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Celebration for a New Ministry

of the Revd Tom Yacomeni

as Rector

of

**The Benefice of All Saints Weston; St Martin, North Stoke and St Mary
Magdalene, Langridge**

by The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley

Bishop of Taunton

and The Venerable Dr Adrian Youngs

Archdeacon of Bath

at

All Saints Church, Weston, Bath, BA1 4BU

On

Monday 3rd October 2022

at 7.00pm

Welcome to this celebration for a New Ministry.

You will all know Tom for a variety of different reasons. It may be that you are welcoming him as your new parish priest, or it may be that you are saying farewell one last time to him. It may be that you are a friend of Tom and Mims or part of the family and you have come to support them as they begin a new stage of their life. Whatever your relationship with Tom and Mims we are delighted that you are here.

The service has a number of different phases. After an initial welcome, the newly appointed priest is presented to the Bishop by the Patron, a person who has an historic right to help the Bishop to appoint new priests to the Benefice, and also a previous colleague who represents a previous phase of ministry.


We then pray for the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit on both priest and people in these communities. We listen to the Scriptures and the Bishop will preach an address to help us reflect on the nature of ministry both in this place and in the wider world. Next the newly appointed priest will make solemn declarations and oaths of allegiance to the King and canonical obedience to the Bishop as required by law. Then comes the Institution, when the Bishop formally licenses the priest to the task to which he has been called using those classic words, "receive the cure of souls which is yours and mine," reflecting the fact that ministry is something shared between the priest and their Bishop.

The Bishop then asks the Archdeacon to admit the newly appointed priest to their office, which is done by a variety of symbolic actions involving the Church door, the church bell and being placed in the stall or prayer desk.

The newly appointed priest is then welcomed and we commit ourselves with him to God's work in this benefice.

As their first official act, the priest will lead the Prayers of Intercession and the Bishop then concludes the service by asking for God's blessing on all present.

Please pray for your new priest, Tom not only in these early days, but throughout his ministry in this place. May you be a blessing to each other and through your ministry together may God's love be made known.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ruth Worsley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

**The Rt Revd Ruth Worsley
Bishop of Taunton**

Celebration for a New Ministry

The Gathering

All stand as the procession enters.

HYMN – How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

The Greeting

The Bishop greets the people by saying:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

The Bishop invites all those present to sit and welcomes them informally.

Bishop:

We are gathered together today to welcome Tom. He comes to share with the community here, the ministry and proclamation of God's love. As we worship, let us ask for God's grace and blessing on our work that with strong faith the task committed to our charge may prosper and bear much fruit; and let us pray for Tom as he comes to serve God in this place.

Silence is kept.

The Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, led by the Churchwardens, processes to the South Door. The Bishop invites everyone to stand and turn to face the South door, asking the Churchwardens to open the door and welcome their new Rector.

Churchwardens: We greet you in the name of the Lord

All In the name of Christ we welcome you!

The churchwardens lead the procession to the Chancel step.

The congregation sits.

The Presentation

The Rector designate is led to the Bishop by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Somerset on behalf of the Patron, the Lord Chancellor, and by a previous colleague. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant presents the Rector designate to the Bishop and reads the Letters Patent.

The Presentation

A representative from the previous Deanery:

Bishop Ruth, I, Andrew Hemming have shared in Tom's ministry as Area Dean of Locking Deanery and Lead Minister of Locking Castle Church and warmly commend him to you and to the people of these parishes.

Bishop:

I thank you for your presentation and commendation. Tom you have been chosen as Rector of The Benefice of All Saints Weston, St Martin North Stoke and St Mary Magdalene, Langridge. Do you believe that you have been called by God and his church to serve in this ministry?

Rector designate:

I do.

Bishop:

I welcome you and will gladly institute you to this church and to this service. Churchwardens, is it your will and that of the people of these parishes that Tom should be instituted as Rector of All Saints, St Martin's and St Mary's?

Churchwardens:

It is.

