



**Service of Institution
by the Rt Revd Anne Hollinghurst Bishop of Aston
and Induction
by the Venerable Jenny Tomlinson Archdeacon of Birmingham
of the Revd Paul Day
as Vicar of Shirley**

**7.30pm on Tuesday 8 December 2020
St James the Great Church, Shirley**

Introit

Call to Worship

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

The Bishop offers words of welcome and introduction

Responses

There are varieties of gifts:

but the same Spirit

There are varieties of service:

but the same Lord

There are different kinds of workings:

but the same God is at work in all.

There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call:

one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all:

to whom Christ ascended on high.

And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:

**so that we can minister together to build up his body,
to be mature in the fullness of Christ.**

Collect

God our Father, Lord of all the world
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 Paul
now to be licensed, the needful gifts of grace;
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 for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Reading Philippians 2:1-11

Read by Kate Day

Sermon *The Archdeacon of Birmingham*

Organ music

The Presentation

The Area Dean presents Paul to the Bishop

Bishop I present to you the Revd Paul Day to be admitted to the cure of souls in this parish. I therefore ask you to admit him to his new ministry as Vicar of Shirley.

Bishop Thank you for your presentation.
Do those with responsibility to represent the parish confirm this presentation?

The Parish representatives say

We confirm that we have willingly shared in this choice.

Bishop Paul, God has called you to serve as Vicar of Shirley. Are you ready and willing to accept this responsibility, with both its duties and its joys?

Paul *With the help of God, I am.*

Bishop People of God, is it therefore your will that Paul should be admitted to the cure of souls for this place?

All **It is!**

Bishop Will you uphold and support him in his ministry?

All **We will!**

A moment of stillness and silent prayer as we invite the Holy Spirit to move amongst us and to equip Paul with all the needful gifts of grace for this new ministry.

The Declaration and Oaths

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?

Paul responds:

I, Paul Geoffrey Day, 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

Paul, holding a Bible in his right hand (and facing the congregation), says:

I, Paul Geoffrey Day, 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

Paul, holding a Bible in his right hand (and facing the Bishop), says:

I, Paul Geoffrey Day, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, and his successors, in all things lawful and honest. So help me God.

The Licensing

The Bishop reads the parchment and then says

Paul, receive this cure of souls, which is both yours and mine;
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing of the New Ministry

The Bishop anoints Paul with the oil of Chrism, saying

Paul, remember your baptism into Christ. Remember your ordination in the Church of God.

May God who anointed Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit anoint and empower you for the blessing of God's people.

All **Amen.**

Paul is joined by his family. The Bishop commends them to the prayers of the people.

Bishop

The Lord bless you and watch over you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord look kindly upon you and give you peace.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you,
and upon all that you undertake in his name, now and for ever more.

All **Amen.**

The Installation and Induction

The Bishop addresses the Archdeacon:

Archdeacon, I have licensed Paul to the cure of souls in this parish. I now ask you to install him and by the authority of this mandate to induct him as Incumbent of this parish

The Archdeacon places Paul in the seat of the vicar and says:

Paul, I place you in the seat of the Vicar of Shirley. May the Lord guard and keep you and bless your ministry here, in the name of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Paul Amen.

Kneeling in his stall, Paul prays:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that we, your people in this place, may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
we may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen

The Archdeacon and the Churchwardens escort the Vicar to the door.

With the Vicar's hand placed on the church door, the Archdeacon says:

Paul, with the authority of this mandate, I induct you into the real and actual possession of this Benefice of Shirley and all the rights, dignities and responsibilities belonging to it.

The Vicar rings the church bell

The Churchwardens give the Vicar the keys of the church saying:

Receive these keys as a sign of your stewardship
and let the doors of this place be open to all.

Vicar Amen

The Welcome

Bishop I present to you the Revd Paul Day as Vicar of Shirley. See then that you support him to the full by your worship of God, your prayers and your work.

All **We are members together of the Body of Christ.
We are children of the same heavenly Father.
We welcome you.**

Prayers

led by Paul Day

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to say:

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 for ever. Amen.**

The Commissioning

The Bishop asks the congregation & new minister together

As part of God's Church here in Shirley, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

All **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

All **We will**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

All **We will**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

All **We will**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

All **We will**

The Blessing

Bishop

The God of all grace
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Paul

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

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

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