ed Olsworth-Peters, Director of Innovation and Development for St Mellitus College.

The Organist today is Matthew Kelley, the Graham Rogers Organ Scholar.

Toilets: Limited toilet facilities are available. However, public toilets can be found very nearby (behind the Golden Fleece pub).

Hearing Aids: There is a loop system installed throughout the church. If you are a hearing aid user, please turn it to **T**.

You are warmly invited to make a financial contribution to the life of the cathedral by making a donation using the contactless giving plates near the doors. Your gift will be used to enable us to deliver our ministry in its varied forms, from hosting community events, cultural activities, maintaining free entry to this glorious building, supporting our musical and worship tradition and much more. If you would like to find out more about our planned giving scheme, please ask one of the stewards. To donate online, please visit the cathedral website, scroll towards the bottom of the page and under the heading “supporting your cathedral” click the link. Thank you.

If the alarm sounds, please make your way out of the Cathedral via the nearest available door and if it is safe to do so, assemble at the rear of the Shire Hall in the South Eastern corner of the churchyard. Please do not go back for your belongings until you are told it is safe to do so.

Live stream: This service is being live streamed to the Chelmsford Cathedral YouTube channel.

Car park code: 1403

A service to celebrate lay ministry can only begin to record the many and varied ways in which God's people have responded to the call of God to follow and be faithful. Not everyone can be named aloud. We can each only marvel at the rich generosity of God, who not only calls us to share in the divine mission to the world but gives to us so many fellow Christians to join us in missionary discipleship. So as the names of those who are licensed and commissioned today are read out, please also pray for all those in your own churches who are obedient to God's call in their daily lives and pray that we may offer ourselves as co-labourers with Christ, blessed in His service.

To be commissioned as Local Evangelist:

Julie Omolara Adesina

Ian Beckett

James Crick

Peter Goodwin

Margaret Hill

Claire Lord

Dawn Raggio

To be commissioned as a Parish Evangelist in the Deanery of Newham:

Justina Adejori

Chukwudi Asuoha

Baby Asuoha

Solomon Bankole

Margaret Nakiyuka-Kamra

Ekundayo Newbury

Helena Noi

Jacqui Thurlow

Denise Thomas

To be commissioned as a Pastoral Assistant:

Vicky Dreese

Sheryl Dyson

Joy Hawkins

Louise Kearns

Barbara Lumsden

Helen Morris

Jackie Randall

Davina Snowball-Watson

David Thorpe

Molara Tarigha

To be commissioned as a Spiritual Companion:

Sally Dilley
Jane Marr
Garry Paxton
Chris Thomas
Susan Wiggins
Angela Wheeler

Those who have completed the Leading Services with Confidence course:

Irene Allen
Karen Amey
Fiona Begley
Paula Burls
Karen Eyles
Scott Gailer
Moir Gunfield
Ann Lyons
Gordon MacLean
David Thorpe

¶ The Gathering

Before the celebration begins, the congregation is welcomed by the Dean.

Please stand to sing

Hymn

Graham Kendrick b. 1950

**Make way, make way for Christ the King
in splendour arrives.**

**Fling wide the gates and welcome him
into your lives.**

*Make way, (make way), make way! (make way)
for the King of kings (for the king of kings).
Make way, (make way), make way! (make way)
and let his kingdom in.*

**He comes the broken hearts to heal
the prisoners to free.**

**The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.**

Make way...

**And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh;
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.**

Make way...

**We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all.**

**To have no gods before him
their thrones must fall!**

Make way...

Words & Music: Graham Kendrick

The Bishop greets the people:

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

All **And also with you.**

The Bishop gives words of welcome.

Collect for Ministry

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 Liturgy of the Word**

Bible Readings

Joshua 1 v 1 - 9

Read by David Thorpe

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it.

For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 12 v 1 - 18

Read by Margaret Nakiyuka-Kamra

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev'd Ed Olsworth-Peters, Director of Innovation and Development for St Mellitus College

Please stand to sing

Hymn



Verses:

Chorus:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered to - day.

