



The Church of England
in Essex and East London

Diocese of Chelmsford

Licensing
by the Bishop of Colchester
The Rt Revd **Roger Morris**

and the Installation
by the Archdeacon of Stansted
The Venerable **Kate Peacock**

of
The Revd Eleanor-Joy Harris
as Team Vicar
of
The Saffron Walden and Villages
Team Ministry

11th June 2025

St Mary and Virgin, Saffron Walden

The Gathering

The Area Dean welcomes the people and invites them to stand for the opening hymn, during which the ministers enter.

Opening Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly
anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless
king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends
their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

The Greeting

Bishop Grace, mercy and peace,
 from God our Father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ,
 be with you
All **and also with you.**

The Bishop introduces the service with these or other suitable words

Bishop We have come together in the presence of God, to welcome Ella and her family to this benefice, to license her to the ministry she will share, to pray for *Ella* and for those who minister with her, and to dedicate ourselves afresh to the service of God in these communities and to the call which God makes of each one of us.

Presentation of the New Minister

The Team Rector leads the new minister to stand before the Bishop and says

Bishop Roger, I present Ella to you to be licensed to the pastoral care of souls in this benefice.

Bishop I thank you, and all those who with prayer have been involved in the appointment of Ella to this benefice.

The Patron returns to her seat.

Ella, do you believe, so far as you know your own heart, that God has called you to serve here?

Minister I believe that God has called me.

Bishop Will you commit yourself to the mission and ministry of the people in this place, to further the kingdom of God?

Minister With the help of God, I will.

The minister turns to face the congregation, and the Bishop says

People of God, will you welcome Ella and support and uphold her in her ministry, now and in the years to come?

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

Will you stir up the gift of God which is in you, to work with Ella for the building of God's kingdom here?

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

The Collect

Bishop 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 Ella 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Acts 11.19–30

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

At the end of the reading the reader may say

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

Sermon

Bishop Roger

Hymn: Come down, O Love divine

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

The Liturgy of Licensing

The people sit and the new minister stands before the Bishop.

Bishop Ella, before you receive this share in our pastoral charge
will you, before God and this congregation, reaffirm the

promises you made when you were ordained and accepted the Priesthood out of love for the Lord Jesus and his Church?

Minister I will.

Bishop At your ordination to the priesthood, you took authority to watch over and care for God's people, to absolve and bless them in his name, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and to minister the sacraments of his New Covenant. Will you continue as a faithful steward of the mysteries of God, preaching the gospel of Christ and ministering his holy sacraments?

Minister By the help of God, I will.

The Declaration and Oaths

The new Minister makes the Declaration of Assent and takes the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Canonical Obedience.

Bishop 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?

Minister I, **Eleanor-Joy Harris**, 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 minister turns and faces the people and taking a Bible in her right hand swears the oath of allegiance.

Minister I, **Eleanor-Joy Harris** 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.

Continuing to hold the Bible in her right hand, the minister swears the oath of Canonical Obedience.

Minister I, **Eleanor-Joy Harris**, do swear that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford and the Area Bishop of Colchester and their successors, in all things lawful and honest, so help me God.

Choir Anthem

The Lord Bless you and Keep you, by John Rutter

During which, the Minister and the Bishop sign the declaration and oaths.

Licensing

The Bishop reads the Deed of Licence and gives it to the Minister, saying

Receive this cure of souls, which is both yours and mine; in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop commends the new minister to the prayers of the people in silence.

The new Minister kneels

The Bishop may then anoint the new Minister with the oil of Chrism, saying

Ella, remember your baptism into Christ. Remember your ordination in the Church of God.

May God who anointed Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit anoint and empower you for the blessing of God's people.

All **Amen.**

The ministry team joins the Minister, and they kneel or stand before the Bishop.

Ministry is the work of the whole people of God.

Members of the ministry team, you have specific responsibilities to serve and lead God's people in these communities. Will you welcome Ella to the team, and work creatively and faithfully with her, meeting regularly for prayer, study and fellowship, and doing all in your power to support each other in fulfilling the ministry of Christ and working with the people of God in this place?

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

Taking his pastoral staff, the Bishop commissions and blesses the new Minister and the ministry team, saying

I commission you to work together with all God's people, so that Christ may be made known and his kingdom established.