The Bishop addresses the whole congregation:

Will you uphold and support Tom constantly in his ministry?

All: We will.

Bishop:

Before admitting Tom to the care of the people of these parishes, let us now pray, not only for Tom but also for ourselves, that together we may be given grace to glorify God and serve the Body of Christ in the world and in these parishes.

The priest and the Bishop kneel together, recalling their Ordination and shared ministry.

The people pray in silence for themselves and their new priest.

Bishop:

Almighty Father, Saviour of the world and giver of all that is good;
hear our prayers for your servant Tom and his family
as he is called to serve in these parishes.

By your Holy Spirit may he be strengthened in your service
and filled with love for your people.

As a faithful priest and true disciple of your Son, the Good Shepherd,
may he preach your Word,
minister the sacraments,
care for your people
and lead them in prayer and mission;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All:

**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 us, your faithful people
that in our vocation and ministry
we each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servant Tom
the needful gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN**Faithful one****Brian Doerksen**

Faithful one, so unchanging
Ageless one, you're my rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on you
I call out to you, again and again
I call out to you, again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm
Your love is, the anchor
My hope is in You alone

HYMN**Living Hope****Phil Wickham**

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The king of kings calls me His own
Beautiful saviour, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, yours is the victory!

*Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

The Ministry of the Word

Reading

Isaiah 40 v3-11

Pippa Page, Lay Dean of Bath Deanery

At the end of the passage from Scripture the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Sermon – The Rt Revd Ruth Worsley

The Declaration of Assent and Oaths

The Archdeacon, with the authority of the Bishop, calls upon the new Incumbent to affirm his loyalty to the Anglican inheritance of faith and to swear allegiance to the King and Canonical obedience to the Bishop.

Archdeacon:

Tom, 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?

Rector designate:

I, Thomas Peter Bruce Yacomeni, 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 congregation stands. Taking the Bible, the Rector designate faces the people and swears the Oath of Allegiance to the Sovereign:

I, Thomas Peter Bruce Yacomeni 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.

He faces the Bishop and swears the Oath of Canonical Obedience:

I, Thomas Peter Bruce Yacomeni swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, and his successors, in all things lawful and honest, so help me God.

The Institution

The congregation sits.

Tom stands before the Bishop who reads the Deed of Institution and hands it to him.

Bishop:

Tom, receive this cure of souls, which is both yours and mine,
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Clergy and Readers gather as Tom kneels and is anointed by the Bishop with the Oil of Chrism.

Bishop:

Tom, remember your baptism into Christ.
Remember your ordination into 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.
May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Archdeacon:

May the Lord look upon you in mercy
stir into flame the gift that is in you,
guide and go with you,
inspire you to know his will and strengthen you to fulfil it,
that, working together in God, we may change lives in this place. **Amen**

The Bishop invites the congregation to welcome their new Rector with applause.

Bishop:

Archdeacon, I have instituted Tom to the care of the people of these parishes,
I ask you now to induct him.

Archdeacon:

I will do so gladly.

The Induction and Installation

The congregation stands.

The Bishop moves to her place in the Sanctuary;

The Archdeacon and Rector move to the main church door.

All turn to face the door. The new Rector takes hold of the church door handle.

Archdeacon:

Tom, I induct you as Rector of the parishes of Weston, North Stoke and Langridge and into the shared stewardship of it with all the responsibilities belonging to this office.

The Rector then moves to toll the bell to signify his arrival in the parish.

The Archdeacon leads the Rector to the Chancel step.

Archdeacon:

Tom, at your Ordination you promised to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As you prepare to work in partnership with the people of the parishes of Weston, North Stoke and Langridge, I invite you to recall your Ordination.

Will you be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures and in public and private prayer?

Rector:

I will.

Archdeacon:

Will you persevere in ministering the reconciling love of Christ in Word and Sacrament?

Rector:

I will.

Archdeacon:

Will you undertake to be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve, working with them and your fellow ministers to build up the people of God?

