



THE COLLATION AND INDUCTION OF

THE REVEREND GAVIN FOSTER

**AS VICAR OF
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, LOCKS HEATH**

**BY
THE RIGHT REVEREND CHRISTOPHER FOSTER
BISHOP OF PORTSMOUTH**

**4 SEPTEMBER 2016
4.00pm**

*Please stand for the opening hymn, during which the Bishop's procession enters.
The Vicar designate stays at the door, with the Churchwardens and a representative
from the Winchester Diocese.*

HYMN (No 394) TELL OUT MY SOUL

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 b 1926
Song No 2402653

Bishop Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

The Bishop invites the congregation to sit and introduces the service.

Bishop Heavenly Father,
we gather in your name with thankfulness and praise
for the continuing ministry of your Church in this place,
for all who have been raised up in times past
to serve here,
and for your servant Gavin,
called to this present ministry.
Guide and strengthen all your faithful people
that we may give ourselves in love and service
to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE PRESENTATION

The Vicar designate enters, accompanied by Canon Andrew Robinson, Chief Executive of the Diocese of Winchester. The Archdeacon (The Venerable Gavin Collins, Archdeacon of the Meon) steps forward to join them in front of the Bishop.

Canon Andrew Robinson says:

Reverend Father in God, I bring greetings from the Bishop of Winchester and from the Diocese of Winchester, where Gavin has served as Bishop's Chaplain. We wish him every blessing in this new ministry. We pray that the parish, the community and the diocese will be enriched by his presence, and that Gavin will know joy and peace in his life and ministry here.

Archdeacon Father in God, I present to you Gavin Richard Foster, who, after prayer, consultation and discernment has been chosen to serve as Vicar in this parish, and I present him to be collated.

Bishop Thank you for your presentation and commendation.

The Bishop addresses Gavin:

Gavin, I greet you and your family in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and welcome you to this diocese. You have been chosen as Vicar of St John the Baptist, Locks Heath. Do you believe that God has truly called you to this ministry?

Gavin I believe that God has called me, and with his help, I will serve faithfully in this ministry.

The Bishop addresses the people of the parish:

People of God, is it your will that Gavin should serve with you in this parish?

All It is.

Silence is kept.

Bishop 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 each in their vocation and ministry may be an instrument of your love, and give to your servant Gavin the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 18:1-11

Reader This is the word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Reader This is the word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God**

The Sermon The Right Reverend Christopher Foster, Bishop of
Portsmouth

SONG BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE

Please stand and sing:

Come, set Your rule and reign
in our hearts again.
Increase in us we pray
unveil why we're made.
Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope
like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit come invade us now.
We are Your church
we need Your power in us.

We seek Your kingdom first
we hunger and we thirst.
Refuse to waste our lives
for You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released
the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause.
We are Your church
we pray: revive this earth.

Chorus
Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here

We pray

Unleash Your kingdom's power
reaching the near and far.
No force of Hell can stop
your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this
awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church
we are the hope on earth.

Chorus x 2

We are Your church
We are the hope on earth.

The Rend Collective c2011
Thankyou Music (Adm. by Integrity Music)
Song No 6186078

All sit.

THE PROMISES OF PRIEST AND PEOPLE

Bishop I now invite Gavin to come forward, as priest and people make your promises to each other.

Those asking questions come forward.

Parishioner Jesus says, "my peace I leave you".
Gavin, will you bless us, delight in us, and celebrate God's presence here with us?

Gavin With gratitude to God for calling me here,
I will gladly give thanks, for you and with you:
at worship, in your homes and in this community.

Will you praise God with me, even when rejoicing is difficult?

All With the help of God, we will.

Parishioner Jesus says, "come to me, all who are weary and burdened."
Gavin, will you love us and pray for us in our tiredness, our burdens and our loss?

Gavin Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
I will love you and pray for you.

Will you allow me into your lives,
forgive me my failings,

and pray for me as I seek to care for you?

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

Children Jesus says “unless you become like children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Gavin, will you try to become like us?

Gavin Inspired by Christ’s humility, I promise to try.

People of God will you teach me?

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

Person from the community

Jesus says “blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness”.

Gavin, will you stand in solidarity with those in this community who long for healing and justice?

Gavin Yearning, with God, for the good of all people: I will.

Will you challenge me, and join with me as we work and pray for justice here and everywhere?

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

Nominated PCC members

Jesus says “follow me”. Gavin, will you help us to discover what discipleship means for us, learn with us and lead us out into the world to make new followers of Jesus?

Gavin Praying for God’s guidance, I promise to support you and lead you.

Will you stay faithful, even when we face challenges or difficulties together?

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

Archdeacon To help you fulfil these promises, we offer you gifts.

Gifts are brought to the front.

Reader (bringing a bible)

Here is God’s Word: your inspiration and your strength.

Vergar (bringing bread and wine)

Here is bread and wine, to nourish and unite.

Children (bringing water)

Here is water, for new life and blessing.

Area Dean (bringing oil)
Here is oil, to heal and transform.

The Churchwardens (bringing gifts)
Here is a token of our love for you both,
and the promise of our prayers to sustain you.

Area Dean (deanery colleagues stand)
Here are your deanery colleagues,
committed to working together with you.

Bishop Here I am: to love you, challenge you, pray for you and support you.

All stand.

Archdeacon
And most importantly, here are your people.
People of this parish, will you welcome Gavin as your Vicar?

All We will.

All sit.

THE COLLATION

Bishop In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I shall now admit Gavin Richard Foster, Clerk in Holy Orders, to the office of Vicar of this parish, but first the Oaths must be taken and the Declaration of Assent made and subscribed, according to law.

Gavin, supported by the Archdeacon, stands before the Bishop.

The Bishop addresses Gavin:

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?

Gavin, facing the congregation, affirms, saying:

I, Gavin Richard Foster, 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.

Taking a Bible and still facing the people, he says:

I, Gavin Richard Foster, swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, her heirs and successors, according to law: so help me God.

Holding the Bible, he turns to the Bishop and says:

I, Gavin Richard Foster, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

The declarations are signed.

The Bishop commends Gavin to the prayers of the congregation. They then kneel together.

All sit or kneel to sing this song, seeking the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit for ministry:

HYMN (No 249) HOLY SPIRIT LIVING BREATH OF GOD

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord
come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me,
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin
in each thought and deed and attitude:
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on earth,

cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

*Keith Getty b 1974 & Stuart Townend b1963
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(Adm. by worship together) Song No 4779872*

The congregation stands as Gavin remains kneeling. The Bishop stands, reads the collation, and then hands it to Gavin saying:

Bishop Gavin, receive the Cure of Souls, which is both yours and mine;
 in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Gavin Amen.

Then the Bishop, laying his hand upon him, blesses him, saying:

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Parish colleagues (lay and ordained) step forward, and gather around Gavin. The Bishop says:

Almighty God,
who for the salvation of the world
gives his people many gifts and ministries,
stir up in you the gifts of his grace,
and sustain you in your shared ministry in this place;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

THE INDUCTION

Bishop Archdeacon, we have now collated Gavin as Vicar of this parish. We
 now authorise you to induct him.

The Archdeacon hands the new Vicar the keys of the church, takes him to his stall and says:

Gavin, I install you as Vicar of this parish.

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace.

All Amen.

Gavin alone kneels and prays

Remember, Lord, what you have done for us and not what we deserve.
As you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

All sit.

THE WELCOME

The Archdeacon congratulates and welcomes the new Vicar ending with:
Gavin, on behalf of the Archdeaconry, I welcome you.

The Area Dean welcomes him ending with:
In the name of the clergy of the deanery, I welcome you.

The Deanery Lay Chairperson welcomes him ending with:
In the name of the lay people of this deanery, I welcome you.

A representative of other local Christian churches welcomes him ending with:
In the name of your fellow Christians in this area, I welcome you.

A representative of the local community welcomes him ending with:
In the name of all who live and work here, I welcome you.

The new Vicar responds briefly to the welcome.

Please stand and sing:

HYMN I STAND AMAZED

I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene.
And wonder how he could love me
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Chorus
How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be.
How marvellous! How wonderful!
Is my Saviour's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows
he made them his very own.
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone.

Chorus

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see.
'Twill be my joy through the ages
to sing of His love for me.

Chorus

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel & Chris Tomlin
Song No 4674207

THE PRAYERS

Please sit as Gavin leads the congregation in prayers of intercession for the parish, community and world, concluding with:

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The new Vicar makes the announcements.

All stand and sing:

CLOSING HYMN THY HAND O GOD HAS GUIDED (No 814 vs 1, 3, 5 & 6)

1. Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;

And both of this bear witness:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

3. When shadows thick were falling,
and all seemed sunk in night.
Thou, Lord, didst send thy servants,
thy chosen sons of light.
On them and on thy people
thy plenteous grace was poured.
And this was still their message:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

5. And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, heads hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

6. Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored.
And this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Edward Hayes Plumptre
1821 – 1891
Song No 2478096

Bishop The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Bishop God the Father draw you deeper into the divine love;
God the Son empower you to serve the world;
God the Holy Spirit strengthen you to proclaim the Gospel;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.

Vicar Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The Bishop's procession leaves, followed by the Clergy and Readers.

A retiring collection will be taken for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, which is used for pastoral purposes across the diocese, and enables the Bishop and his senior colleagues to give immediate and confidential support where there is personal or emergency need.

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Everyone is invited to drinks and canapés in the Church Hall after the service.