The God of all faithfulness strengthen you for your ministry and commitment to one another; the God of all grace give you vision, courage and joy; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and upon all your work done in his name, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The churchwardens present the keys of the churches to the Minister and the Archdeacon says

The cure of souls is a ministry alongside all those who live or work in these communities. This church must be open to God's world and to all who seek him.

Ella you are called to help the people who are refreshed here by their worship and fellowship to live out their faith in these communities, so that God's love may be known.

All **Together, by God's grace,
we will be Christ's people at work in the world.**

*The churchwardens lead the Archdeacon and the Minister to the font,
and the people turn to face them.*

Presenting water for baptism, one says

Ella, be among us as someone who rejoices to bring new
Christians to baptism and to share with them the Living
Water, Jesus Christ himself.

All **Together, by God's grace,
we will grow in our faith and discipleship.**

*The churchwardens lead the Archdeacon and the Minister to the South
Chapel, and the people turn to face them.*

Presenting the oil of healing, one says

Be among us as someone of reconciliation, showing God's
forgiveness and healing.

All **Together, by God's grace,
we will be a Christ-like community of love.**

*The churchwardens lead the Archdeacon and the Minister to the
Lectern, and the people turn to face them.*

Presenting a large bible, one says

Be among us as someone who studies the Scriptures,
proclaims the Word and explores the faith.

All **Together, by God's grace,
we will tell the good news of Christ to the world.**

*The churchwardens lead the Archdeacon and the Minister to the
minister's seat, and the people turn to face them.*

*Presenting a copy of the Book of Common Prayer or of Common
Worship, one says*

Be among us as someone of prayer, offering the Church's
liturgy and interceding for God's people.

All **Together, by God's grace,
we will worship God in spirit and in truth.**

The churchwardens lead the Archdeacon and the Minister to the Altar, and the people turn to face them.

Presenting bread and wine, one says

Be among us as someone of the eucharist, presiding among us when we celebrate the Lord's death and resurrection.

All **Together, by God's grace,
we will seek to be the living body of Christ.**

The churchwardens lead the Archdeacon and the Minister to the East end of the Nave, and the people turn to face them.

Presenting a Chelmsford holding cross, the Archdeacon says

Jesus said, If anyone wants to be my disciple, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me. Ella, be among us as someone who holds onto the cross of Christ and shares it with others.

All **Together, by God's grace,
we will walk in the way of the cross.**

The Installation

The Archdeacon leads the Minister to her stall in the church, and places her in it, saying

Eleanor-Joy, I install you as team vicar of this benefice. Pray for your people, lead them in worship and service, and encourage them in their witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Welcome

The Bishop presents the new Minister to the people, saying

People of this benefice, I present to you your new, now duly licensed and installed Team Vicar, and I invite you to greet her in the name of Christ. I commend her to your love and to your prayers.

All **We welcome you!**
May the Lord richly bless you
and make you a blessing among us.

The congregation greets the new Minister with a warm round of applause.

The Area Dean and Lay Chair welcome the new Minister into the Deanery with suitable words.

The Area Dean may, if appropriate, introduce representatives of the church and community, particularly any ecumenical partners, who also greet the new Minister

A hymn is sung.

*The collection for **LMDC Charity** is taken at this point. This is discretionary charity administered by the bishop to support licensed ministers in Chelmsford Diocese.*

Please use gift-aid envelopes if possible.

Hymn: Be Thou my Vision

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art;
thou my best thought,
by day or by night
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and
thou with me Lord;
thou my great Father,
and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling,
and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour,
and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter,
thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward,
O pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not,
nor all the world's praise,
thou my inheritance
now and always,
thou and thou only
the first in my heart,
High King of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven,
my victory won,
may I reach Heaven's joys,
O bright Heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.

The new Minister gives out any notices and may offer thanks for their welcome.

Prayers of Intercession

The people kneel or sit for prayers of intercession, led by the new Minister.

These conclude with the Lord's Prayer:

**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 Dismissal

The Bishop pronounces 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.**

The people stand for the recessional hymn. During the hymn ministers move to the principal door of the church.

Hymn: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my
song;
this Cornerstone, this solid
Ground,
firm through the fiercest
drought and storm.
What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on
flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones
he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied –
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground
his body lay,
light of the world
by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious
blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry
to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of
man,
can ever pluck me from His hand:
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll
stand!

The congregation turn to face the door. The new Minister rings the church bell to make known to the community that her new ministry has begun.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28.18-20

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The new Minister throws the doors of the church wide open and dismisses the people

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God!**

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