Rector:

I will.

Archdeacon:

May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.

All Amen.

He is then led to the Incumbent's stall and is seated.

Archdeacon:

I place you in the stall of the Minister of these parishes. May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with all joy and peace that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Dedication to Ministry

Welcome

The Area Dean and Lay Dean together welcome the new Rector:

On behalf of the Deanery we welcome you among us and pray that through fellowship and by working together we may promote the kingdom of God in this place.

Representatives of the community informally welcome the new Rector followed by some prayers from local church leaders and former incumbent Revd Tim Watson.

We then commit ourselves, with the new incumbent, to share together in God's ministry in this benefice. The Bishop introduces this prayer:

All:

**We pledge ourselves to pray and care for
the communities in this place:**

to share the Word of God,

to celebrate the sacraments of the new covenant,

to encourage discipleship.

**Together, may we make this a place where we are empowered
for witness in God's world. Amen.**

HYMN O Praise the name (Anástasis)

Hillsong Worship

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Notices

Notices are given by the new Rector before he invites those gathered to kneel or sit for Prayers.

The Prayers

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 forever.
Amen.**

HYMN – This is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham

During the hymn a collection is taken for the Bishop's Fund for Ordinands.

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Jesus, I sing for All that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace...

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Blessing and Dismissal

The Bishop gives the Blessing, and then says:

Go in peace and joy to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen!

We stand while the procession leaves.

*Please take this service booklet with you
and continue to pray for Tom, Mims, Reuben and Ethan in the coming days.*



Introducing myself.

Firstly, can I say a huge thank you to everyone for coming to this service today; it is such a great privilege and encouragement to have your support and prayers at the beginning of this new season of life and ministry. Mims and I have been so blessed by everyone's warmth and kindness both from those welcoming us to Bath and those we are saying goodbye to in Weston-super-Mare. Thank you! For those who haven't met me before, I was born and brought up in Bristol and spent my teenage years living in Wick just over the other side of Lansdown where my Dad was also a vicar! I met Mims at Hanham Baptist church and we were married in 1994 before Reuben was born in 2000 and Ethan in 2002. Mims is a family support worker and Reuben now teaches sports in schools in WsM. Ethan is in his final year studying Engineering and Entrepreneurship at Exeter university.

I was trained as an engineer and spent 13 years in industry before getting ordained in 2009. Having grown up in a Clergy household I was determined I would never be a vicar – particularly in the CofE! But God has a sense of humour and He called me to bring His *truth with compassion* – sharing the life-transforming message of Jesus alongside practical action and mission. After 13 wonderful years in Weston-super-Mare, Mims and I felt it was the right time to serve in a new setting and this Benefice of Weston, North Stoke and Langridge feels like the perfect fit for us for such a time as this. I am really excited to see all that God is wanting to do in these villages and the city!

This new ministry begins at a particularly challenging time for our nation and the world but I know God is faithful and will bring everything together for good if we trust him with our past, present and future. I have a particular heart for bringing people from all sorts of backgrounds in the community together and I pray that all the people of this Benefice will continue to grow and flourish over these next years. Mims and I will certainly be committed to doing all we can to love and serve you – particularly with our time, prayers and of course, food!

Thank you for your continuing love and support. Come Holy Spirit!



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Diocese of Bath and Wells: Shaping our Future

In response to God's immense love for us, we seek to be God's people living and telling the story of Jesus

We have discerned three priorities for action that need to be at the centre of our diocesan life to help each and every one of us:

- **To place mission and evangelism at the heart of everything we do**
- **To realign our ministry resources towards mission**
- **To identify, develop and release the gifts of all our people**

Diocesan prayer for shaping the future:

*Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit guide us into the future.
Help us, throughout the diocese, to show uninhibited reliance on your grace and power as we seek the renewal of our lives.
Give us courage, rigour, imagination and generosity in order that your kingdom may come and your abundant life be known by all. Amen*

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