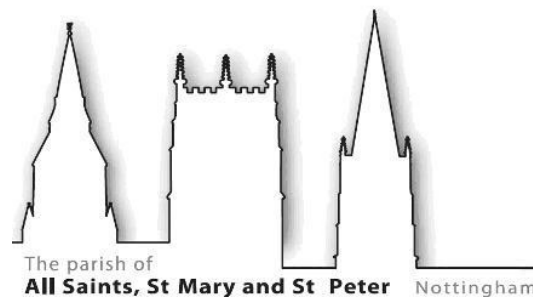


ST PETER'S CHURCH
NOTTINGHAM



Service of Licensing of
THE REVEREND RACHEL SHOCK

as

NOTTINGHAM WORKPLACE CHAPLAIN

by

The Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham
The Right Reverend Paul Butler

Tuesday 31st January 2012
5.30pm

ORDER OF PROCESSION

Visiting Clergy and Readers
Representatives of other churches
Clergy and Readers from the parish

THE BISHOP'S PROCESSION

The Workplace Chaplain
Area Dean and Lay Chair
Churchwardens
Julia Atkins, Arthur Bennett (in place of Maureen Black) - All Saints'
Julia Barrow, Peter Bartlett - St Mary's
Peter Hoare, Keith Mountford - St Peter's
Bishop
Bishop's Chaplain

WELCOME & NOTICES

The Reverend Christopher Harrison *Vicar, Nottingham All Saints, St Mary & St Peter*

Members of the St Peter's Church Choir are joined by the Browne Jacobson Solicitors' Choir to sing the

INTROIT

O Lord, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience, in all our adversity.
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.

Text: Anon

Music: Loosemoore (d.1690)

HYMN

All stand

1. 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.

2. Pride of man 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.

3. 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.

4. Daily doth the 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.

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

GREETING

The Bishop greets the people saying

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

All And also with you.

Let us pray.

All sit

God our Father, Lord of all the world, we thank you that 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 servant Rachel the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Almighty and eternal God, to whom we must all give account: guide with your Spirit all those involved in the business of the City of Nottingham, that we may be faithful to the mind of Christ and seek in all our purposes to enrich our common life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

PRESENTATION

The Reverend Jonathan MacGillivray, Area Dean

Bishop, this Parish of All Saints, St Mary and St Peter in the City of Nottingham, has been, with sister churches in the city centre, a sign of God's presence and a witness to Christ's love for many centuries. In recent years, we have understood more clearly that its mission in the city includes a pastoral ministry among people in their place of work, recognising the many continuing pressures and challenges in the world of work.

In consultation with the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, our sister churches, and with representatives of commerce and industry in the city centre, the Commercial Chaplaincy was established in 1989. The Workplace Chaplaincy has become well-established and deeply appreciated by those who have received it, and as a result, the role of the Church in Nottingham has been greatly enhanced.

Most recently, Bishop, we thank God for the ministry of Reverend Alison Maddocks, who was the previous Workplace Chaplain in Nottingham. We now ask you to license Rachel Shock as her successor.

The Area Dean leads Rachel before the Bishop, who stands at his chair, and says

Bishop, I present Rachel Shock to be licensed as Workplace Chaplain in Nottingham.

Bishop

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I am glad to introduce Rachel to you. Is it your will that I should now license her as Workplace Chaplain in Nottingham?

All It is.

As we have come together to welcome Rachel to this workplace chaplaincy, to pray for her and her ministry among us, we remember that all who are baptized are called to the privilege and responsibility of sharing Christ's mission in the world. Let us therefore humbly wait upon God, and in silence remember all that he has done for us through his Son Jesus Christ, and that his Holy Spirit is with us now and in all we do in his name.

A short period of silent prayer is kept, after which the Bishop says the following prayer:

Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church that we may be led into all truth. Bless Rachel with your grace and presence as she works to do your will; keep her and all your people gathered here steadfast in faith and united in love, that we may reveal your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING *Read by Len Simmonds, Chair of Chaplaincy Council*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3.12-15

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

ANTHEM *Sung by the choir*

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest! I hate the sins that made Thee mourn and drove Thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

*Text: W. Cowper (1731-1800)
Music: CV Stanford (1852-1924)*

READING *Read by Reverend Stephen Morris, Associate Priest,
Nottingham All Saints, St Mary & St Peter*

Let us then go to Jesus outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you.

Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honourably in all things. *Hebrews 13.13-18*

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Paul Butler, Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham

HYMN

All stand



1. City built with skills of thousands,
set by Trent's majestic flow,
heart of industry and learning,
source whence art and science grow.
For our freedom, for our justice,
praise and thanks we give, O God.

2. Ancient shire of field and forest,
county proud of troop and team,
marbled waters, lofty steeples,
factory and farm aspiring green.
For our freedom, for our justice,
praise and thanks we give, O God.

3. Changing land with mobile culture,
island power with global aim,
timeless beauty, sharpest wisdom,
sovereign domain with peoples' sway.
For our freedom, for our justice,
praise and thanks we give, O God.

4. World endowed with hope and promise,
formed as God's galactic gem,
scarred by sin's destructive madness,
healed by Christ's redemptive love.
For its freedom, for its justice,
for its peace we pray, O God.

