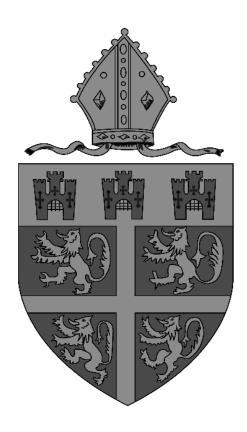
# The Ordination of a Deacon

President: The Rt Rev'd the Bishop of Beverley

Preacher: The Rt Rev'd the Bishop of Newcastle



Sunday 4th July 2021 at 3pm



## A warm welcome to St Bede's Newsham

We hope you enjoy this moving and important service as we come to support and pray for Sion, to be ordained Deacon today.

Our welcomers are stationed by the entrance and will be happy to help during your time with us today.

Please feel free to sit or kneel if standing is difficult for you.

During this time of special precautions, no collection plate will be passed around during the service. However, you can leave a donation in the plate at the exits as you leave church.

Toilets are located in the Parish Centre

Holy Communion will be distributed to you in your place. Please keep your head bowed if you would rather receive a blessing.

# Worshipping safely together:

**Face masks –** unless you have a medical exemption, please keep your mask on the whole time you are in the building. (The only exception is for those leading our worship when they are speaking, and the choir when they are singing.)

**Seating** – please only sit where a service sheet has been placed. Once you have chosen your seat, please do not change, as that place will then have to be sanitised before anyone else can sit there.

**Receiving Holy Communion –** please do not leave your seat. Keep your mask on until you have been given the Host, which will be dropped into your cupped hands so there is no skin contact. You may remove the mask to put the Host in your mouth, but then please replace it immediately.

At the end of the service – please leave, keeping your distance from others.

## Introduction to the Ordination Service

The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his kingdom.

To serve this royal priesthood, God has given a variety of ministries.

Deacons are ordained so that the people of God may be better equipped to make Christ known. Theirs is a life of visible self-giving. Christ is the pattern of their calling and their commission. As he washed the feet of his disciples, so they must wash the feet of others.

Please pray God's blessing on all those to be ordained Deacon at this time, for their training Incumbents and for the parishes where they will serve their title, and especially today:

Sion Awen Mihangel Hughes Carew

to serve in the Parishes of Newsham St Bede and Horton St Mary the Virgin, and Cowpen St Benedict

## The Declaration of Assent

Sion has already made the Declaration of Assent and the necessary Oaths required of Deacons, Priests and Bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained and on each occasion when they take up a new appointment (Canon C15). The text of these is printed below.

#### **Preface**

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?

#### **Declaration of Assent**

I, N, 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 authorized or allowed by Canon.

## The Oath of Allegiance

I, N, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors, according to law. So help me God.

#### The Oath of Canonical Obedience

I, N, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Newcastle and her successors in all things lawful and honest. So help me God.

#### **Order of Service**

## The Gathering and Presentation

Please stand as the procession enters:

## The Greeting

Please remain standing as the Bishop greets the people, saying:

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one body and one spirit.

All There is one hope to which we were called;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you.

All And also with you.

#### The Presentation

Please sit.

Sion presented to the Bishop by the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, the Rev'd Claire Robson

Reverend Father in God, I present Sion Hughes Carew to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God; he is to serve in the Parishes of Newsham St Bede and Horton St Mary the Virgin, and Cowpen St Benedict.

The Bishop asks these questions, to which the Director of Ordinands responds:

Have those whose duty it is to know this ordinand and examine him found him to be of godly life and sound learning?

They have.

Do they believe him to be duly called to serve God in this ministry?

#### They do.

The Bishop asks the Ordinand:

Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry? I do so believe.

I invite the Director of Ordinands to confirm that the Ordinand has taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

The Director of Ordinands says:

He has duly taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop. He has affirmed and declared his 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.'

The Bishop introduces a period of silent prayer saying:

Let us pray for Sion to be ordained Deacon: and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

#### The Collect

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 now to be ordained 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 Ordinand and Director of Ordinands return to their seats.

# The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 1: 4 - 19

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We remain seated to listen and pray, as the choir sings Psalm 23

The Second Lesson: Romans 12: 1-13

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

## The Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel Reading: Luke 22: 24-27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

#### The Sermon

The sermon may be followed by a period of silence for reflection. Please stand to say:

The Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The congregation sits.

# The Liturgy of Ordination

#### The Declarations

Sion stands before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation, saying:

Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love.

They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.

Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound.

Deacons are to seek nourishment from the Scriptures; they are to study them with God's people, that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the gospel in the world. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us.

#### The Bishop addresses Sion directly, saying:

We trust that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to give yourself wholly to his service, that you may draw his people into that new life which God has prepared for those who love him.

And now, in order that we may know your mind and purpose, you must make the declarations we put to you.

Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

#### I do so accept them.

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

By the help of God, I will.

Do you believe the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of England has received it, and in your ministry will you expound and teach it?

I believe it and will so do.

Will you strive to make the love of Christ known through word and example, and have a particular care for those in need?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you be a faithful servant in the household of God, after the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you endeavour to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ, that you may be a pattern and example to Christ's people?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you work with your fellow servants in the gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you accept the discipline of this Church and give due respect to those in authority?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to grow in holiness and grace?

