

***The Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich***



***Licensing of***  
***The Reverend Jeremy Robert Lind***  
***as Curate in Charge (Parish Priest)***  
***of St Mary Newmarket***  
***by***  
***The Right Reverend Mike Harrison***  
***Bishop of Dunwich***

***Preacher***  
***The Right Reverend Norman Banks***  
***Bishop of Richborough***

***Monday 21 August 2023 at 7.30pm***

## The Gathering

*Please stand*

*The Rural Dean announces the opening 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 victory is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Irish c 8th century. Translated by Mary Burne 1880-1931*

*The Bishop of Dunwich stands before the congregation and 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 Jeremy in 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.

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: 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.**

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

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

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

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: God our Father, hear our prayer for your faithful people, that all in their vocation and ministry may be instruments of your love.  
Forgive us our sins  
and assure us of your eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Presentation of the New Priest**

*Jeremy, accompanied by the Rural Dean, stands before the Bishop of Dunwich*

Rural Dean:

Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you  
*Jeremy Robert Lind* to be licensed to this Parish.

Bishop: I thank you and all who, with prayer, have been involved in the appointment of *Jeremy* to this Parish.

*The Rural Dean returns to his seat*

Bishop: *Jeremy*, do you believe that you are called by God and His Church to accept his work?

Priest: I do.

*The Churchwardens stand with the new Priest*

### **The People's Commitment**

Bishop: The ministry of the Church is shared by all of God's people, exercising their particular gifts. Scripture calls each of us to use our gifts to build up the body of Christ in love.

*Jeremy* has accepted the call to serve and minister with you so I now ask you, the people of God in this Parish, to commit to supporting him.

*The Bishop addresses the Churchwardens*

Churchwardens, will you, as officers of the Bishop and on behalf of the people of God in this Parish, care for *Jeremy* and support him in all those duties which he undertakes as your Priest?

The Churchwardens:

With the help of God, we will.

*The Bishop addresses the congregation*

Bishop: People of God, will you uphold and encourage *Jeremy* in his work and ministry?

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

Bishop: Will you continually pray for *Jeremy*?

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

**The Liturgy of the Word**

A reading from the Gospel of John 1.1-14 (KJV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**

given by The Right Reverend Norman Banks  
Bishop of Richborough

## The Liturgy of Licensing

### *The Symbols of Ministry*

*Water in a jug is brought forward*

Bishop: Christ calls His Church to share his good news, to make disciples in his name and to build up his followers in unity and in the power of the Spirit.

**All:     God so loved the world  
          that he gave his only Son  
          so that everyone who believes in him  
          may not perish but have everlasting life.**

*based on Ephesians 4. 5; John 3.16*

Bishop: *Jeremy*, take the water and baptise as our Lord has commanded.

**All:     Amen.**

*The Priest takes the jug of water to the font*

*A Bible is brought forward*

Bishop: God has given us the gift of Scripture.  
Let us commit ourselves together to read and study it and to live out the Christian faith through word and deed.

**All:     We proclaim Christ crucified,  
          the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

*based on Psalm 119. 33; 1 Corinthians 1. 23-24*

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

**All:     Amen.**

*The Bible is placed on the lectern*

*The bread and wine are brought forward*

Bishop: On the night before he died, Christ commanded his apostles to remember him.

Every time we eat the bread and drink the cup at the table of the Lord, we proclaim his death until he comes.

**All: Jesus is the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to him will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in him will never be thirsty.**

*based on John 6. 33-35*

Bishop: *Jeremy*, take this bread and wine and celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ for all.

**All: Amen.**

*The bread and wine are placed on the altar*

*Oil is brought forward*

Bishop: Remember that as an ambassador for Christ, God has called you with all His people, to make Christ visible and to care for all in this Parish in His name.

**All: The Son of man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

*based on John 13. 5; Mark 10. 45*

Bishop: *Jeremy* take these oils and tend the people of God in this parish.

**All: Amen.**

### **Declaration and Oaths**

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

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Head of the Church, I, Mike, Bishop of Dunwich, acting under the Commission of Martin, Lord Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, am here to license you as Curate in Charge of this Parish to be known as Parish Priest.

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*

Archdeacon:

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. *Jeremy*, 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**

*(facing the Bishop)*

I, *Jeremy Robert Lind*, 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 Oath of Allegiance to His Majesty the King**

*(facing the congregation)*

I, *Jeremy Robert Lind*, 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.

### **The Oath of Canonical Obedience**

*(facing the Bishop)*

I, *Jeremy Robert Lind*, 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: Having made these declarations, *Jeremy* may now receive the Cure of Souls in this parish. Let us pray in silence that God will bless his ministry here.

*Please stand as Jeremy kneels before the Bishop*

*The Bishop reads the Licence to the congregation and then passes it to the Priest, saying*

*Jeremy*, 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 Bishop then blesses the Priest:*

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen.

## **The Welcome**

*The Bishop presents the new Priest to the congregation*

People of this Parish, I present to you your new Curate in Charge now duly licensed and I invite you to greet him in the name of Christ. I commend him to your love and to your prayers.

**All: Amen.  
May the Lord richly bless you and make you a blessing among us.**

*Please greet your new Priest with a round of applause*

*The Rural Dean then welcomes the new Priest into the Deanery and introduces him to representatives from local churches and community groups*

**Prayers of intercession**  
*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

## **The Dismissal**

*Please stand as the Bishops pronounce God's Blessing*

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.**

*A collection will be taken during the recessional hymn*

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.

*Edward Burns b. 1938*

*The Priest, standing by the open door of the church, says*

Go in the power of Christ.

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

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God!**



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