



**Parish of St Peter Woking  
Diocese of Guildford**

**CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY**

**The Collation of  
Revd Jonathan Thomas  
by**

**Rt Revd Bishop Paul Davies**

**and the Induction and Installation by  
Ven. Martin Breadmore**

**on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6pm**

**St Peter's Church, Old Woking**



## About this service

Christian life and work are always undertaken with others. First there is the partnership between God and the Church – the whole people of God – clergy and laity together. And in each congregation there is also a partnership between the ordained ministry and the lay members, each with their individual gifts. Partnership therefore is the theme of this service.

## Appointment

The appointment of Jonathan Thomas as Priest-in-Charge in 2014 was the conclusion of a process of discernment and prayer well over eleven years ago. This included the preparation by the Parochial Church Council of a statement of the traditions and needs of the parish and its people, and meetings of the new priest with the elected parish representatives who, together with the bishop, agreed to the appointment.

At that time, St Peter's, St Mark's and All Souls were in a period of transition from having been a 'team ministry', and so the parishes were 'suspended'. During Jonathan's ministry, the three churches have grown closer together, working on their shared ministry. Today we recognise that as the suspension is lifted, the churches are united into a single benefice and Jonathan is formally welcomed and installed as the Rector.

## Revd Jonathan Thomas

Jonathan became priest-in-charge in this parish in May 2014, having served as an assistant curate at St Nicolas Cranleigh before that. Aply supported by his wife Sarah, he has enjoyed ministering in this parish for more than a decade, grateful for the many priests and lay people who have supported him in ministry and thankful to the Lord for upholding him during his ministry here.

## Before the service begins ...

You might wish to hold in your prayers:

- All who have worshipped and ministered here in the past
- All who worship here today
- All who live and work in this community
- Jonathan and his family
- Yourself: your own life, worship and witness.

# ¶ *The Gathering*

*Before the service begins the area dean escorts the incumbent-designate to his place in the front row, welcomes everyone and announces the first hymn*

*The service begins with a hymn, during which the procession enters.*

## Hymn

### **O for a thousand tongues to sing**

my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ:  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master, and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad,  
the honours of Thy name.

## The Greeting

*The congregation remains standing.*

*The bishop greets the people*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.

*All* **There is one hope to which we were called;**

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

*All* **one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*The bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the liturgy.*

## The Collect

*The bishop introduces a short period of silence and prays the Collect.*

God our Father,  
Lord of all the world,  
we thank you for calling us through your Son Jesus Christ  
into the fellowship of your universal Church.  
Hear our prayer for your people  
that each in their vocation and ministry  
may be an instrument of your love.  
Give to your servant Jonathan the needful gifts of grace  
for the good of your Church and the welfare of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

*The congregation sits.*

## The Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 *read by Talia Johnson and Rev Lucy Bush*

*At the end of the reading*

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sermon

## Hymn

**For I'm building a people of power**  
and I'm making a people of praise,  
that will move through this land by My Spirit,  
and will glorify My precious name.

Build Your Church, Lord,  
make us strong, Lord,  
join our hearts, Lord, through Your Son;  
make us one, Lord, in Your body,  
in the kingdom of Your Son.

*During the singing of this hymn, the area dean brings the incumbent designate to stand before the bishop.*

# The Presentation

*The congregation sits.*

*Area Dean*

Bishop Paul, I present to you Jonathan Thomas to be admitted to care for God's people as their parish priest, and request that you will collate him to this charge.

*Churchwardens*

On behalf of the parochial church council of this benefice, we welcome this appointment.

*Bishop*

I gladly accept your presentation of Jonathan and pray that God's blessing may rest upon this parish. Before I give Jonathan responsibility for the pastoral care of this benefice, I ask him before God and this congregation, to renew the promises made to Christ at ordination as a priest of his Church.

Jonathan, at our ordination we accepted the responsibility of priesthood out of love for Christ and his Church. Are you resolved to follow Jesus Christ, the Head and Shepherd of the Church, by caring as a true pastor for the people you are now called to serve? Will you seek to do all that lies within your power to build up the Church, which is the Body of Christ?

*Priest*

I will, with God's grace.

*The congregation stands.*

*Bishop*

Let us pray for God's grace  
as Jonathan seeks to be a faithful minister of Christ in this place,  
and that we may all be willing servants of the Kingdom.

*The congregation remains standing for a period of silent prayer.*

## *Bishop*

Let us bring our prayers together, saying

**All Lord, you have given us minds to know you,  
hearts to love you, and voices to praise your name.  
Give us grace to offer ourselves freely in your service  
that we may faithfully fulfil the worship of your Church,  
glorify you in our lives  
and share with you in bringing  
your Kingdom here on earth.  
Amen.**

*The congregation sits.*

*The bishop introduces the required declarations and oaths in these or other words.*

I now ask Jonathan to make the customary promises required by law.

