

The Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich



A Celebration of Ministry

**with the
Licensing
of**

the Revd Christopher Childs

**as Acting Team Rector
of
The Forest Heath Team Ministry**

and

**as
Assistant Rural Dean of Mildenhall**

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

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

Licensing of Acting Team Rector

Bishop Christopher are you prepared to act as Team Rector until such times as a substantive appointment may be made, seeking to foster collaboration between and work with the clergy, ministers and people across the Team to build up the body of Christ here?

Chris I am with God's help

The Bishop reads the licence.

Licensing of Assistant Rural Dean

Bishop We give thanks for our fellowship in this deanery and for all who do God's work in this place: to pray for our brother Chris, now to be licensed as assistant Rural Dean, that he may serve and lead with joy, courage, and hope; and for us that we might be renewed in our vision of the Kingdom of God.

Archdeacon From the earliest times, the Christian Church has chosen from among the faithful, people of patience, understanding and judgement to guide and help their brothers and sisters in the ministry of the church. In this, we exercise the pastoral care and compassion that our Lord Jesus Christ showed for all his followers.

Bishop Christopher are you prepared to be admitted to the office of Assistant Rural Dean, supporting the Rural Dean and his or her successors in their responsibilities seeking to build up the body of Christ in this Deanery?

Chris I am with God's Help

The Bishop reads the licence then says.

Chris, I give you authority for this pastoral charge. And the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will. And the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you now and always. **Amen**

The Dismissal

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,
and 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.**

Go in the power of Christ.

All **We have a gospel to proclaim!**

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God!**