**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.**

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

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

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

Words and music: Bernadette Farrell

Commissioning of Lay Ministers

Today we celebrate those who have trained for local ministries in the Diocese of Chelmsford, praying that God will continue to richly bless them and those they serve.

Stephen Norris, Evangelism training co-ordinator, says:

The ministry of the Evangelist is a ministry of communicating the Christian faith by word and action. Bishop, I present to you.....

The Bishop prays for the Local Evangelists.

Judy Cecil, Pastoral Assistant Training Co-ordinator, says:

The ministry of the Pastoral Assistant is a ministry of pastoral care in the Church and the wider community. Bishop, I present to you...

The Bishop prays for the Pastoral Assistants.

Revd Canon Professor Jeanette Meadway, Parish Evangelist Training co-ordinator, says:

The ministry of the Parish Evangelist is a ministry of outreach into the communities in which they are called. Bishop, I present to you those who have completed the Time 2 Share Course...

The Bishop prays for the Newham evangelists

Revd Ann Coleman, Spiritual Companion Training co-ordinator, says:

The ministry of a Spiritual Companion is to be a servant to a fellow disciple, helping them to notice and name where God is moving in their life and to discern the way forward. Bishop, I present to you...

The Bishop prays for the Spiritual Companions.

Caroline Harding, Lay Ministry Adviser, says:

The ministry of Authorised Local Preacher is to bring the Word of God to local congregations.

The Bishop prays for the Authorised Local Preachers.

Revd Asa Humphries says:

Lay people are called to lead services to enable local congregations to worship together.

The Bishop prays for all who lead congregations in worship.

A churchwarden says:

As a body has many members, so many kinds of ministry, leadership and service enable our life together.

The Bishop prays for Churchwardens.

Please remain standing to sing

Hymn

FULDA

William Gardiner in *Sacred Melodies* 1815



**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth,
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free:
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified:
He sends his Spirit on his Church,
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim;
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

Words: Edward Burns (b. 1938)

Tune: Fulda

Commitment to Ministry

The congregation is reminded that all Christians lead lives of service and invite those present to re-commit themselves to God's service.

The Bishop says

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All **Amen.**

All pray together

**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 to your service,
and give us grace to respond with gladness;
for the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who has given you the will to undertake these things,
give you also the strength to perform them,
that he may complete that work that he has begun in you:
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Please stand to sing

Hymn



**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.**

Words: John Bode (1816-74)

Tune: Wolvercote

Blessing

The Bishop says

God give you a vision of his love,
faith to believe it and grace to fulfil it:
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord

All **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

You are all invited to remain in the Cathedral to share coffee with friends old and new. Here is an outline of the day:

11.30am: we are delighted to be joined by Revd Ed Olsworth-Peters, Director of Innovation and Development for St Mellitus College, who will talk to us about his role in Lay Ministry.

1.30pm: The Reader's AGM will take place in the Chapter House. All Readers and LLMs are invited to attend.

2.30pm: Service for the Licencing of Lay Ministers. If you hold a ticket for this event, please be seated by 2.15pm.

Safeguarding at Chelmsford Cathedral

Do you have a concern about a child or a vulnerable adult?

You must report that concern directly to our Cathedral Safeguarding Lead

Ms Lisa Blaco

Telephone: 07902 225131

Email: safeguarding@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

If she is unavailable, you must report your concern to our Assistant Safeguarding Lead

Revd Kate Moore

Telephone: 07860 459465

Email: safeguarding@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

If you have information about a safeguarding situation where a child or adult is in immediate danger call the emergency services on 999

To contact your local police to report a non-emergency concern call 101

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL WORSHIP

Join us during the week for prayer online, or in person, at the following times every day:

Weekdays

7.45am: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Eucharist on Thursdays*

5.15pm: Evensong on Mondays*, Tuesdays*, Thursdays & Fridays

Sundays

7.45am: Morning Prayer

8am: Eucharist (BCP)

8.45am: Breakfast with the Bible

10.30am: Eucharist

11.30am: Coffee

3.30pm: Evensong

For details of how to listen live or later, visit our website chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk and find our Regular Worship page.

*available to join in person only



Visit us at chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk