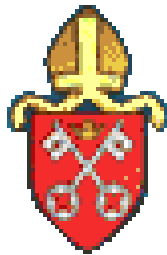


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DEANERY OF SELBY

The Commissioning of  
The Reverend Christopher Wilton  
as  
Rural Dean of Selby

by  
The Right Reverend Martin Wallace  
Bishop of Selby

Thursday 15 June 2006  
*Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion*  
*(Corpus Christi)*  
7.30pm

The Parish Church of All Saints, Sherburn in Elmet

*During this act of worship, the Bishop will publicly commission Chris as Rural Dean, and entrust to him the duties of his office. It is an opportunity to set the work of the Deanery in the context of a changing church serving the local situation, and is also an occasion for each of us to think afresh how God calls us to live as members of Christ's body, and to minister and work together in partnership.*

*In the time before the service begins, please pray for the Deanery and its future life and work, and for all its people; and for Chris, your new Rural Dean, and his family.*

**Refreshments are served in the Church Hall after the service**

**Please feel free to keep this order of service**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**Alleluia, alleluia,**  
hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heav'nly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia, alleluia,  
glory be to God on high;  
alleluia to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
alleluia, alleluia,  
to the Triune Majesty.

*Bishop*  
**All**

We welcome each other as Jesus has welcomed us.  
**To God be the glory!**

We are gathered here to welcome Chris as Rural Dean of Selby,  
to pray now, and to give an assurance of our prayers.  
O Lord God, you summon each day to dawn  
and you continually awaken the earth.

**All**

**Awaken us all to your love.**

For you the rulers of the earth shall bow;  
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

**All**

**Awaken us all to your call.**

Creator God, we bow before you,  
for you made the world out of kindness,  
you created order out of confusion,  
you made each of us in your own image  
and your fingerprint is on every soul.  
So we praise you.

**All**

**We praise and worship you.**

Lord Jesus, we bow before you,  
for you are the carpenter who became redundant,  
you are the poor man who made others rich,  
you are the healer who let himself be wounded,  
and your love reaches every heart.  
So we praise you.

**All**

**We praise and worship you.**

Holy Spirit, we bow before you,  
for you break the barriers of place and culture,  
you make disciples drunk with grace,  
you open the doors to change and freedom,  
and you make us all into new people.  
So we praise you.

**All**

**We praise and worship you.**

Living God, our Creator, Saviour and Sustainer,  
Lord of all, we know you,  
for you have revealed yourself to us.

**All**            **And you know us.**  
**For you put your ear to our hearts,**  
**both when we pray and when in doubt.**  
**You know what we fear and question,**  
**what we long for,**  
**and from whom we turn away.**  
**Even when we become deaf to you**  
**you never stop listening to us.**  
**So in penitence and confidence**  
**We ask now to be made whole.**

*silence is kept*

*Bishop*        God is very good.  
On all whose lives are open to Him,  
He covers your guilt with grace, your darkness with light.  
He grants you pardon and peace.  
It is Jesus who,  
nailed to a cross yet risen in the morning,  
scatters the sin from your souls  
as the mist rises from the hills.  
May the Spirit begin all we do,  
                inform all we say,  
                redeem who we are.

**All**            **In our coming and in our going,**  
**the peace of God.**  
**In our life and in our believing,**  
**the love of God.**  
**At our end and new beginning,**  
**the arms of God,**  
**to welcome us - and to send us out. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

**For Mary, mother of our Lord,**  
God's holy name be praised,  
who first the Son of God adored,  
as on her child she gazed.

The angel Gabriel brought the word  
she should Christ's mother be;  
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,  
made answer willingly.

The heav'nly call she thus obeyed,  
and so God's will was done;  
the second Eve love's answer made  
which our redemption won.

She gave her body for God's shrine,  
her heart to piercing pain,  
and knew the cost of love divine  
when Jesus Christ was slain.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness  
and home in Galilee,  
there comes a joy and holiness  
to ev'ry family.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,  
above all women blest;  
and blest your Son, whom your embrace  
in birth and death confessed.

**Reading 1 Corinthians 12 : 12-26**

*Read by Mrs Margaret Barr, Lay Chair of Selby Deanery*

**SERMON** *The Bishop*

**THE LICENSING**

*The Rural Dean stands before the Bishop*

*Bishop* The office of Rural Dean is both ancient and honourable,  
and the appointment is made after consultation within the Deanery.  
Will you stand with Chris in the work of God's Kingdom?

**All** **With God's help, we will.**

*Bishop* As the Archbishop's Officer, you are to work closely with  
the Lay Chair in the tasks of ministry in this Deanery.  
You are to offer pastoral help to those in trouble.  
You are to foster good relations with those of  
other Christian denominations, civic bodies,  
and both statutory and voluntary groups.  
Will you do these things?

*Rural Dean* With God's help, I will.

*Bishop* With the Lay Chair, you are to convene the Deanery Synod. With members of the Synod you are to keep pastoral provision and possible pastoral reorganisation under constant review, and ensure that allocation of and requests for resources are fair and just. You exercise a special responsibility for parishes currently without clergy, and for co-ordinating the inauguration of new ministers. Will you do these things?

*Rural Dean* With God's help, I will.

*Bishop* You will call regular meetings of the Deanery Chapter, in order to foster good relations, stimulate spiritual and theological development, deepen awareness of movements within society and the Church, and to encourage appropriate training.

*Rural Dean* With God's help, I will.

*Bishop* You will act with the Archdeacon at Visitations and ensure meeting with the Churchwardens and inspection of church buildings, churchyards, registers and possessions is carried out with sensitivity and diligence.

*Rural Dean* With God's help, I will.

*The Bishop gives the Licence to the Rural Dean:*

*Bishop* May the peace of Christ rest in your soul,  
the word of Christ dwell in your mind,  
the love of Christ rule your heart.  
May you know His blessing in all you do.

**All** **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Rural Dean* Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.  
As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All** **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## HYMN

**Take my life, and let it be**  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart: it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

## THE PRAYERS

*please sit or kneel*

*The Rural Dean leads prayers for our Deanery and Diocese, and the communities we serve*

*This response is used:*

*Rural Dean* Lord, in your mercy,

**All** **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:*

*Rural Dean* As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray:

**All** **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name;**  
**thy kingdom come; thy will be done;**

on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who 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.

**All**      **May God this night bless us all**  
              **in our sleep with rest,**  
              **in our dreams with visions,**  
              **in our waking with a calm mind,**  
              **and in our souls with the friendship**  
              **of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

*during which a collection is taken for the restoration of The Parish Church of All Saints,  
Sherburn in Elmet*

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,**  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight 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 may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

## **THE BLESSING**

*The Bishop*

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**We have a gospel to proclaim,**  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall,  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save;  
in lonely suffering on the cross:  
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
empty the tomb, for he was free;  
he broke the pow'r of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

