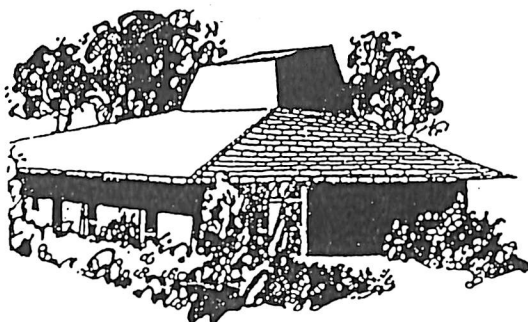


THE ANGLICAN PARISH
OF
SAINT PAUL
RINGWOOD



THE INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION
OF
THE REVEREND DOUGLAS G. EDMONDS
BY
THE RIGHT REVEREND ROBERT L. BUTTERS
BISHOP OF THE CENTRAL REGION

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER
1989

CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY

Processional Hymn: *to be sung at the entry of the procession.*



- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation;
all ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's longings have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
who with his love doth befriend thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
sheddeh his light,
chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
all that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
let the amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

Joachim Neander 1650-80
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 and others

The Priest to be instituted and inducted stands with the Churchwardens in front of the Bishop. The Bishop says:

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

(1 Peter 4.10)

All sit as the Archdeacon of Box Hill, The Venerable Rodney Oliver, welcomes the congregation, saying

In the Lord's name, welcome to St. Paul's as we celebrate this new ministry. The clergy of this area, Anglican and of other traditions are here to greet their new colleague. The people of this parish have come to greet their new pastor and to make Doug welcome, and to commit themselves afresh to Christ's ministry in this place. And so we come to celebrate this new beginning, as Bishop Robert Butters on behalf of the Administrator representing the wider church, institutes Douglas Edmonds into the pastoral charge of this parish of St. Paul, Ringwood.

The Churchwardens, Mr Jock Herbert, Miss Phyl Witton and Mr Ray Carroll present the new incumbent saying

Right Reverend Father in God, we present to you Douglas Edmonds, who has been duly chosen to serve in this parish, and we desire that he be instituted into this ministry.

The Archdeacon administers the declarations and oaths. The Area Dean of Croydon, the Reverend Brian Audsley, reads the licence.

All stand as the Bishop says

Douglas, do you in the presence of this congregation commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

I do.

The Bishop asks the people

People of this parish of Saint Paul will you renew your commitment to Christ and his church? Will you work with and pray for Doug in his ministry among you?

WE WILL WITH GOD'S HELP.

Let us then pray for the guidance and leadership of God the Holy Spirit in this new beginning.

Silence is kept, after which the following hymn to the Holy Spirit is sung:



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire
2 Thy bles - sed unc - tion from a - bove
3 a - noint and cheer our soil - ed face
4 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son,



1 and light - en with ce - le - stial fire;
2 is com - fort, life, and fire of love;
3 with the a - bun - dance of thy grace;
4 and thee with both to be but one,



1 thou the a - noint - ing Spi - rit art,
2 en - a - ble with per - pe - tual light
3 keep far our foes; give peace at home:
4 that through the a - ges all a - long



1 who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.
2 the dull - ness of our blind - edsight;
3 where thou art guide no ill can come.
4 this may be our end - less song:



Praise to thy e - ter - nal me - rit.



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

The Bishop says the Collect

Let us pray

Almighty God, you continually renew your church in life and ministry. Equip us afresh for your service and send your Spirit upon us that we may live and minister in the name of Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. AMEN.

The Bishop and other ministers return to their places.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Job 38: 1-18

Read by Mr Jock Herbert, Vicar's Warden

Anthem: THE LORD IS PRESENT IN HIS SANCTUARY

Gail Cole Arr. Mimi Farra

Second Reading: John 1: 1-14

Read by The Reverend Noel Delbridge, Locum tenens

The Sermon is preached by The Right Reverend Robert Butters after which the following hymn will be sung:



Father, I thank you for all that you've done.
You gave your son freely for me.
And I praise you for calling me,
Drawing me near,
Out of blindness you caused me to see.

Spirit of life, you are God's holy fire.
You've kindled my heart with your blaze.
And I know you're refining me,
Changing my life,
And by faith you're revealing your ways.

Jesus, I need you as Lord of my life.
I give all I have unto you.
Lord, I want to come
Under your heavenly hand,
And to praise you in all that I do.

THE INDUCTION

The congregation is seated as the Bishop and Priest move to a place where representatives of the people bring symbols of their shared ministry and in turn hand them to the priest.

A parishioner, Mrs Amy Cantwell, says

We ask you to accept this bible and proclaim the word of God.

A parishioner, Mr Brad Stelfox, presents bible.

The Bishop says

Be faithful in reading, studying and meditating on the scriptures, and be diligent in proclaiming them and encouraging the people to study them.

The Priest responds

I accept this ministry and thank God for it.

The people of the parish affirm their part in this ministry

WITH YOU WE WILL SEEK TO LIVE BY THE WORD OF GOD.

A parishioner, Mrs Bernice Jamieson, says

We ask you to accept this prayer book and lead us in worship.

A parishioner, Mr Ian McBurnie, presents prayer book.

Bishop

Be among your people a person of prayer, faithfully ordering the worship of God's people.

Priest

I accept this ministry and thank God for it.

