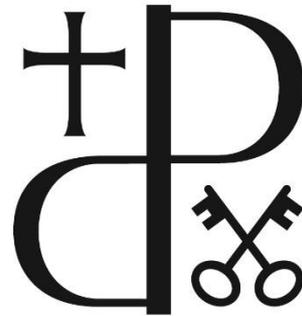




PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL



The Diocese of  
Peterborough

# THE ORDINATION OF PRIESTS

by the Rt. Revd. Donald Allister,  
Bishop of Peterborough

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**3.00pm**

## TO BE ORDAINED PRIEST

Jenni Duffy	Empingham, Edith Weston, Lyndon, Manton, North Luffenham, Pilton, Preston, Ridlington, Whitwell & Wing
Keri Morrow	Peterborough St Mary
Jordan Allen	Rushden St Peter
Patrick Kelleher	Kettering Christ the King
Matthew Smith	Weston Favell St Peter
Sophie Cowan	Desborough; Brampton Ash, Dingley & Braybrooke
Kathryn Evans	Brington with Whilton and Norton, Church Brampton with Chapel Brampton and Harlestone and East Haddon and Holdenby
Alice Watson	Kettering, St Peter & St Paul with St Michael & All Angels Kettering All Saints

**Action to be taken on hearing the fire alarm:**

- 1 Calmly leave the Cathedral by the nearest fire exit
- 2 Stewards will direct persons in wheelchairs to the appropriate fire exit
- 3 Assemble on the green outside the West Front

*Organ music will be played before the Service*

## THE GATHERING AND PRESENTATION

### **Stand**

### **The Greeting**

*The Bishop greets the people*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one Spirit,

**All: There is one hope to which we were called;**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**All: One God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you;

**All: And also with you.**

*The Bishop introduces the service*

God calls his people to follow Christ, and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his kingdom. To serve this royal priesthood, God has given particular ministries.

Priests are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being. They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.

## Prayers of Penitence

As we stand together before God,  
and trusting in his grace alone,  
let us join with these ordinands in confessing our sins.

**All:**       **Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:**       **Amen.**

**Sit**

## The Presentation

*The ordinands are presented by the Archdeacon of Northampton:*

Reverend Father in God, I present these persons to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God. I present N who is to continue to serve in the parish of N.

*When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which the training incumbents and the Curate Training Officer respond:*

Have those whose duty it is to know these ordinands and examine them found them to be of godly life and sound learning?

**We have.**

Do they believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry?

**We do.**

*The Bishop turns to the ordinands and says*

Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?

*Ordinands:* **I do so believe.**

*Bishop:* I invite the Archdeacon of Northampton to confirm that the ordinands have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

*Archdeacon:* They have duly taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop. They have affirmed and declared their 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.

## **The Collect**

Let us pray for those to be ordained and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

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 servants now to be ordained  
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.**

## Gospel Reading

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. *John 21:15-17*

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Silence is kept*

## THE LITURGY OF ORDINATION

### The Declarations

*The ordinands stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation:*

**Bishop:** Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation.

They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to baptise new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith.

They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They are to bless the people in God's name.

They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster the gifts of all God's people, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

We trust that long ago you began to weigh and ponder all this, and that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to devote yourself wholly to his service, so that as you daily follow the rule and teaching of our Lord and grow into his likeness, God may sanctify the lives of all with whom you have to do.

And now, in order that we may know your mind and purpose, you must make the declarations we put to you.

Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

**Ordinands:** **I do so accept them.**

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

**Ordinands:** **By the help of God, I will.**

Will you lead Christ's people in proclaiming his glorious gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?

**Ordinands:** **By the help of God, I will.**

Will you faithfully minister the doctrine and sacraments of Christ as the Church of England has received them, so that the people committed to your charge may be defended against error and flourish in the faith?

**Ordinands:** **By the help of God, I will.**

Will you, knowing yourself to be reconciled to God in Christ, strive to be an instrument of God's peace in the Church and in the world?  
**Ordinands: By the help of God, I will.**

Will you endeavour to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ, that you may be a pattern and example to Christ's people?  
**Ordinands: By the help of God, I will.**

Will you work with your fellow servants in the gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God?  
**Ordinands: By the help of God, I will.**

Will you accept and minister the discipline of this Church, and respect authority duly exercised within it?  
**Ordinands: By the help of God, I will.**

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to make Christ known among all whom you serve?  
**Ordinands: By the help of God, I will.**

*The Bishop addresses the congregation:*

Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that these ordinands are ready to undertake, and you have heard their declarations.

Is it now your will that they should be ordained?  
**All: It is.**

Will you continually pray for them?  
**All: We will.**

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?  
**All: We will.**

*The Bishop addresses the ordinands:*

In the name of our Lord, we bid you remember the greatness of the trust that is now to be committed to your charge. Remember always with thanksgiving that the treasure now to be entrusted to you is Christ's own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross. It is to him that you will render account for your stewardship of his people.

