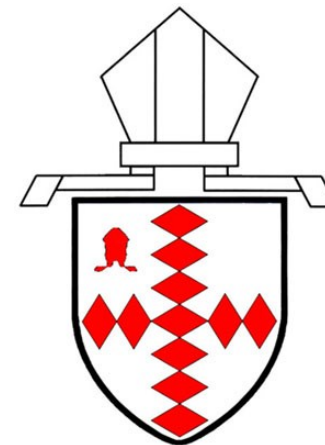


The Licensing of
The Revd Jennifer Walpole
by
**The Rt Revd Dr Rosemarie Mallett,
Bishop of Croydon**
and
**The Venerable Greg Prior,
Archdeacon of Croydon**
at
St George the Martyr, Shirley
Thursday 3rd October 2024 at 7.30pm



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God beyond earth's finest treasures,
you alone shall have my praise;
I will love your cherished people,
I will serve you all my days;
be my ruler,
be my refuge,
God the guardian of my ways.

You have caused my life to prosper -
countless gifts your love has planned!
Day and night your wisdom prompts me,
show me all that you command;
God before me,
God beside me,
safe within your care I stand.

When my earthly days are over,
fresh delights remain in store:
vaster riches, fuller pleasure
than I ever knew before -
life unending,
joy unfading
in your presence evermore.

Words: Martin Leckebusch (1962-)

***A reception and a chance to
meet and congratulate Jenny
will be held in the church hall
after the service - everyone is
welcome!***

THE GREETING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

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!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

*The civic representatives and official guests are
escorted to the door*

Bishop In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

Bishop Peace be with you.
All And also with you.

The Bishop introduces the celebration

THE COLLECT

Bishop Let us pray.
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 Jennifer 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.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

A reading from the book of Job

Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends,
for the hand of God has touched me!
Why do you, like God, pursue me,
never satisfied with my flesh?

'O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock for ever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

Job chapter 19 verses 21 - 27a

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

GRADUAL HYMN

Stand
The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

Refrain
And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

Words Brian Wren b.1936

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stand
Bishop

Heavenly Father,
whose ascended Son
gave gifts of leadership and service to the
Church:
strengthen us who have received this holy
food to be good stewards of your manifold
grace, through him who came not to be
served but to serve, and to give up his life
as a ransom for many,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

BLESSING

Bishop
All
Bishop

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ
Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the
faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

All
DISMISSAL

Bishop
All

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast of saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.

Words and Music John Bell b.1949 and Graham Maule b.1958

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

*He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.* Refrain

*And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.* Refrain

Stuart Townend b.1963

THE GOSPEL

Remain standing

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke
Glory to you O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people

welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.” I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

Luke chapter 10 verses 1 - 12

Reader This is the gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you O Christ.

Sit

**THE SERMON: The Venerable Greg Prior,
Archdeacon of Croydon**

THE PRESENTATION

The Priest-in-Charge designate is presented to the Bishop by the Area Dean

Bishop Rosemarie, I present to you the Rev'd Jennifer Walpole to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of this Parish.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord,
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight -
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Words and Music David Evans b.1957

Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bishop Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are they who are called to his supper.
All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be
healed.

The Bishop and people receive Communion

Baptised Christians of all denominations, if they normally receive Communion in their own Churches, are welcome to receive Communion

If you would prefer a blessing please come forward keeping your hands at your side or folded in front of you

Please ask if you require a gluten-free wafer

COMMUNION HYMNS

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now,
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found -
we stand on holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

The Bishop replies

Thank you for your presentation, which I am happy to accept. I invite the Archdeacon to administer the Declaration and Oaths.

THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT AND THE OATHS

The Declaration of Assent, the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Canonical Obedience are administered by the Archdeacon

THE REAFFIRMATION OF ORDINATION VOWS

Bishop Jenny, before you receive this share in our pastoral charge will you, before God and this congregation, renew your dedication to Christ as a Priest of the new covenant?

Priest I will.

Bishop At your ordination you accepted the responsibility of the Priesthood out of love for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Are you resolved to unite yourself more closely to him by being diligent in prayer and the study of the Holy Scriptures? Will you continually stir up the gift of God that is within you to make Christ known to all?

Priest With the help of God, I will.

Bishop Are you resolved to be a faithful minister of the mysteries of God, to celebrate the Eucharist and other liturgies with sincere devotion? Will you strive to fashion your

own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ?

Priest With the help of God, I will.

Bishop Will you promote unity, peace and love among all Christian people, and especially among those whom you serve? Will you do all that is within your power to build up the Church which is the Body of Christ?

Priest With the help of God, I will.

**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.**

THE COMMISSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Stand

Bishop My brothers and sisters, we who are baptised are called to worship and serve the living God. As a new chapter begins in the life of this Parish, let us recommit ourselves in the service of God and neighbour that the good news of his salvation may be known in our lives, our homes and our community. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

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

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

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

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

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread

Bishop We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving, we bring before you this
bread and this cup and we thank you for
counting us worthy to stand in your presence
and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St George and
all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.
All 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.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?
All With the help of God, we will.

Bishop 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, we will.

Bishop 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.

THE LICENSING

*Please sit. The Incumbent designate kneels before the
Bishop. The Bishop reads the Licence*

Bishop 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.

*The Bishop then blesses the new Priest-in-Charge,
saying*

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord
Jesus, 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
come down upon you and remain with you
always.
Amen.

The Archdeacon places the new Priest-in-Charge in her stall; she kneels as the Archdeacon says

The Lord himself is your keeper, the Lord is your defence upon your right hand. The Lord preserve you from all evil; it is even he that shall keep your soul. The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and for evermore.
Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Sit or kneel as the new the new Priest-in-Charge leads the intercessions

Priest Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

THE WELCOME

The Bishop presents the new Priest-in-Charge to the congregation

People of God, I present to you Jennifer Walpole as your new Parish Priest.

heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Bishop

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

All

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Bishop

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection

Bishop The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Bishop Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because within the royal Priesthood of your Church you ordain ministers to proclaim the word of God, to care for your people and to celebrate the sacraments of the new covenant.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and [saying/singing]:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,

The Area Dean introduces the welcomes to the new Priest-in-Charge, beginning with the Churchwardens who say

On behalf of the Parish of St George the Martyr, Shirley we welcome you as our new Priest-in-Charge. We promise that we will bear our full share with you in all the work of the Parish.

Other representatives of the community may greet the new Priest-in-Charge

At the end the Priest-in-Charge replies

Thank you for your welcome. Let us pray daily for one another that we may work together for Christ with faithfulness, zeal and love.

THE NOTICES

The Priest-in-Charge gives the notices

THE PEACE

Stand

Bishop 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.

Bishop Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may shake hands or otherwise greet one another, saying "peace be with you"

OFFERTORY HYMN

The proceeds of the collection taken up during the hymn after deducting incidental expenses relating to the service will be donated to the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Fund, more information about which is available at southwark.anglican.org/lentcal

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Francis Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Bishop Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands
have made.

All It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Bishop Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER