

Welcome to this Service of  
Licensing and Installation for  
The Revd Peter Godden  
as Team Vicar of  
St Dunstan's Monks Risborough  
and St Peter's Owlswick



## **General**

A hearing loop is provided in church. A toilet is available in the Church Hall. Please always maintain metre plus social distancing. Refreshments will be served in the marquee adjacent to the church hall following the service.

## **Introduction**

Please play your part in the service by answering firmly wherever 'All' is indicated in the margin.

Please spend some moments of quiet before the service:

- giving thanks to God for all who have worshipped and ministered here in the past
- praying for the present congregation
- praying for the new minister and his family
- praying for the local community served by this church
- praying for your own involvement in the life and witness of God's Church.

## **Overview**

This service is both a legal act and an act of worship. It marks the beginning of the ministry of Peter Godden and a new stage in the life of St Dunstan's and St Peter's. As the mission and ministry of the Church is the responsibility of all baptised people, so they come together with their new minister and the bishop to celebrate their ministry and offer themselves afresh to God.

The service has several distinct elements:

- The Gathering of the people, including the Presentation of the New Minister
- The Liturgy of Licensing, in which the tasks of ministry are spelled out, and its collaborative nature is emphasised as the context for the ministry of Peter Godden which is then formally inaugurated.

The **licensing** is the admission by the bishop of a priest into the bishop's spiritual oversight and care of a parish.

The **installation** is the formal placing by the archdeacon of a priest in his seat in the church.

Peter Godden is then duly welcomed.

### **The Revd Peter Godden**

Peter began training for ordination at Westcott House in Cambridge, reading theology at Clare College. He was ordained at St Paul's Cathedral in June 2014 and served as Curate of Holy Trinity, Northwood, before becoming Vicar of St John and St Luke, Clay Hill in Enfield in June 2017.

Peter, his wife Caroline and their new-born son William are settling into their new home, The Rectory, Mill Lane, Monks Risborough. Peter is tremendously excited to be able to serve the people of the Parish of Monks Risborough and Owlswick, and the wider Risborough Team.

### **St Dunstan's Monks Risborough and St Peter's Owlswick**

St Dunstan's is an inclusive church, and everyone is welcome whatever the age, gender, sexual orientation or background. We are a community who are open to God and open to everyone.

Historically, Monks Risborough is the oldest parish in England with the church building dating back to the eleventh century.

### **Singing**

Because of the requirement to maintain Covid Security, all the hymns in this Order of Service will be recordings played over the church's sound system. You are asked to listen to the hymns, following the words, but not singing yourself.

**Service of Licensing and Installation for  
The Revd Peter Godden  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm at St Dunstan's  
Monks Risborough**

**Order of Service**

***The Gathering***

*The Revd David Williams welcomes the people and invites them to stand for the opening hymn, during which the ministers enter.*

**Processional Hymn**      All my hope on God is founded

All my hope on God is founded.  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toll he buildeth,  
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's pow'r, hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tow'r.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.

Evermore, from his store,  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be born,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

### **The Greeting**

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

*Bishop Alan of Buckingham introduces the service*

*Bishop* We have come together in the presence of  
God to welcome Peter and his family to this  
parish, to licence him to the ministry he will  
share, to pray for Peter and for those who  
minister with him, and to dedicate ourselves  
afresh to the service of God in these  
communities and to the call which He makes  
of each one of us.

Let us therefore wait humbly upon God,  
giving thanks for all that He has done, and  
asking forgiveness for those ways in which we  
have failed each other, our communities, and  
our God.

## Prayers of Penitence

*Bishop* Lord Jesus, you said to your disciples:  
'You have not chosen me, but I have chosen  
you.'

Lord have mercy.

*All* **Lord have mercy**

Lord Jesus, we know that the harvest is  
plentiful but the labourers are few.

Christ have mercy

*All* **Christ have mercy**

Lord Jesus you appointed us to go out and  
bear fruit that will last.

Lord have mercy

*All* **Lord have mercy**

*Bishop* May the God of love  
Bring you back to himself,  
Forgive you your sins  
And assure you of his eternal love  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## Presentation of the New Minister

*The patron, Lord Carrington leads the new minister to stand  
before the Bishop and says*

Reverend Father in God, after due  
consultation and prayerful consideration,  
Peter Godden has been nominated and has  
accepted to be Team Vicar of this parish. I  
now present him to you to be licensed.