You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that your heart may daily be enlarged and your understanding of the Scriptures enlightened.

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

***All kneel***

*Silence is kept*

## Veni Creator



*Cantor:*  
*(solo)*      Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
And lighten with celestial fire;  
Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
Who dost thy sev'nfold gifts impart.

Thy blessèd unction from above  
Is comfort, life and fire of love;  
Enable with perpetual light  
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face  
With the abundance of thy grace;  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And thee, of both, to be but one;  
That through the ages all along  
This may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Words: John Cosin (1594-1672)*  
*Tune: Veni Creator (Mechlin)*  
*Mode vii*

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

**All: Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Christ have mercy.**

For Bishop Donald, Bishop John,  
and for all bishops, priests and deacons,  
especially for those we ordain today,  
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church,  
that in faithful witness we may proclaim the gospel of reconciliation  
to the ends of the earth,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Christ have mercy.**

For the unity of the Church,  
that we may be one in Christ, according to his will,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering, the poor and the hungry,  
the homeless and the oppressed, the lonely and neglected,  
and for all who remember and care for them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Christ have mercy.**

For Elizabeth our Queen,  
for the leaders of the nations,  
and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith,  
and in communion with all the saints,  
may the Lord almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
guard us, save us, and bring us to that heavenly city  
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever

**All: Amen.**

## **The Ordination Prayer**

*The ordinands remain kneeling before the Bishop, who stands to pray*

We praise and glorify you, almighty Father,  
because in your infinite love  
you have formed throughout the world  
a holy people for your own possession,  
a royal priesthood, a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you  
because you have given us your only Son Jesus Christ,  
the image of your eternal and invisible glory,  
the firstborn of all creation and head of the Church.

We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome death;  
and that, having ascended into heaven,  
he has given his gifts abundantly,  
to equip your holy people for the work of ministry,  
for the building up of the body of Christ.

And now we give you thanks  
that you have called these your servants,  
whom we ordain in your name,  
to share as priests in the ministry  
of the gospel of Christ,  
the Apostle and High Priest of our faith,  
and the Shepherd of our souls.  
Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

*The Bishop and others lay their hands on the head of each ordinand and says:*

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant *N*  
for the office and work of a priest in your Church.

*When the Bishop has laid hands on all of the ordinands, the prayer continues*

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,  
give these your servants grace and power  
to proclaim the gospel of your salvation  
and minister the sacraments of the new covenant.  
Renew them in holiness,  
and give them wisdom and discipline  
to work faithfully with those committed to their charge.  
In union with their fellow servants in Christ,  
may they reconcile what is divided,  
heal what is wounded and restore what is lost.

May they declare your blessings to your people;  
may they proclaim Christ's victory  
over the powers of darkness,  
and absolve in Christ's name those who turn to him in faith;  
so shall a people made whole in Christ  
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you, our God and Father,  
to whom, with the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
belong glory and honour, worship and praise,  
now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Giving of the Bible**

*The newly ordained priests stand, the Bishop gives the Bible to each of them and says*

Receive this book,  
as a sign of the authority which God has given you this day to  
preach the gospel of Christ  
and to minister his holy sacraments.

*The newly ordained priests adjust their stoles*

*A member of Cathedral clergy says to the newly ordained priests*

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself,  
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

**All: We welcome you as ambassadors for Christ:  
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

*The organ is played as the gifts of bread and wine are prepared.*

*If you would like to make a donation towards the running of the Cathedral,  
there will be a retiring collection at the end of the service  
or you can use one of the contactless giving machines by the West door.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

**All:** The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
through your Son Jesus Christ, our great high priest.  
He was lifted up for us on the cross  
that he might reveal your glory and draw all people to himself.  
You exalted him to your right hand on high  
and through your Holy Spirit you sent upon your people  
a rich diversity of gifts.

From this royal priestly people you raise up ministers  
to proclaim your word,  
to care for your people  
and to be the stewards of your holy mysteries.  
You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed  
and build up his body the Church to be his bride.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full  
of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

**All:** Great is the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of St Peter and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**All:** **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All: 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith,  
receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you.  
Eat it in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*Communicants of all Christian denominations are welcome to receive Communion at this service, following the direction of the stewards.  
Communion will be administered in one kind (bread) only.  
The Bishop alone receives the wine on behalf of all present.  
If you do not wish to take Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing;  
this will be given without physical contact*

*Organ music is played during the distribution of Communion*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept*

Lord God, heavenly Father,  
grant to your Church today  
the faith of her apostles,  
the hope of her martyrs  
and the love of her Lord,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

**All: We thank you, gracious Father,  
for welcoming your children  
to feast in your kingdom;  
by your love unite us  
and with your Spirit send us  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Stand**

# BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

## The Sending Out

**Bishop:** God who has called you is faithful.  
May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,  
cleanse you by his holiness  
and send you to proclaim his word.

**All:** **Amen.**

May Christ, who has ascended to the heights,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

**All:** **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,  
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

**All:** **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**All:** **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Organ Voluntary