## **Declaration of Assent**

*The bishop invites the new priest to make the Declaration of Assent, made at the time of ordination, and renewed each time a member of the clergy takes up a new appointment in the Church of England.*

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.

Jonathan, 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?



*Priest*

I, Jonathan Mark Gutteridge Thomas, 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 worship  
which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

## **The Oath of Allegiance**

*The priest, holding the Bible, faces the people and makes the customary oath to the Sovereign, reflecting the obligation of all Church of England ministers to serve the wider community.*

*Priest*

I, Jonathan Mark Gutteridge Thomas, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III, his heirs and successors according to law: So help me God.

## **The Oath of Canonical Obedience**

*The priest, holding the Bible, faces the bishop and declares his intention to serve under the due authority of the church, personified in the office of bishop.*

*Priest*

I, Jonathan Mark Gutteridge Thomas, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Guildford and his successors, in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.

*The priest and bishop then sign the declaration and oaths.*

## **The Collation**

*The priest kneels.*

*The bishop reads the words of the deed aloud and then hands it to the priest.*

Jonathan, receive the 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 bishop invokes God's blessing on the priest using fragrant oil known as Chrism from the Maundy Thursday renewal of ministries service at the Cathedral.*

Jonathan, God anoint you with the spirit of holiness and joy.  
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.

**All Amen.**

## **The Induction**

*The bishop gives the mandate to the archdeacon and asks him to proceed with the induction.*

*The new rector, area dean, churchwardens and archdeacon stand in front of the congregation.*

*The congregation stands.*

*The archdeacon hands the priest the mandate and says:*

Jonathan, with the authority of this Mandate,  
I induct you into the real actual and corporal possession  
of the parish churches of this benefice  
with all the rights, dignities and responsibilities belonging to your office.

*The churchwardens shake hands with the priest.*

*A bell is tolled to signify the acceptance of office to the local community.*

## **The Installation**

*The archdeacon then places the priest in the accustomed seat, saying*

Jonathan, I place you in the stall of the priest of this benefice.  
May the Lord guard and keep you, and bless your ministry here.

## **Anthem**

*Cantate Deo from Handel's Water Music sung by Inspiration Choir*

*The congregation kneels.*



## The Prayers

*The first act of the newly installed priest is to lead everyone in prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer.*

Lord of life and love

**All Hear our prayer**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

## ¶ *Dedication of Priest and People in Ministry*

### Hymn

**Blessed be your name** in the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow, **blessed be your name.**  
**Blessed be your name** when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness, **blessed be your name.**

*Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,  
'Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.'*

**Blessed be your name** when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be, **blessed be your name.**  
**Blessed be your name** on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering, **blessed be your name.**

*Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,  
'Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.'*

You give and take away, you give and take away.

My heart will choose to say, 'Lord, blessed be your name.' *(Repeat)*

'Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.' *(Repeat)*

*The congregation sits.*

## **Call to Discipleship**

*A number of recently baptised/confirmed candidates stand before the priest.*

*Confirmation candidate – Rob Angus*

We come as those recently baptised and confirmed.

*Baptism candidate – Adam Bourne*

Continue to tell the story of God's love.

Baptize new disciples in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Confirmation candidate – Brenda Collard*

Peter said to the people: 'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.'

*(Acts 2:38b-39 NRSV)*

*Bishop*

Jonathan, will you live the new life in Christ and joyfully minister the sacrament of Baptism for those who turn to Christ?

*Priest*

I will, with God's grace.

**All We commit our lives afresh to Christ  
as we continue our Christian pilgrimage.**

## Call to Mission

*A number of ministers who have trained to be clergy or preachers stand before the priest.*

*Minister – Dean Pusey*

We come as those called into or trained in ministry during your time ministering to us

*Preacher – Paul Stanistreet*

Unfold the Scriptures.  
Preach the word in season and out of season,  
and declare the mighty acts of God.

*Area Dean*

Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. *(Luke 4:17b-19, NRSV)*

*Bishop*

Jonathan, will you proclaim the Gospel of Christ  
by word and deed in your ministry?

*Priest*

I will, with God's grace.

**All We accept our calling to share  
in the mission of Christ and the work of evangelism.**

## Call to Worship

*A number of people who have trained as worship leaders stand before the priest.*

*Worship leader – Caroline Harvey*

We come as those called to lead worship during your time leading worship for us.