Text & Music: Reverend CD Harrison

THE AFFIRMATION

All sit

Rachel stands before the Bishop, who says:

Priests are ordained to work with the Bishop as servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. They are called to baptize, to proclaim the Word of the Lord and to preside at the Eucharist.

In order to fulfil this ministry, Rachel needs your prayers and encouragement. Before I license her as Workplace Chaplain, I require her assurance that she accepts the responsibilities of her new office in the Church; and your assurance that you will work with her in partnership and give her the encouragement she needs.

All stand

Rachel, do you believe that you have been called by God to serve the people of Nottingham as their Workplace Chaplain?

I believe that I am so called.

Rachel, will you be a faithful pastor to those in your care, seeking always to bring the values of God's kingdom into each place in which you work?

By the grace of God, I will.

Rachel, will you seek to enable these people to become the people of God; will you lead them in worship and in service; will you encourage them to share in the life of the Gospel, and proclaim his saving love to the world?

By the grace of God, I will.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, will you be faithful members of the Body of Christ, will you support Rachel and, together, with her, serve the Kingdom of God?

All By the grace of God we will.

THE LICENSING

All sit

The Bishop reads the licence and gives it to Rachel as she kneels in front of him.

Receive this charge which is both yours and mine; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Bishop blesses Rachel as the new Workplace Chaplain

Rachel, the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

All stand

During this hymn, a collection will be taken on behalf of the Workplace Chaplaincy

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2. All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee of gain;
what they gain from thee, forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

THE GREETINGS AND PRESENTATION OF SIGNS OF MINISTRY AND PEACE

All sit

Representatives from the parish and businesses of Nottingham bring appropriate signs of ministry together with a welcome to the new Chaplain.

District Judge Donella Nicolle

Rachel, I welcome you to Nottingham City Centre and wish you well in your ministry within the business community.

Rachel is handed a business card with the names of the businesses currently supported by the Workplace Chaplaincy

Receive this business card

All as a symbol of the businesses and organisations present in the City of Nottingham.

Revd Christopher Harrison, Vicar, All Saints, St Mary's & St Peter's, Nottingham.

Rachel, I welcome you to share with us in our ministry of Christ in this city centre.

Rachel is handed a prayer book

Receive this prayer book

All and be among us as a woman of prayer and leader of worship.

Revd Jonathan MacGillivray, Area Dean, Nottingham South & Vicar, St John's Carrington

Rachel, I welcome you back to the Nottingham South Deanery.

Rachel is handed a Bible

Receive this Bible

All and be among us to proclaim and teach the Word of God. Amen.

Richard Bullock, Freeth Cartwright

Rachel, I welcome you as Chaplain to Freeth Cartwright and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Rachel is handed an entrance pass to Freeth Cartwright

Receive this entrance pass

All and serve as a woman of faith within the workplaces in Nottingham.

Adele Poulson, Chaplain & member of Chaplaincy Council

Rachel, on behalf of the Chaplaincy Council, I welcome you.

Rachel is handed minutes from the meeting

Receive these minutes

All and bring your voice, wisdom and vision to the meetings you will attend.

June Brown, Chaplain, Life @ The Centre, Methodist Mission.

Rachel, I welcome you on behalf of the Chaplaincy Team and the Methodist Church

Rachel is handed a shell - a symbol of ecumenism

Receive this shell

All and let it remind you of the partnerships that exist and will hopefully flourish within the team.

Rachel responds to the welcome

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rachel leads the congregation in prayer, concluding with The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has 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 forever. Amen.

Bishop

All stand

We are the Body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

*The new Workplace Chaplain for Nottingham says
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.*

A sign of God's peace (a handshake) may be shared with those close by.

HYMN

1. 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.
2. 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 to same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. 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.
4. 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.

BLESSING OF THE WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY TEAM

All Sit

The Reverend Christopher Harrison addresses the Bishop

Bishop, we ask you now to pray for God's blessing on our new Workplace Chaplain and on the workplace chaplaincy team that together they may work to build God's kingdom of love and justice in this place.

Rachel and the team stand before the Bishop, who says

Christ our King, who gives different ministries to his Church to prepare God's people for Christian service, bless you in the ministry to which he has called you; build you together in one body to serve him here, and guide you in the ways of justice and peace, that his goodness and mercy may follow you now and forever,

All **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

All stand

Bishop

Bless, O Lord, the people of this city - those whose lives are lived in these streets and those whose work is done in the businesses and organisations of Nottingham. Provide for them fit places in which to work and live. Steer them away from crime and violence and the dangers and temptations associated with big cities. Make this city a place where hope, justice and co-operation thrive and people gather in peace.

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no-one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted, honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Rachel

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on 'Nun danket, alle Gott'
("Now thank we all our God")

S Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

*All are welcome to join us in the coffee room, through the South door,
for light refreshments.*

*The Nottingham Workplace Chaplaincy is grateful for the support received from many
businesses in the City centre, especially Capital One, Freeth Cartwright, Browne Jacobson,
Marks & Spencer, BHS, The Crown & County Courts, The Magistrates Court,
John Lewis & The Victoria Centre and BioCity.*