



GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL



# **Service of Celebration for Lay Mission and Ministry**

Saturday 5 July 2025  
10.30am

# WELCOME

Guildford Cathedral is a place of prayer, reflection, work and celebration, held in particular affection by the many thousands of people who helped build it by buying a brick. There is much to offer to visitors and to those who are looking for a church community to call home. All regular weekday and Sunday services are open to all. The beautiful building and the excellent choral tradition contribute to making our Cathedral a place to which, once visited, you will want to return. Guildford Cathedral is a centre for worship and mission to support the ministry of the Bishop in faith and engagement. The Cathedral is a sacred space and an open community of people who together engage with God and the wider world, for the common good. It is a focus and resource for the whole community: a place of daily choral worship, a space for stillness and prayer, a place of pilgrimage and a venue for concerts, art and education. To find out more about the Cathedral, services and events visit: [www.guildford-cathedral.org](http://www.guildford-cathedral.org)

## LICENSED LAY MINISTRY

Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) are people who, after training, are licensed by the Bishop to a role that allows them to minister both in Church as well as beyond the traditional boundaries of Church. LLMs used to be known as Readers but 'Licensed Lay Ministers' better describes their distinctive role. This morning, the following will be admitted and/or licensed as LLMs in Guildford Diocese:

### *LLMs to be admitted*

Sara Holland	St. Mary, Ewell
Jo Franklin	Emmanuel, Stoughton

### *LLMs for re-licensing (new parish)*

Craig Nobbs	St. Nicolas, Guildford
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### *LLMs for relicensing (same parish)*

Andrew Linn	St. Peter, Farnborough
Deborah Lock	St. Peter, Hersham
Simon Loveless	St. John, Stoke-next-Guildford
Andrew Shaw	St. Paul, Nork, with St. Mary, Burgh
Richard Troughton	Good Shepherd, Farnborough

# LAY ASSOCIATE MINISTERS

Lay Associate Ministers (LAMs) are lay people active in Church life, who have been identified by their parish as having a particular gifting, vocation or calling to a form of lay leadership. They are called to work collaboratively alongside their incumbent and wider ministry teams with a distinct focus on growing, nurturing and serving both the Church and the wider parish community.

This morning, the following will be admitted as LAMs in Guildford Diocese:

Tricia Coleman	Parish of Christ Church Epsom Common
Tom Collier	Parish of West Molesey
Ruth Cornish	Parish of St Paul Dorking
Louise Davies	Parish of Guildford St Saviour
Omolade Fasade	Parish of St Paul's at Addlestone
Maria Ford	Parish of West Molesey
Jean-Pierre Frossard	Parish of Byfleet
Peter Fryer	Parish of Crondall and Ewshot
Ian Gregory	Parish of Shere
Judith Hawkey	Parish of Godalming Minster
Alastair Heslop	Parish of Ripley
Claire Holt	Parish of All Saints, Fleet
Claire Jones	Parish of Cranleigh
Claire Levens	Parish of The Bourne
Pamela Marsham	Parish of Badshot Lea and Hale

Ann McIntyre	Parish of Saint Paul's Howell Hill with Saint Barnabas Epsom
Clive McIntyre	Parish of Saint Paul's Howell Hill with Saint Barnabas Epsom
Seb McKie	Parish of Saint Paul's Howell Hill with Saint Barnabas Epsom
Neil Mears	Parish of Thames Ditton
Paul Middleton	Parish of Newdigate
Jana Phillips	Parish of St Nicolas Guildford
Dina Premkumar	Parish of St Paul's at Addlestone
Steph Rustom	Parish of St Andrew Oxshott
Jacquie Still	Parish of Woking (St Peter)
Linda Thatcher	Parish of Seale, Puttenham and Wanborough
Christianna Thompson	Parish of Walton on the Hill
Tina Wareham	Parish of Headley
Cathy Wise	Parish of All Saints Weston

## **Are you feeling inspired? Questioning how God might be calling you? Wondering if you could be a Lay Associate Minister?**

Then there's good news, applications for the next Foundations in Ministry Programme starting this September are now open. You can find more information, who to contact, or complete an application form by following the QR code or on the website; <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/for-leaders/lay-leaders/lay-associate-ministers/>



# PRACTICAL NOTES

## ORDER OF SERVICE

You are encouraged to access the order of service on your phone or tablet. (There is a QR code at the stewards' desk should you wish to access it.) The order of service contains all you need to follow and participate in the service, including the texts of prayers, readings and hymns. If you do not have access to an electronic copy, please ask the stewards for a paper order of service. You are invited to join in with the words printed in **bold**.

## BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN

We are delighted to welcome babies and young children to the service today. There is a do-it-yourself crèche in the baptistry; adults must supervise their own children at all times. Baby-changing facilities are located in the toilets outside Seasons café. Please ask one of our stewards to direct you if you need them.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

There will be a retiring collection, divided between Guildford Cathedral and the Bishop of Guildford's Community Fund. If you would like to support the work of Guildford Cathedral on a regular basis it's very simple to set up a direct debit via the Parish Giving Scheme. The phone number is 0333 002 1271, and the Cathedral reference code is 170617001. One-off donations can be made using the Gift Aid envelopes or a contactless donation by using the contactless collection plates on your way out, or the contactless box (by the west doors of the Cathedral) or our QR code. If you use the contactless plates or box and you are a taxpayer, please complete a green gift aid envelope and write 'contactless donation' on the front; please put the envelope in the plate or the cash box at the west end. On behalf of all at Guildford Cathedral, thank you.



## ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please turn the sound to 'mute' on your electronic devices before the service begins.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOS AND LIVE RECORDINGS**

Please do not take photographs, videos or recordings of the service. The service is being live-streamed from the Cathedral, and you will be able to find it afterwards on the Cathedral website, and watch it again.

# **LAY LICENSED MINISTERS LEGAL PRELIMINARIES**

## **THE DECLARATIONS**

*Before the service the candidates for admission and licensing as LLMs make the Declarations in the form prescribed by Canons E 5 and E 6.*

*The bishop reads the Preface to the Declaration of Assent*

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?

*Candidates reply*

I, A B, 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 I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

I, A B, will give due obedience to the Bishop of N and his successors in all things lawful and honest.

I, A B, about to be licensed to exercise the office of LLM in the Diocese [Parish] of N, do hereby promise to endeavour, as far as in me lies, to promote peace and unity, and to conduct myself as becomes a worker for Christ, for the good of his Church, and for the spiritual welfare of all people. I will give due obedience to the minister in whose cure I may serve, in all things lawful and honest.

# THE GATHERING

**WELCOME** The Reverend Canon Rachel Young

*Stand* **SONG**

*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 sings Your praise unending,  
ten thousand years and then forevermore.

*Words and music: Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin © 2011 ThankYou Music*

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

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

*The Bishop offers his own welcome*



After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

The Bishop of Guildford, the Right Reverend Andrew Watson.

## **TESTIMONIES**

*The Revd Dr John Valentine, Dean of the Local Ministry Programme introduces Steph Rustom (a LAM candidate) and Jo Franklin (a LLM candidate), who briefly summarize their calling to these ministries.*

# THE BLESSING OF LAY ASSOCIATE MINISTERS

*Bishop* Lay Associate Ministers are lay people active in Church life, who have been identified by their parish as having a particular gifting, vocation or calling to a form of lay leadership.

They are called to work collaboratively alongside their incumbent and wider ministry teams with a distinct focus on growing, nurturing and serving both the Church and the wider parish community.

## **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

*The candidates for Lay Associate Ministry are presented to the bishop.  
As their name is called, each candidate stands up where they are.*

Bishop, I present these persons to be Lay Associate Ministers in their parishes: N, from [parish]

*When all the candidates have been presented, the bishop asks these questions, to which the appropriate persons respond*

Have they been trained in the Holy Scriptures and in the catholic creeds, and studied mission and ministry to resource them for service in their parish and community? Have they had their serving in the role of Lay Associate Minister authorized by their incumbent and confirmed by the Parochial Church Council?

**They have.**

*The bishop turns to the candidates and says*

In order that we may be satisfied that you are ready to begin the ministry of a Lay Associate Minister, you must now answer the questions we put to you.

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

*The candidates reply*

**I do so believe.**

Will you be faithful in leading the people of God in worship, and in preaching the word to them?

**By the grace of God, I will.**

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?

**By the grace of God, I will.**

Will you work follow the direction of your incumbent and work closely with your colleagues in ministry?

**By the grace of God, I will.**

*The candidates turn and face the congregation.*

*The bishop addresses the congregation.*

Members of the body of Christ, these people have been chosen for the role of Lay Associate Ministers. Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

**We will.**

Will you continue to pray for them?

**We will.**

*The bishop invites the clergy of the new LAMs' parishes or chaplaincies to stand and asks them*

Will you work closely with your new Lay Associate Ministers and encourage them to use their gifts and develop their ministry?

**We will.**

## COMMISSIONING

*The incumbents of the LAMs receive a certificate of completion of the Foundations in Ministry course from the Bishop and hand them to their LAMs, saying*

I welcome you as Lay Associate Minister to the parish of N.