*Worship leader – Mark Lempriere*

Preside at the Lord's table.  
Lead us in worship,  
offering with us a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

### *Archdeacon*

When Jesus had given thanks over the bread, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor. 11:24-26, NRSV)

### *Bishop*

Jonathan, will you lead and encourage the people of this place in worship and prayer, presiding at the sacrament of the Eucharist and sharing in Holy Communion?

### *Priest*

I will, with God's grace.

**All** **May Christ unite us in worship,  
and fill our hearts with the joy of the Holy Spirit.**

## **Call to Service**

*A number of those who have served as churchwardens and pastoral assistants stand before the priest.*

### *Churchwarden – Geoff Pugh*

We come as those who have served these churches as churchwardens and pastoral assistants during your time as our Priest-in-Charge.

### *Pastoral Assistant – Brenda Cox*

Continue to pastor this community and lead this church.  
Exercise wisdom and prudence in managing the resources handed on to us and which we too shall pass on.

### *Churchwarden – Jacquie Still*

St Paul said to the elders at the church at Ephesus 'Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God' (Acts 20:28a NRSV)

### *Bishop*

Jonathan, will you watch over the people entrusted to your care, and pastor them as a good shepherd looks after his flock?

### *Priest*

I will, with God's grace.

**All** **We turn to Christ, the great shepherd of God's flock, and seek the guidance of those chosen to guide us.**

## Welcoming the New Priest

*The congregation sits. The area dean invites the priest's family to join him at the Chancel step.*

*The area dean invites everyone to welcome Jonathan in his new role*

Let us all join together in welcoming Jonathan to serve this benefice as parish priest.

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

*The people signify their welcome with a round of applause.*

*The new priest responds to the welcome, gives out any notices (including details of the following Sunday's services) and the Bishop announces the final hymn:*

## Hymn

*During the hymn a collection is taken for the Bishop of Guildford's Community Fund.*

**Thine be the glory,** risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory...*

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without Thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

*Thine be the glory...*

# ¶ *The Blessing and Dismissal*

*The congregation remains standing.*

*Bishop*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**All who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
**All now and for ever. Amen.**

May God the Father, who created you,  
fulfil in you his heavenly purpose.  
**All Amen.**

*Bishop*

May God the Son, who redeemed you,  
be always present with you, to guide and support you  
in the work which you do for him and his Church.  
**All Amen.**

*Bishop*

May God the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies and strengthens you,  
fill your hearts and minds with all that you need to serve God faithfully.  
**All Amen.**

*Bishop*

The Blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**All Amen.**

*New priest*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*In the closing procession the newly installed priest walks alongside the bishop.*

*Everyone is warmly invited to join us in for refreshments after the service where there will be an opportunity to celebrate the mission and ministry of the church.*

## Notes

The **'institution'** of a rector or vicar (called **'collation'** when the bishop is the patron) or the licensing of a priest-in-charge or team vicar is performed by the bishop, who thereby commits to the priest to the spiritual care of the parish, part of the **'cure of souls'** entrusted by God to the bishop.

The **'induction'** of a rector or vicar who has been **'instituted'** by the bishop is normally performed by the archdeacon, and gives the Incumbent possession of the temporalities as opposed to the spiritualities of the parish.

Those given pastoral charge of a parish must first have been ordained deacon and priest (that is, a 'presbyter'), and this service recalls the solemn vows and promises made at the ordination service. In this order of service, the term 'priest' is used even if the office is known as a rector, vicar or priest-in-charge.



**The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund (BGCF) exists to reach out to disadvantaged and vulnerable people across the Diocese of Guildford in the name of Christ.**

Grants are offered to projects initiated by Church of England churches (and those in active partnership with them) to assist them to fulfil Goal 6 of our diocesan vision, **Transforming Church, Transforming Lives:**

- *Together to increase the range, professionalism and spiritual fruitfulness of our partnerships with the local community, to help create a stronger, fairer and more sustainable society.*

The Diocese of Guildford covers most of Surrey and parts of North East Hampshire and is generally regarded as an affluent part of the country. Across our communities, however, there are areas of real deprivation, made all the more challenging by the relative wealth of those who live nearby.

Many of our churches are already engaged in a range of community-based projects reaching into those areas and inspired by Jesus' own commitment to the least, the last and the lost. The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund is there to give them a helping hand, both with start-up grants and ongoing support.



The Fund gives grants to a range of community projects including those which:

- Support people with disabilities and mental ill-health
- Provide facilities and services for older citizens, children and young people
- Support families and disadvantaged communities
- Provide practical help for the financially challenged
- Offer training and skills programmes

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