People

WE PROMISE TO GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD IN PRAYER AND WORSHIP.

A parishioner, Mr Geoffrey Spruzen, says

Receive this water, the sign of our new life.

A parishioner, Miss Cynthia Warr, presents water.

Bishop

Be faithful in administering Holy Baptism according to the command of Christ.

Priest

I give thanks to God for this privilege and will administer this sacrament with care.

People

WE THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF BAPTISM AND WILL SHARE OUR LIFE OF FAITH WITH ALL WHO COME AMONG US.

A parishioner, Mr Rod Blundell, says

Take this roll and map of the parish as a sign of your pastoral ministry among us.

A parishioner, Mrs Elaine Longford, presents roll and map

Bishop

Be true to your ordination commission to care for God's people.

Priest

I give thanks to God for this privilege and seek his compassion and wisdom.

People

WE WILL JOIN WITH YOU IN PRAYING AND CARING FOR EACH OTHER AND FOR ALL IN NEED.

A parishioner, Mr Nigel McCleave, says

Receive this bread and wine which will become our spiritual food.

A parishioner, Miss Kathryn Hobday, presents bread and wine

Bishop

Be diligent in celebrating the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Priest

I thank God for this privilege and will do so faithfully and with joy.

People

WE TOO GIVE THANKS FOR THIS HOLY SACRAMENT IN WHICH CHRIST FEEDS AND STRENGTHENS US.

Bishop

Let all these be signs of the ministry which is Christ's.

The Priest stands before the Bishop who presents him with Administrator's licence, saying

My brother, I set you in your place among the people of God in this parish. Receive the cure of souls which is both yours and mine.

(The Priest kneels)

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit bless you and equip you with everything good, that you may do his will. AMEN.

The Priest is greeted and welcomed by the Deacon, The Reverend Elwyn Sparks, who says on behalf of the Ministry Team

I welcome your coming and look forward to your leadership and guidance in ministry.

Priest

We will work together to build up the Body of Christ.

(A greeting is exchanged)

The Priest is greeted and welcomed by the Churchwardens, who say

We welcome you as our pastor and our friend.

Priest

Thank you for your welcome. I look forward to our ministry together.

(A greeting is exchanged)

The Area Dean takes the new Priest by the hand and says

Doug, the clergy of the Croydon deanery welcome you.

Priest

I look forward to taking my part with you in the life of this deanery.

Clergy of the other Christian traditions present, say

Doug, we welcome you in the name of the Lord. With you and the people of this parish we affirm our allegiance to Christ, and our desire to work together in building up his body, the Church.

The Priest says

I look forward to sharing with you in the service of God.

(A greeting is exchanged)

The Mayor of Ringwood, Cr Lillian Rosewarne, says

On behalf of the people of the city of Ringwood
I welcome you.

The Priest responds

I will join with the people of Ringwood in building a just and caring community.

(A greeting is exchanged)

A representative of the former parish, The Reverend Brian Farran, says

Doug, we thank you for your past ministry in Wandal and commend you to your new community of faith.

All stand. The Bishop takes the Priest by the hand and says

People of the parish of Saint Paul. I invite you to greet your new priest.

The congregation responds with applause.

The new Priest leads the congregation in the greeting of Peace.

We are the body of Christ.
HIS SPIRIT IS WITH US.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.

The service continues with a hymn during which a collection is received.



1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light.

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight.

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

5 For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

6 For the church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint 1835-1917 alt.

All kneel as the Archdeacon leads the congregation in the following litany.

God the Father,
HAVE MERCY ON US.

God the Son,
HAVE MERCY ON US.

God the Holy Spirit,
HAVE MERCY ON US.

For your holy Church that it may be filled with truth and love, and be ready to greet its Lord; we pray to you, O Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For all members of your Church, and especially this congregation, that they may serve you faithfully in their vocation and ministry; we pray to you, O Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For John our Administrator, Robert our Bishop, and all called to the ordained ministry of the Church, that in love they may equip and encourage your people; we pray to you, O Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For Doug, chosen to minister in this congregation, that he may fulfil the duties of this ministry, build up your church, and glorify your Name; we pray to you, O Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For all who worship you, that they may be one as you are one with your Son and the Holy Spirit; we pray to you, O Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness we may preach the Gospel in this community and to the ends of the earth; we pray to you, O Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the peace of the world, that mutual respect and acceptance may grow among nations and peoples; we pray to you, O Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may act justly and promote the dignity and freedom of those they serve; we pray to you, O Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected; we pray to you, O Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to celebrate our life in Christ; we pray to you, O Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Paul and all the saints, we commend to you ourselves and one another, and all who have died in the faith of our Saviour Christ, who taught us to say.

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 newly instituted priest continues the service, saying

The Lord be with you.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Almighty and everlasting God, who strengthens and sustains all whom you call, grant that the people of this parish may love and care for each other with patience and understanding, that together we may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you our gifts and ministries through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Notices are given by the new Vicar.

The final hymn is sung.



Brother, sister let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you,
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
And companions on the road,
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard

The Bishop gives the Blessing.

God stir up within you the gift of his Spirit, that
you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and proclaim the
joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you
always. AMEN.

The new Vicar dismisses the congregation, saying

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST. AMEN.

A very warm invitation is extended to all members of the
congregation to share refreshments and fellowship with
the new Vicar.