By the help of God, I will.

Sion turns, as the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying:

Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that this ordinand is ready to undertake, and you have heard his declarations.

Is it now your will that he should be ordained?

All It is.

Will you continually pray for him?

All We will.

Will you uphold and encourage him in his ministry?

All We will.

Sion turns to face the Bishop once more, and he addresses him, saying:

In the name of our Lord, we bid you remember the greatness of the trust in which you are now to share: the ministry of Christ himself, who for our sake took the form of a servant.

Remember always with thanksgiving that the people among whom you will minister are made in God's image and likeness. In serving them you are serving Christ himself, before whom you will be called to account.

You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God.

Pray therefore that your heart may daily be enlarged and your understanding of the Scriptures enlightened.

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

A time of silent prayer is kept

Please remain seated or kneel as the hymn is sung:

#### **Veni Creator**

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire;

thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessèd unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love; enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face with the abundance of thy grace: keep far our foes, give peace at home; where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of Both, to be but One; that through the ages all along this may be our endless song.

Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words: John Cosin 1594-1672 after Veni Creator Spiritus

Tune: Veni Creator (Mechlin) NEH 138 Music: plainsong

## The Litany

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

## All Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Father.

## All Lord, have mercy.

For all the members of the Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve him in truth and love, let us pray to the Lord.

## All Lord, have mercy.

For Glyn, Christine and Mark, our Bishops, and for all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness, let us pray to the Lord.

## All Lord, have mercy.

For Sion called to be a deacon in his Church, let us pray to the Lord.

## All Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness we may proclaim the gospel of reconciliation to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

## All Lord, have mercy.

For the unity of the Church, that we may be one in Christ, according to his will, let us pray to the Lord.

## All Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, that they may receive the light of the gospel, and for those whose faith has grown cold, let us pray to the Lord.

## All Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and suffering, for the aged and infirm, for the lonely and neglected, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

## All Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the hungry, for the homeless and the oppressed, for all prisoners and captives, and for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith,

let us pray to the Lord.

## All Lord, have mercy.

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

## All Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, for grace to repent and amend our lives, that we may be pardoned and absolved from all our sins, let us pray to the Lord.

## All Lord, have mercy.

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith, and in communion with Our Lady, St Nicholas, St Benedict, St Bede and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God;

## All to you, O Lord. Amen.

Sion comes forward, and the Bishop says:

## **The Ordination Prayer**

We praise and glorify you, almighty Father, because in your infinite love you have formed throughout the world a holy people for your own possession, a royal priesthood, a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you because you sent your only Son Jesus Christ to take the form of a slave; he humbled himself for our sake, and in obedience accepted death, even death on a cross.

We praise and glorify you because in every age you send your Spirit to fill those whom you have chosen, to equip your holy people for the work of ministry,

for the building up of the body of Christ.

And now we give you thanks that you have called this your servant, whom we ordain in your name, to share as a deacon in the ministry of the gospel of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Sion. for the office and work of a Deacon in your Church.

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father, give this your servant grace and power to fulfil his ministry.

Make him faithful to serve and constant in advancing your gospel in the world.

May he follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son, who washed the feet of his disciples, and set the needs of others before his own.

May his life be disciplined and holy, his words declare your love and his actions reveal your glory, that your people may walk with him in the way of truth and be made ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.

## All Amen.

## The Presentation of a New Testament and Vesting

The Bishop gives a New Testament to Sion, and then says:

Receive this book,

as a sign of the authority given you this day to speak God's word to his people.

Build them up in his truth and serve them in his name.

Sion vests himself with a stole.

#### The Welcome

Sion turns to face the congregation and the Bishop says:

We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

All We welcome you as a fellow servant in the gospel: may Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love.

The congregation greets the new Deacon with applause.

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Please stand

#### The Peace

The Bishop introduces the Peace, saying:

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **All and also with you.** 

A hymn is played as the altar is prepared

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

## All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

#### All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through your servant, Jesus Christ our Lord.

At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son.

Coming among us as one who serves,
he taught us that the greatest in your kingdom
are those who make themselves least and the servants of all.

Although he was their teacher and their Lord, he washed the feet of his disciples and commanded us to do the same, that we might reveal the power of your love, made perfect in our human weakness.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, 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.

The Bishop continues the prayer saying:

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

# All Christ has died, Christ is risen Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Nicholas, St Benedict, St Bede, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

#### All Amen.

Please kneel or sit

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and 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.
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.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.

#### The Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace

During the current restrictions, when we cannot share a common cup, only the Host will be offered. Please cup your hands so that it can be dropped into them, without skin contact.

Gluten free Hosts are available. Please ask if you require one.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### All Amen.

Please stand

## The Sending Out

The Bishop says:

God who has called you is faithful. May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens, cleanse you by his holiness and send you to proclaim his word.

#### All Amen.

May Christ, who has ascended to the heights, pour upon you the riches of his grace.

#### All Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, the comforter, equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

#### All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

#### All Amen.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

#### All Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing until the Procession has left the building.

Please maintain social distancing on the way out of the building.