

Institution of the Rev Matthew Swires-Hennessy,

21 July 2020

The Gathering

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 welcomes everyone and introduces the service.

The Presentation

The Ven Ian Bishop presents Matthew to the Bishop

Bishop, after due consultation and prayerful consideration, Matthew Swires-Hennessy has been chosen to be Vicar of this parish I now present him to you to be admitted to the cure of souls of the parish of St George Poynton.

Bishop Thank you for your presentation. Matthew, do you believe, so far as you know your own heart, that God has called you to lead the mission and ministry of the people of God in this place as their priest and pastor?

Matthew I believe that God has called me.

Bishop Churchwardens and people of this parish, will you welcome Matthew as your new Vicar?

All **We will.**

Bishop Will you support and share with him in worship and witness, in mission and pastoral care?

All **We will.**

Bishop Before admitting Matthew to the cure of souls of this parish, I call upon each of you to pray not only for Matthew but for yourselves also, that

together you may be given grace to glorify God and serve the people of the parish of St George Poynton.

Almighty Father, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer for your servant, Matthew, that he may 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 in mission, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading (Churchwarden) Philippians 4: 4-8

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Short Reflection (Ian Bishop)

The Declaration and Oaths

The Declaration of Assent

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?

Matthew I, Matthew Swires-Hennessy, 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.

Matthew then takes the Oaths, holding a New Testament in the right hand.

I, Matthew Swires-Hennessy, swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors, according to law: so help me God.

I, Matthew Swires-Hennessy, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Chester and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

Matthew subscribes the Declarations and Oaths.

The Institution

The Bishop reads the Deed of Institution.

Bishop Receive this Cure which is both yours and mine; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you now and always. Amen.

Matthew Almighty Father, who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: grant us such knowledge of his presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Welcome

The rural dean and then the churchwardens welcome Matthew to his new ministry

Prayers of Intercession (led by Matthew)

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

We pray for all whom you have called to be your disciples. Transform our lives by your grace, and as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are called to office in these parishes. We ask your blessing on our churchwardens, Parochial Church Councillors, and leaders of church organizations. May they be ambassadors for Christ and bring glory to your Name.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who serve the community in every area of life and work. We ask your blessing on our homes and families, our children and young people, older people and the housebound. May our neighbourhoods be places where God's love is known.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick and vulnerable and those who despair. May all who come to these places of worship, whether in times of joy or sorrow, find it a place of healing and hope.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your church throughout the world. We ask your blessing on our Christian brothers and sisters in this and every place. May your church be generous in giving, faithful in serving, and bold in proclaiming your Gospel. **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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 Blessing

The Bishop pronounces the blessing.