

The Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich



A Celebration of Ministry with the Licensing of

Susan Mary Leathley
(Mildenhall)

David Alan Butcher
(Beck Row, Eriswell, Icklingham, Tuddenham, Cavenham, Herringswell, Red Lodge)

Christopher Childs
(Dalham, Gazeley, Higham, Kentford, Moulton)

as Team Vicars

and

David John Everett
(West Row, Barton Mills, Worlington, Freckenham)
as Interim Team Vicar

and

**Caroline Butcher as Assistant Curate of
The Forest Heath Team**

**by
the Bishop of Dunwich
and
the Archdeacon of Sudbury**

**on
11th February 2021 at 7.30pm**

The Gathering

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

Bishop: We have come together to give thanks for the life of the communities of the Forest Heath Team, and for all who have done God's work in it; to pray for Christopher, Susan, David, Dave, and Caroline in their ministry here, that they may have joy, courage and hope; and for ourselves, that we may be renewed in the work of God's kingdom.

Let us therefore wait humbly upon God, giving thanks for all that God has done, and asking forgiveness for those ways in which we have failed each other, our communities, and God.

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE ADDRESS

Archdeacon David

The Liturgy of Licensing

Declaration & Oaths

Bishop: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Head of the Church, I, Mike, acting under the Commission of Martin, Lord Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich am here to license you as Team Vicars and Assistant Curate within the Forest Heath Team. Before I do so, it is necessary for the Declaration of Assent to be made and the oaths of Allegiance and Canonical obedience to be taken.

Archdeacon: 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. Susan, Caroline, David, David and Christopher 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?

The Declaration of Assent

I Christopher, Susan, David, Dave, and Caroline 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 Oath of Allegiance to her Majesty the Queen

I, Christopher, Susan, David, Dave, and Caroline 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 Oath of Canonical Obedience

I, Christopher, Susan, David, Dave, and Caroline do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and his successors in all things lawful and honest, so help me God.

Bishop: Christopher, Susan, David, and Dave; having made these declarations, you may now receive the Cure of Souls in this benefice. Let us pray in silence that God will bless his ministry here.

The Bishop reads the licences.

Christopher, Susan, David, Dave, and Caroline 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. Amen.

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen.

The Bishop leads everyone in saying:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy Kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Welcome

People of this Team, I present to you your clergy duly licensed and I invite you to greet them in the name of Christ. I commend them to your love and to your prayers.

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