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**The Licensing of
Revd. Alex Pease
as Priest in Charge
of The Itchen Valley Parish
in the Deanery of Alresford**

By
The Right Reverend David Williams
Bishop of Basingstoke

At St. Mary's, Easton
Sunday 15th April 2018
3pm

Welcome to the service this afternoon for this celebration of ministry. We are here to license Alex Pease as Priest in Charge of the Itchen Valley Parish, to welcome him and his family to the parish and to pray for his ministry with us here.

Alex Pease was educated at Malvern College and Oxford University, then after a brief period in the Regular Army, which was followed by six years in the Territorial Army, he qualified as a solicitor and spent 25 years at Allen & Overy LLP working for that firm as an associate and a partner in Dubai, London and Tokyo. He retired from the partnership in 2005, although continued to work for them on a part time basis until 2015. He was selected for ordination in 2007 and was trained at St Mellitus College. He was ordained in 2012 and began his curacy under Revd Andrew Micklefield in Itchen Valley in that year and subsequently under Revd Amanda Denniss. He and his family moved to live in the Parish in 2015. He has continued to work in the parish since the completion of his curacy in 2016 as an assistant priest.

The Procession

Deanery Reader
Deanery Clergy
Reader of the Parish

The Rural Dean of Alresford and the candidate

The Churchwardens
The Bishop of Basingstoke

Order of Service

The Rural Dean gives out any notices.

Hymn

My Song is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But oh, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend.

Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.

Why what has my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And gainst him rise.

They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suffering goes,
That He His foes
From thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend

Welcome

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

The Bishop introduces the Service

Bishop

We have come together in the presence of God to celebrate with Alex and his family his life and work in this parish, to license him to the ministry he will share, to pray for Alex and for those who minister with him and to dedicate ourselves afresh to the service of God in this community and to the call which God makes on each one of our lives.

The Bishop says the Collect

Heavenly Father,
we gather in your name in thankfulness and praise
for the continuing ministry of your Church in this place,
for all who have been raised up in times past
to serve you here,
and for your servant Alex,
called by you to this present task.
Guide and strengthen all your faithful people,
that we may give ourselves in love and service
to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Reading John 3:1–15

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the

sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.”¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

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

The Bishop’s Sermon by the Bishop of Basingstoke

The Presentation of the Candidate

The Rural Dean presents Alex to the Bishop, and says

Reverend Father in God, after prayerful consideration and due consultation, Alex has been nominated to be Priest in Charge of the Itchen Valley Parish. I now present him to you to be licensed.

Bishop

I thank you for your Presentation and I will gladly admit him.

I invite the Rural Dean to administer the Declaration and Oaths.

The Declaration and Oaths

Before taking up any new ministry in the Church of England the Priest is required to declare his belief in the faith of the Church, and take oaths to the Queen and the Bishop.

Rural Dean

I ask you now to make the Declaration and to take the Oaths which are required by law.

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 that 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?

Alex then makes the Declaration of Assent.

I, Alexander Michael Pease, 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 authorized or allowed by Canon.

Holding a Bible, Alex makes the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen.

I, Alexander Michael Pease, 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.

Continuing to hold the Bible, Alex makes the Oath of Canonical Obedience.

I, Alexander Michael Pease, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Winchester and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

The legal documents are signed by Alex and the Bishop.

The Licensing

Alex stands before the Bishop

Bishop

Alex, I greet you and your family in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and welcome you to this Parish. Do you believe that God has called you to serve in this Parish as Priest-in-Charge?

Alex

I do so believe.

The Bishop addresses the people of the parish.

Bishop People of God, is it your will that Alex should serve with you in this place?

All **It is.**

Bishop Will you support and uphold him in this ministry?

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

The Bishop then invites the congregation to pray, using these or other words:

The care of the people of a benefice is a solemn trust. I therefore call upon you now to pray to God for Alex for this parish, and for yourselves.

Silence is kept.

The congregation, still kneeling, led by the Band sings:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Melt us, mould us, fill us, use us,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

The Bishop stands and faces the congregation and says

We praise you, God our Father, for the work of the Spirit in your Church. Pour down your blessing on your people; and give to your servant Alex the gifts of grace he needs faithfully to fulfil the ministry to which he has been called, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop invites the congregation to sit.

Alex kneels before the Bishop

The Bishop reads the licence and then gives it to Alex saying

Alex, receive this Licence in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Alex answers

Amen.