*Bishop* I thank you and all those who with prayer have been involved in the appointment of Peter Godden to this parish.

*The patron returns to his seat.*

Peter, 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 ministry or leadership team steps forward to be addressed by the bishop*

Members of the ministry team, will you welcome Peter to the team, and work creatively and faithfully with him, meeting regularly for prayer, study and fellowship, and doing all in your power to support each other in fulfilling the ministry of Christ?

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

*The minister turns to face the congregation, whom the Bishop addresses as a whole*

People of God, will you welcome Peter and support and uphold him in his ministry now and in the years to come?

*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 Peter Godden  
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***

### **Readings**

Jeremiah 17: 12-15 *Paul Woodward-Court*

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

1 Corinthians 12: 11-13 *Mick White*

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

**Gradual Hymn** Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the king of creation.

*Refrain:*

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and is risen.
3. We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever.
4. God has proclaimed the just reward:  
'Life for us all, alleluia!'
5. Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

### **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 18: 16-20 The *Revd Mary Kent*

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

**Sermon** Associate Archdeacon, the Revd Chris Bull

# The Liturgy of Licensing

## The Dedication of the Ministers and People

*The Associate Archdeacon says*

Gracious God, we praise and glorify you, because in your infinite love you have formed throughout the world a holy people for your own possession, a royal priesthood, a universal Church, that, sharing in the ministry of our Saviour Christ, we might be witnesses of what he has done for us.

*All*            **Gracious God, we praise and glorify you.**

*Indicating the Water for Baptism, Debbie Norie says*

Peter, be among us as a man 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.**

*Indicating the Oil of Healing, Rob Brown says*

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

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

*Indicating the Bible, David Kemp says*

Be among us as a man 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.**

*Indicating the Book of Common Prayer, Jane Rogers says*

Be among us as a man 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.**

*Indicating the Bread and Wine, Janet Griffin says*

Be among us as a man 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.**

*Indicating the Historic Key to the Church, Headteacher of  
Monks Risborough Primary School, Amy Robinson says*

Be among us as a friend and as a servant of  
this community.

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

*Indicating the Cross as a symbol of Churches Together in  
Risborough, the Margaret Pitman says*

Be among us as a follower of Christ's example  
serving alongside our Churches Together in  
Risborough.

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

*The new minister responds*

I pledge myself to care for the community that gathers here, to share with them the Word of God and the work of ministry, to celebrate with them the sacraments of the new covenant, and to encourage them in their discipleship. Together may we make this a place where Christian people are equipped for their life and witness in God's world.

*All*                    **Amen.**

**The Declaration and Oaths**

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

*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?

*The minister makes **the declaration of assent***

I, Peter James Howard Godden, 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 his right hand, **swears the oath of allegiance***

I, Peter James Howard Godden, do 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.

*Facing the Bishop, and still holding the bible, the minister **swears the oath of canonical obedience***

I, Peter James Howard Godden, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Oxford and his successors, in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

***The minister signs the declaration and oaths.***

## **The Licensing**

*The people stand. The Bishop reads the 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 and the ministry team to the prayers of the people.*

*(A short time of silence is kept).*

*The Bishop may anoint the new minister with the oil of Chrism, saying*

Peter, 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 and other licensed ministers of the parish rise. The rest of the congregation remain seated.*

*Taking his pastoral staff, the Bishop blesses the new Minister and the Ministry Teams, saying*

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 Installation**

*The Associate Archdeacon leads the Minister to his stall in the church, and places him in, saying*

Peter, I install you as Team Vicar of St Dunstan's and St Peter's. 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 church bell may be rung.

### **The Welcome**

*The bishop presents the new minister to the people, saying*

People of St Dunstan's and St Peter's, I present to you your new Team Vicar, now duly licensed and installed, and I invite you to greet him and his family in the name of Christ. I commend them 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.*



Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art,  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast,  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
Let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning,  
Alpha and Omega be,  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive,  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be,  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## Prayers of Intercession

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

*These conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*

*All*      **Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
In earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that 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***

*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.*

**Hymn**            Praise my soul the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven!  
To his feet thy tribute bring,  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing!  
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him,  
ye behold him face to face,  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

*The minister*    Go in the power of Christ.

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

Go in peace of Christ.

*All*                **Thanks be to God!**

## **Offertory:**

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White Gift Aid offertory bags for this fund are available on your seat.

An electronic reader is available in the marquee for those who wish to donate by credit or debit card.