



DIOCESE of
WINCHESTER

**The Benefice of
The Itchen Valley**

**The Institution as Rector
of**

**The Revd Dr Peter Walker
by**

**The Rt Revd David Williams
Bishop of Basingstoke**

**and Induction
by**

**The Revd David Chattell
Area Dean**

In

**St Mary's Church, Easton
Saturday 11th September 2021 at 11.30am**

The Revd Peter Walker

My calling to ordination came back in 1984: I was in Jerusalem, reading Luke 24, and felt a deep passion that I wanted now to become a teacher and pastor of God's Word to God's people - 'opening the scriptures' as Jesus had done on the Emmaus Road. A few months later a further ingredient had been added: the calling to be a pastor/teacher, more specifically, in a theological college. In this I was helped by Lord Coggan (the former Archbishop of Canterbury, who later spoke at our wedding), who instilled within me a vision for the vital role of teaching and loving the future clergy in Jesus' Church. Yet it would be 10 years before I finally started that role of teaching at Wycliffe Hall in Oxford. If ever I was going to be qualified to teach others, I still had so much to learn myself! By 1984 I had already been greatly helped by the godly teaching of Scripture Union camps and by involvement in the Christian Unions both at school and at university. I was half-way through my doctoral research in Cambridge (on early Christian pilgrimage to the Holy Land) and I was enjoying the experience, when visiting Georgie in London, of worshipping at Holy Trinity, Brompton. But I needed to become more fully involved in parish life (hence my doing a year as a Lay Assistant in Christ Church, Abingdon, developing their informal worship services) and also myself to be trained for parish ministry: hence 2 years as a student at Wycliffe (1987-89).

I was then ordained on my 28th birthday and enjoyed four years serving in Tonbridge, Kent. I had been taught the theory that the regular, patient teaching of Scripture was a key means of bringing people to faith in Christ and of building up believers, but now I had the joy of proving this true in my own experience. Those 4 years saw the birth of both our children (Hannah and Jonnie) and were followed by 3 years in Cambridge (researching New Testament attitudes to Jerusalem at Tyndale House).

And so I arrived at Wycliffe in 1996, ready to teach the New Testament to fellow pastor-teachers 'in the making'. It was a great privilege to be there for 16 years and then to go on for a further 5 years as Professor of Biblical Studies at Trinity School for Ministry outside Pittsburgh, PA, USA. In all those 21 years I never saw myself primarily as an academic but simply as a pastor/teacher, seeking to nourish and encourage future Bible teachers and to care for the personal lives of future pastors.

So it's a huge joy to be returning to the heart of my original calling: to be a pastor-teacher in a parish ministry. At last I can pick up from where my curacy ended! Yet in the last 28 years a lot has changed (including the invention of the internet!) and I have much to learn or re-learn. Yet some things don't change: the truth of Jesus, the love of God the Father and power of his Holy Spirit. Confident of this, I look forward to coming amongst you as your Rector - to listen to your concerns, to love you and to lead you in the worship and service of our wonderful Saviour.

For some further words from Peter about today's service and his guests, please see the back page.

The Procession

Choir

Visiting Clergy

Lay Licensed Minister of the Benefice

Lay Chair of Alresford Deanery

Area Dean with the Candidate

The Churchwardens

The Bishop of Basingstoke

Representative of the Crown Mrs Amelia Ashton JP DL

Order of Service

The Processional Hymn

All Creatures of our God and King

Led by Processing Choir

All creatures worship God most high,
lift up your voice in earth and sky,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make
music for thy God to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest all both warmth and light,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And ev'ryone, with tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
alleluia, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
sing praise and cast on God your care,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
To God all thanks and praise belong!
Join in the everlasting song:
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Original words: St Frances of Assisi (1225)

The Call to Worship

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

All **and also with you.**

Bishop Brothers and sisters, we have come together to worship Almighty God, who has called us into the fellowship of his universal Church, to Institute the Reverend Peter William Leyland Walker as the new Rector of this parish. God has given us the gifts of word and sacrament and entrusted us with the work of mission and service. Let us rededicate ourselves to build up the Church of Christ here and throughout the world, and pray for grace to be instruments of God's love, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop adds words of welcome.

The Collect

Bishop Heavenly Father,
we praise you for the continuing witness of your Church in this place,
for all who have been raised up in times past to minister here,
and for your servant Peter,
now called by you to serve as Rector.
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.**

Congregation, please sit

The Reading

The Reader announces John 13:1-16.

After the reading

This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

The Bishop's Sermon

Greetings from people associated with Peter's previous ministries

The Presentation

On behalf of the Crown, the Deputy Lieutenant, presents Peter William Leyland Walker to the Bishop, and says:

Bishop, after prayerful consideration and due consultation,
Peter William Leyland Walker has been nominated and accepted to be Rector in this
benefice. I now present him to you to be instituted.

Bishop I thank you for this Presentation and I will gladly admit him.

Peter stands before the Bishop.

Bishop Peter, I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and welcome you. Do you believe
that God has called you to serve in this benefice as Rector?

Peter I do so believe.

The Bishop addresses the people of the parish.

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

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 Peter, for this benefice and for yourselves.

Silence is kept

Sit or kneel

Hymns

Come, Holy Ghost

Sung by the Choir

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our mortal sight.

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 thine eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Original words: Rabanus Maurus (c.776-856)

Followed by Come Down, O Love Divine

Choir and congregation

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path
illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Original words: Bianco da Siena (c.1350-1434)

The Bishop stands and faces the congregation.