*After receiving their certificate, each LAM returns to their seat, and remains standing*

*Bishop* May almighty God bless you  
In the mission and ministry to which you are called  
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
**Amen**

*Stand* **HYMN**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word –  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same –  
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:  
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)*

# THE ADMISSION AND LICENSING OF LICENSED LAY MINISTERS

## *Sit*     **INTRODUCTION**

*Bishop* My brothers and sisters, God has gathered us into the fellowship of the universal Church. As members together of his body, Christ calls us to minister in his name and, according to our gifts, to be instruments of his love in the world. Within this ministry, LLMs are called to serve the Church of God and to work together with clergy and other ministers. They are to lead public worship, to preach and teach the word of God, to assist at the eucharist and to share in pastoral and evangelistic work. As authorized lay ministers, they are to encourage the ministries of God's people, as the Spirit distributes gifts among us all. They are called to help the whole Church to participate in God's mission to the world.

## **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

*The candidates for Licensed Lay Ministry are presented to the bishop.  
As their name is called, each candidate stands up where they are.*

Bishop, I present these persons to be admitted to the office of LLM:  
N, from [parish].

*When all the candidates have been presented, the bishop asks these questions,  
to which the appropriate persons respond.*

Have they made the Declaration of Assent, and thereby 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? Have they also made the declaration of obedience to the Bishop and the declaration which must be made before a LLM is licensed?

**They have.**

Are they people of Christian character, well versed in the Holy Scriptures and in the doctrines of our faith?

**They are.**

Have they been sufficiently prepared for the duties of this office?

**They have.**

## **THE QUESTIONS**

*The bishop turns to the candidates and says*

In order that we may be satisfied that you are ready to begin the ministry of a LLM, you must now answer the questions we put to you.

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

**I do so believe.**

Will you be faithful in leading the people of God in worship, and in preaching the word to them?

**By the grace of God, I will.**

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?

**By the grace of God, I will.**

Will you endeavour to fashion your life according to the way of Christ?

**By the grace of God, I will.**

Will you promote unity, peace and love in the Church and in the world, and especially among those whom you serve?

**By the grace of God, I will.**

Will you work closely with your colleagues in ministry and encourage the gifts of others?

**By the grace of God, I will.**

*The candidates turn and face the congregation.*

Members of the body of Christ, these people have been chosen for the office of LLM. Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

**We will.**

Will you continue to pray for them?

**We will.**

*The bishop invites the clergy of the new LLMs' parishes or chaplaincies to stand and asks*

Will you work closely with your new LLMs and encourage them to use their gifts and develop their ministry?

**We will.**

Will you commend them to the people amongst whom they will minister?

**We will.**

## **THE ADMISSION**

*The candidates stand or kneel before the bishop, who admits them to the office of LLM with these words*

N, I admit you as a LLM in the Church,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*When all have been admitted, the bishop blesses them in these or other suitable words*

May the Lord give you wisdom, courage, strength and love to do his will,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
rest upon you, and on your work done in his name,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

*Each new LLM is vested with a blue scarf and presented with a copy of the New Testament and then return to their seats.*

## **THE LICENSING**

*The newly admitted LLMs move to the side of the crossing. LLMs who have moved into the diocese or into a new parish are presented to the bishop using these or other suitable words*

Bishop, I present these LLMs to be licensed for ministry in this diocese:

N from the Diocese/Parish of A, to serve in the Parish of B

*When all of these LLMs have been presented, the bishop asks these questions, to which the appropriate person responds*

Have they made the Declaration of Assent, and thereby 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? Have they also made the declaration of obedience to the Bishop and the declaration which must be made before a LLM is licensed?

**They have.**



*The bishop hands the LLMs who have moved into the diocese or into a new parish and the newly admitted LLMs their licences with these or other suitable words*

Receive authority to exercise the office of LLM in this diocese. May the Lord be with you in all your work and ministry from this day onwards.

**Amen.**

*These LLMs return to their seats.*

## **PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

*The newly commissioned and licensed LAMs and LLMs stand and the bishop says to them*

We welcome you as ministers of God's word.

**May the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

*The congregation welcomes the LLMs and LAMs.*

*LAMs sit and all the LLMs in the congregation stand for a prayer of commitment together.*

*They say*

**God our Father, we offer our lives to do your work in your Church and in the world. Help us by your Holy Spirit to hear more clearly your call to deeper commitment in your service, and give us grace to respond with gladness: for the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All LLMS then sit.*

## **INTERCESSIONS**

*Led by Sara Holland and using the following response*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
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 CONCLUSION**

*The Bishop says*

Let us pray together

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

*As the song is sung, the procession departs.*

You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace,  
and the mountains and the hills  
will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
and all the trees of the field  
shall clap, shall clap their hands.

*And all the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands;  
the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands;  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands,  
and you'll go out with joy.*

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