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THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW MINISTRY

*The Licensing by the Bishop of Shrewsbury
of The Reverend Fiona Iddon
as Associate Vicar in the Parish of Meole Brace
and Chaplain of University Centre Shrewsbury*

*By Zoom
16th July 2020
7.00 pm*



University Centre
Shrewsbury

THE WELCOME

The Rt Revd Sarah Bullock (The Bishop of Shrewsbury)

THE GATHERING

The Bishop greets the people:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

SONG: BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL

*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*

v1. 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

v2. 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

v3. 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

THE BIDDING AND CALL TO PENITENCE

Revd Phil Cansdale (Vicar of Meole Brace and Area Dean of Shrewsbury) reads

Sisters and brothers in Christ, we have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him our worship and praise, to hear and receive God's Holy Word, and to pray for his blessing on all our work done in the name of Jesus.

In particular we meet to commission Fiona Iddon as Associate Vicar of Meole Brace and Chaplain to University Centre Shrewsbury. As we welcome her, we commit ourselves to working together to discover the heart of God, to growing disciples, to reaching new generations, to transforming communities and to practicing generosity.

In all these things, the power and the glory belong to God, and we are but frail earthen vessels. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask of God both mercy and forgiveness.

A short silence is kept before the Area Dean continues:

All: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
All: **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy.
All: **Lord, have mercy.**

The Bishop proclaims

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop introduces

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION

Fiona is presented by the Revd Phil Cansdale (Vicar of Meole Brace and Area Dean of Shrewsbury) and Revd Canon Dr Peter Jenner (Senior Chaplain and Dean of Chapel of the University of Chester) to the Bishop.

The Vicar of Meole Brace says:

Bishop, I present to you Fiona Iddon who has been chosen to serve as Associate Vicar at Meole Brace

The Senior Chaplain says:

Bishop, I present to you Fiona Iddon who has been chosen to serve as Chaplain at University Centre Shrewsbury.

The Bishop addresses the new minister:

Fiona, are you willing to commit yourself to these responsibilities?

Answer: With God's help, I am.

THE DECLARATION AND OATHS

The Ven Paul Thomas (The Archdeacon of Salop) addresses the new minister:

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?

The new minister says:

I, Fiona Margaret Hastings Iddon 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.

The new minister takes the Bible in her right hand and says:

I, Fiona Margaret Hastings Iddon 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.

The new minister says:

I, Fiona Margaret Hastings Iddon do swear that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Lichfield and his successors, in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

The Bishop says:

Sisters and brothers in Christ, after due consultation Fiona Iddon has been chosen and presented to be Associate Vicar of Meole Brace and Chaplain at University Centre Shrewsbury. Will you support her in this ministry, and uphold her by your prayers?

All: With God's help, we will.

Bishop: Let us pray for God's blessing on Fiona and on our work together

Bishop: Almighty and ever-living God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer for all your people in their life and work, and especially for Fiona and your Church in this place. Fill us with the knowledge of your truth, that in our varied ministries we may serve your Kingdom in the world, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE LICENSING

The Bishop reads the Letter of Licensing, and then says:

Receive this licence
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE WELCOME

The Bishop says:

Sisters and brothers in Christ, now that Fiona has been licensed to these new ministries, let us welcome her in God's name.

All: In the name of the Lord, we welcome you.

All applaud

WELCOME FROM THE TEAM

Colleagues and those Fiona will be working alongside welcome her into her new roles. People from across Meole Brace parish will then pray for Fi using words from Ephesians 3.

The Bishop commissions the team and people together:

God, who has given you
the will to undertake all these things,
give you also the strength to perform them,
that he may complete the work he has begun in you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord bless you and prosper you.
The Lord grant success to the work of your hands.

All: **We bless you in the name of the Lord.
In the name of the Lord, we bless you.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Reading: 2 Corinthians 3

At the end the reader says:

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

WORDS OF REFLECTION

Bishop Sarah

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Fiona leads us in prayer.

At the conclusion to our prayers we will join in with the Lord's Prayer with a video resource from Shrewsbury's "Pyjama Church", a cross-church online weekly gathering for all ages.

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.

THE BLESSING

Bishop: May God fill you with the knowledge of his will,
through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,
so that you might live a life worthy of the Lord
and please him in every way;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

The new minister says:

All: Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

INTRODUCING FI IDDON

Fi was ordained in 2017 and has served her curacy at St George's, Frankwell where she has dearly loved getting to know the wonderful people who worship there. In her early 20's Fi trained as a secondary school teacher, a job which she loved, before having several years at home as a mum. During this time Fi and a group of other mums of pre-school children began to meet together to pray and to read the Bible, forging close friendships between families and deepening faith.



Fi is married to Simon, who is Assistant Headteacher at Meole Brace Secondary School. Simon and Fi have been involved in youth work together for many years and, together with others, have facilitated the youth mission 'Soul Purpose'. Simon and Fi have two children, Bekah (13) who is at Meole Secondary and Josiah (11) who is just leaving Meole Primary (and heading for Meole Secondary!)

The Iddon family worshipped for many years at Trinity Churches so this move, in many ways, feels like coming home. Fi loves to see people of all ages using their gifts to serve God in His church and His world.

The Iddon family love being outdoors, particularly where camping is involved, and head for the coast as often as possible. The Shropshire Hills, Cornwall and Aberdovey are all special places for them.