Bishop 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 Peter the needful gifts of grace that he may faithfully fulfil the ministry to which he has been called, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Declaration & Oaths

Peter stands before the Bishop.

Sit

Bishop In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I shall now institute Peter William Leyland Walker, Clerk in Holy Orders, to the cure of souls in this benefice, but first let the Area Dean ensure that the Oaths be taken and the Declaration of Assent be made and subscribed, according to law.

Area Dean Peter, 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?

Peter then makes the Declaration of Assent.

I, Peter William Leyland Walker, 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.

Turning to face the congregation, Peter, holding a Bible in his hand, makes the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen.

I, Peter William Leyland Walker, do swear by Almighty God 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.

Turning to face the Area Dean, Peter makes the Oath of Canonical Obedience.

I, Peter William Leyland Walker, 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 Area Dean and Peter sign the legal documents.

The Institution

Peter kneels before the Bishop. The Bishop reads the Deed of Institution and then gives it to Peter, saying:

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

Peter answers:

Amen.

The Bishop stands and blesses Peter saying:

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.**

The Induction

Stand

Area Dean, I authorise you to induct Peter William Leyland Walker into this church and benefice, and thereby provide him with the means to carry out his ministry here.

The Churchwardens and the Area Dean lead Peter to the church door. The Area Dean lays Peter's hand on the door handle, and says:

By the authority of the Bishop, I, David Chattell, Area Dean, induct you, Peter William Leyland Walker, into the real and actual possession of the churches of the Itchen Valley, with all the rights and responsibilities belonging to it.

The Churchwardens present the keys of the churches to Peter, saying:

Peter, receive these keys in token of the responsibility which we share; and may the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, now and always.

The procession moves to the belfry. Peter tolls the church bell as a sign of the start of his ministry in the parish. The procession then returns to the chancel step. The Area Dean leads Peter to his stall and says:

Peter, I install you as Rector of this benefice. May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in the ways of truth and peace.

All **Amen.**

The Welcome

Peter stands with the Bishop facing the congregation.

Bishop People of this benefice, I present to you Peter as your new Rector and invite you to greet him and his family in the name of Christ. I commend him to your love and prayers.

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

Re-dedication of the People of God

Stand

Area 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 hymn people of this parish will bring to their new Rector symbols of ministry, which he will place on the Lord's table. 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; oil for forgiveness and healing; and bread and wine for Holy Communion.

The symbols of ministry are presented during the following hymn.

Hymn

O Thou Who Camest From Above

Led by the Choir

O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Greetings

Sit

Peter is greeted by the Lay Chair on behalf of Alresford Deanery.

The lay chair introduces him to the representatives of the community, who bring short words of welcome.

The Bishop and other clergy pray for Peter, Georgie and the benefice's ministry team.

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.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace with our eyes.

The Bishop exchanges a sign of peace with Peter and his family and together they greet members of the congregation. After a few minutes, when the hymn begins, please return to your seats.

Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Led by the Choir

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

The Prayers of Intercession

Sit or kneel

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.**

Peter brings a brief message of introduction and makes any necessary announcements.

Hymn

O Praise The Name

Led by Peter's Family

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

*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*

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

*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*

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Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Hillsong (2015)

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. **Amen.**

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

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

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

Peter says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Please remain standing as the Churchwardens lead the Deputy Lieutenant, the Bishop and Peter from the church, with the remainder of the procession then leaves the church in the following order:

Visiting Clergy
Licensed Lay Minister of the Benefice
The Area Dean & Lay Chair of the Itchen Valley

All are warmly invited to meet Peter and his family over refreshments, which will be served outside at the end of the service.

There will be a retiring collection for the Bishop's Ordination Candidates' Fund or if you prefer donations can be made online via the link on our donate page – www.itchenvalleychurches.org

Words from Peter about our hymns and guests

I hope you enjoy the hymns and music selected for this service. As we worship together in this ancient building, there has been a deliberate attempt to trace the witness of the Spirit through Church history: from the opening three hymns (the original words of which were composed in the 9th, 13th and 15th centuries) through the evangelical revival under Wesley (hymn 4), and then into the 19th century and the 21st (hymns 5 and 6). Throughout these centuries, Christian believers have confessed their praise to the Trinitarian God: praising God the Father for his many gifts in creation, welcoming the presence and fire of God the Holy Spirit into their lives, and focusing their adoration on the work of God the Son which provides the solid ground for all our worship - the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I am also so grateful for being joined today by the following friends who have been such a support to Georgie and myself for so many years:

- Revd John and Georgina Castle: John was at school with me, and Georgina trained with Georgie at St Thomas' Hospital in London. John was our best man and is now the Rector of St Michael's, Sandhurst in the diocese of Oxford.
- Revd Mark & Jacqui Rainsbury: Mark was a fellow-curate in Tonbridge. He has recently retired from many years as a counsellor in Bournemouth and is licensed to officiate in the diocese of Winchester.
- Revd Dr Justyn & Cathy Terry: Justyn was my boss as Dean President of Trinity School for Ministry, Pittsburgh, PA, USA and is now Vice-Principal at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.
- George & Rosie Gilbert-Smith: George ran the Christian group at my school and was later a member of the congregation during my curacy in Tonbridge in the diocese of Rochester.
- Richard & Sheila Armstrong: Richard had the joy of being my first Churchwarden when I was appointed as minister-in charge of St Saviours, Tonbridge, in March 1990.