The Bishop taking his pastoral staff, blesses him saying

Alex, God give you the spirit of holy discipline, of faithfulness, and of love for all his people; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Presentation of Gifts

Rural Dean

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as fellow servants we share in the task of proclaiming the Gospel, celebrating the Sacraments, making new Christians, building up each other in the life of faith and caring for all, especially those in need. Let us commit ourselves afresh to the ministry to which God calls us.

During the following song people of these parishes will bring to their new Priest-in-Charge symbols of ministry, which he will place on the altar. A jug of water for Baptism; a Bible to proclaim the message of the Gospel; a Prayer Book to unite God's children in prayer and fellowship; Olive Oil for forgiveness and healing; and Bread and Wine for Holy Communion.

The symbols of ministry are presented during the following song.

Worship Song

What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down

My sin was great, Your love was
greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
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How sweet is your name, Lord, how good You are
Love to sing in the name of the Lord,
love to sing for you all?
Death could not hold You, the veil
tore before You
You silenced the boast, of sin and
grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise
of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, Our God reigns
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the
glory
Yours is the Name, above all names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
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The Blessing of the Ministry Team

Sit

The new priest stands at the Chancel step with the Churchwardens and the members of the Ministry Team of the Parish

All those in other leadership roles in the parish are invited to stand where they are.

Alex Eternal God,
All **the light of the minds that know you,
the joy of the hearts that love you,
and the strength of the wills that serve you;
grant us so to know you
that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may truly serve you,
whom to serve is perfect freedom,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Taking his pastoral staff, the Bishop says

Almighty God, who has given you the will to undertake this ministry together, give you also grace and strength to perform it; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Welcome

Alex stands with the Bishop and with his family, facing the congregation.

Bishop

People of this parish, I present to you Alex Pease, your new priest, and his family. Love them and pray for them.

I invite you to greet them in the name of Christ.

All **We welcome you!**
 May the Lord bless you
 and make you a blessing among us.

The new priest may be greeted with a warm round of applause.

The Greetings

Alex is greeted by one of the members of Deanery Synod on behalf of the Deanery. One of the members of Deanery Synod then introduces him to other representatives of the community, who briefly welcome him.

At the end of the Greetings, all stand.

The Peace

Stand

Bishop

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Alex Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Bishop exchanges a sign of peace with Alex and his family, and together they greet members of the congregation.

Worship Song

This Is Amazing Grace

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
Who 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 would lay 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 above all kings
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

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

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You would lay down Your life
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The Prayers of Intercession

Sit or kneel

Alex Let us pray to God through Christ who is our light and life.

For our fellowship in Christ, for all who live and worship in this Benefice, for the Diocese of Winchester, for Tim our Bishop, and David and Jonathan his Suffragan Bishops, that Christ's people may grow in unity and in commitment to the Church's mission:

Lord of the Church,

All **in your mercy, hear us.**

For the communities in which we live; for our civic leaders in parish and city, and for all who serve through voluntary agencies; that our common life may be renewed in justice and peace:

Lord of the world,

All **in your mercy, hear us.**

For the poor, the lonely, and the bereaved; for any who are in danger, sorrow or trouble, for all who are ill and those who care for them; that they may find comfort, strength and hope:

Lord of compassion,

All **in your mercy, hear us.**

For the young people of this parish, the schools and playgroups, the parents, the teachers and school governors; that we may learn from each other and all grow as children of God.

Lord of our growth,

All **in your mercy, hear us.**

Rejoicing in our Christian inheritance, and thankful for those who have gone before us in faith, let us pray that we may all be faithful in building up the body of Christ in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

Lord of the ages,

All **in your mercy, hear us.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.**

Alex then announces the services for the next Sunday and invites the people to join with him when he presides at the Holy Communion. He announces the final hymn.

Hymn

Thine be the glory

a collection is taken for the Bishop's Ordination Candidates' Fund.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

The Blessing

Bishop

God who has called you is faithful.

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word.

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

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

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

Alex Go in the peace of Christ

All **Thanks be to God**

*All remain standing as the Bishop leads the new priest and his family from
the church, with the Churchwardens.*

*The remainder of the procession then leaves the Church in the following
order:*

Deanery Reader

Deanery Clergy

Readers and Clergy of the Parish of Itchen Valley

The Rural Dean of Alresford

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