

The Licensing of
The Revd Julie Harris
as Priest in Charge
of the Benefice of Nailsea Christ Church with Tickenham
By
The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley
Bishop of Taunton



By remote conferencing
2nd June 2020
4.00pm

Bishop Ruth introduces the service

The Revd Julie Harris is presented to the Bishop by her previous incumbent, the Revd Fran Binding:

Fran:

Bishop, I present to you Julie to serve as Priest in Charge in the Benefice of Nailsea Christ Church with Tickenham

The Bishop prays:

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 all your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servant, Julie,
the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Spirit,
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop then says:

Bishop Julie, you have been chosen as the Priest in Charge in the Benefice of Nailsea Christ Church with Tickenham in this Diocese.
Do you believe that God has truly called you to this ministry?

Julie I believe that God has called me, and, with his help, I will serve faithfully in this ministry.

Bishop Heavenly Father, we gather in your name with thankfulness and praise for all who have been envisioned afresh in times past to serve you in this Diocese and for your servant Julie, now called by you to this present task. Guide and strengthen all your faithful people that we may give ourselves in love and service to one another and to your world with renewed vision and service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

The Bishop calls upon Julie to affirm her loyalty to the Anglican inheritance of faith and to swear allegiance to the Queen and Canonical obedience to the Bishop.

Julie, 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?

Julie responds

I, Julie Christine Harris 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.

Taking the Bible, Julie swears the Oath of Allegiance to the Sovereign:

I, Julie Christine Harris 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.

Julie swears the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop:

I, Julie Christine Harris, swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, and his successors, in all things lawful and honest, so help me God.

The Bishop reads Julie's licence.

The Bishop 'virtually' hands the licence to the Priest in Charge, saying:

Julie, receive this duty and care, which is both yours and mine;
in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The IME Phase 2 Officer, the Revd Mandy Priestley prays for Julie and her ministry.

Julie prays for her new parishes.

The Bishop blesses Julie in her ministry

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 upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The assembled people then say together:

**All Julie, may the Lord make you a blessing
among those to whom you minister,
and may we be a blessing to you,
as we work together for Christ.**