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The Benefice of
The Itchen Valley

The institution as Rector
of

The Revd David Michael Randle Cooke

by

The Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen
Bishop of Winchester

and Induction

by

Revd Kate Seagrave
Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester

in

St Mary's Church, Easton
Monday 20th July 2026
7.30pm



The Revd David Cooke

Prior to ordination in the Church of England, David worked in the tobacco industry in various international and UK-based roles. He was ordained in 2007 and served his Curacy at Holy Trinity in Richmond. In 2012, he became Team Vicar of Holy Trinity in Barnes where he has been for fourteen years. He is married to Rachel, and they have two school age sons.



A warm welcome to all those joining us for the service this evening in which Revd. David Cooke will be licensed as Rector of the Itchen Valley Benefice. We warmly welcome both him, his family and friends to the benefice and pray for his ministry here.

The Procession

Visiting LLMs
Visiting Clergy
LLM of the Benefice
The Area Dean & Lay Chair of Alresford & Alton Deanery
The Patron with the Candidate
The Churchwardens
The Bishop of Winchester
Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester

All stand

Processional Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
You have promised loving kindness,
Hear your servants as we pray,
Bless your people now before you,
turn our darkness into day.

Hear the cry of all your people,
What they ask and hope to gain;
What they gain from you, for ever
With your chosen to retain,
And hereafter in your glory
Evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
Praise and honour to the Son,
Praise and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory,
While unending ages run.

Order of Service

The Area Dean will give out any notices

The Gathering

Please stand

Hymn: O Lord my God!

Oh Lord My God! When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! (Repeat)*

And when I think, that God His Son not sparing,
Send Him to die - I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died, to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
To take me home - what joy shall fill my heart.
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Refrain

Please sit

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

All: **and also with you.**

Please sit as the Bishop introduces the celebration.

Bishop: We come together in the presence of God to license David as
Rector of this benefice, to welcome him and his family and to
pray for them and those who are called to minister alongside
him. We dedicate ourselves afresh, to the service of God in this
community and to the call which God places on all our lives.

The Collect

Please kneel or sit.

Bishop: Let us pray for the ministry of all in this place:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

Please stand

Song: Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(repeat)

Chorus:
Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Interlude:
He is Lord Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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

Please sit

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
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

First Reading

The Reader announces Isaiah 61:1-6

- ¹ The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
- ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
- ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;

they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
⁵ Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
foreigners shall fill your land and dress your vines;
⁶ but you shall be called priests of the Lord,
you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
and in their riches you shall glory.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel reading

Second Reading

The Reader announces Luke 4:14-30

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' ²³ He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' ²⁴ And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There

were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit

Sermon: The Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen
Bishop of Winchester

The Presentation

Please stand

On behalf of the Patron, Sir David Steel, Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire, reads the Letters Patent. He then presents David to the Bishop, and says:

Bishop, after prayerful consideration and due consultation, David Michael Randle Cooke 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.

David stands before the Bishop.

Bishop: David, 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?

David: I do so believe.

The Bishop addresses the people of the benefice.

Bishop: People of God, is it your will that David 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 words:

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

Silence is kept. Please sit or kneel.

The Bishop 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 David the gifts of grace he needs to faithfully fulfil the ministry to which he has been called, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Declaration of Assent and the Oaths

Bishop: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I shall now Institute David Michael Randle Cooke, Clerk in Holy Orders, to the cure of souls in this benefice, but first let my Chaplain ensure that the Oaths be taken and the Declaration of Assent be made and subscribed, according to law.

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 King and the Bishop.

Chaplain: 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?

David then makes the **Declaration of Assent**:

I, David Michael Randle Cooke, 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, David makes the **Oath of Allegiance** to His Majesty the King:

I, David Michael Randle Cooke, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III, his heirs and successors, according to Law: so help me God.

Continuing to hold the Bible, David makes the **Oath of Canonical Obedience**:

I, David Michael Randle Cooke, 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 David and the Bishop.

The Institution

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

David, 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.

David answers:

Amen.

The Bishop blesses David, 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

Bishop: Chaplain, I authorise you to induct David Michael Randle Cooke into this church and benefice, and thereby provide him with the means to carry out his ministry here.

The Churchwardens and the Chaplain lead David to the church door. The Chaplain lays David's hand on the door handle, and says:

By the authority of the Bishop, I, Kate Seagrave, Chaplain, induct you, David Michael Randle Cooke, 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 David, saying:

David, 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 bell tower. David tolls the church bell as a sign of the start of his ministry in the benefice. The procession then returns to the chancel step. The Chaplain leads David to his seat and says:

David, 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

David stands with the Bishop and with Rachel, facing the congregation.

Bishop: People of this benefice, I present to you David Cooke, your new Rector, and his wife Rachel. Love them, and their sons, John and James, 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 Rector may be greeted with a warm round of applause.

Presentation of Gifts

Chaplain: 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 this benefice will bring to their new Rector 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.

Song: Goodness of God

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

The Blessing of the Ministry Team

The new Rector stands at the Chancel step with the Churchwardens and the members of the Ministry Team of the benefice.

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

David: Eternal God,
 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 Greetings

*The Lay Chair recognises colleagues and community members, who bring
Greetings to David from the Deanery Synod, local Councils, the Catholic
community, the ministries of the Benefice and the wider community.*

At the end of the Greetings, all stand.

The Peace

Please remain standing

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.

Bishop: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The Bishop exchanges a sign of peace with David and Rachel, and together,
they greet members of the congregation.*

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel

David: 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 Philip our Bishop and his Suffragan Bishops
Rhianon and Kelly, 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 this benefice, our villages 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 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 in your mercy, hear us.

For the young people of this benefice, 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 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.

At the end: Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop: 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 forever.
Amen.**

David announces the final song.

Song: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

The Blessing

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

May Almighty God, who for the salvation of the world gives to his people many gifts and ministries to the advancement of his glory, stir up in you the gifts of his grace, sustain each one of you in your own ministry; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

David: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

Recessional: All my hope on God is founded

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance
he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye
endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend
him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

All remain standing as the Bishop leads the new Rector and his wife from the church, followed by the Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester and the Churchwardens.

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

*The Patron's Representative
The Area Dean and Lay Chair of Alresford & Alton Deanery
LLM of the Benefice
Visiting Clergy
Visiting LLMs*

Thank you to everyone for coming to this service
and for supporting David and the Itchen Valley Benefice

You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments