

Diocese of Bradford Service of Induction

Section 1: General Notes (ie not just for Rural Deans!) Revised January 2007

Preface:

The Induction Service for the Diocese of Bradford was commissioned by Bishop David James - over a pint at Dick Hudson's (pub)! This preliminary conversation was part of his three-day walk to the Service of Welcome on Saturday 4 January 2003. By way of an afterthought he thought that he would rather like to have the new service in place before his first induction, to be held at Gargrave on March 26 2003.

This gave the Diocesan Liturgical Committee very little time to construct 'the perfect offering'. However, we did our best to consult, not only with members of our own Diocese but also with twenty of our colleagues through the UK who were responsible for Diocesan local texts. In addition nearly fifty written submissions were received.

Internal rationale:

The appointment of a new parish priest comes at the end of a long period of discernment, prayer and a fair bit of bureaucracy! The shape of the new Bradford Induction Service is designed to feel like a bridge between the end of one process - the search for a new incumbent - and the beginning of another, the years of ministry being inaugurated.

The service therefore begins with the archdeacon spelling out (in upbeat fashion, please) something of the history of the parish, its strengths and weaknesses, followed by its hopes for the future. Where appropriate special mention should be made of the role played by the Assistant Curate during the interregnum. Why the Archdeacon? Because his role as the prime mover in the process of finding and sponsoring new clergy is an essential element of their role in this Diocese.

But no ministry stands in isolation and the new incumbent will be coming to a new parish with mixed feelings - of loss as well as excitement about this new chapter under God. So the Archdeacon is followed by commendation (*scripted please*) from a member of his/her former parish who adds the prayers of that place to those offered by the congregation, present on this occasion.

We now understand parochial ministry to be something exercised in a wider context. So it is the Rural Dean or the Deanery Lay Chair who leads the opening prayers. Some will recognise echoes of Bishop David's Welcome service here, especially in the thanksgiving for the past recalled through the remembrance of former clergy. In older churches it is not expected that the *whole* list of former incumbents will be read but the opportunity may be taken for the last five or six (covering, say 30 years) to be mentioned by name. A thanksgiving for the work of any assistant and retired clergy during the interregnum will be included here.

Shape:

In looking at the Induction services of other Dioceses it is clear that there is now no uniform way in which the essential elements are ordered, although the older rites are similar in pattern and all use the ASB Collect from the Ordinal ["God our Father, Lord of all the world, through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church: ..."]

The former Induction Service for Bradford (1993) appeared to stand on the cusp between the old and the new – some departures from the traditional mould but in essence a modest redrafting. It was certainly time to renew our Induction, if only for the sake of staff members who preside over them on a regular basis.

So where do the differences of emphasis between services old and new now lie? The most radical innovation is the opening sequence in which the congregation are drawn into the process by which their new parish priest has come to this moment. We hear from the Archdeacon, from someone representing his/her ministry and from the Churchwardens who declare publicly that they support this new appointment. New too is the dialogues between the new priest and representatives of the congregation and its ministries as, together, they move around the Church rehearsing the various tasks that will be theirs in the coming years. The extension of the range of symbols in the 'Call to Ministry' section, which can now include oils and maps as well as water and Bibles is to be welcomed although the manner and means of their use has to be managed with care if each symbol is to be given due weight.

On the other hand the tolling of the bell, one of the few elements required by canon law, remains a constant feature while the symbolic status of the main door has been much enhanced.

A lot of attention in the wide consultation process has been given to the way we recognise the other ministries that surround the new parish priest – not just parochial officers but also colleagues in the ordained ministry (especially curates and Readers) who have often been under-represented or even overlooked in the past.

One element (which has been hotly debated nationally) has been eliminated in the new Bradford rite. Bishop David has decided that he will not combine Inductions with a celebration of the Eucharist. He believes it excludes many from the local community whom we hope will be drawn into the Church at least on such 'civic' occasions.

Finally, who will be responsible for the final Order of Service? Given that the move to a new parish is a demanding one, the text for an Induction will need to be shared between the parish and the Vicar designate. In addition we hope that the Rural Dean will keep some kind of holding brief, to ensure that all those who will be involved in the service (both in the Diocese and from the wider community) are aware of the part they are to play. Often the Rural Dean will lead the rehearsal.

It is the task of the host parish to make sure that there are sufficient orders of service provided in good time for the occasion. Given the opportunity for churches to customise their own orders of service the practice of providing details of the new priest's career and something about their families on the back page is highly commended.

The Diocese has made all the texts available electronically, both on the web and on CD. I'm afraid, however, that this means that there won't now be a 'Diocesan Service' sitting around in a cardboard box waiting to be picked up by Churchwardens as used to be the case.

We offer these texts as some of the best examples to be found in the CofE currently, rearranged and adapted, with some local material. What the DLC hopes, however, is that we can trust those charged with compiling such services not just to be able to insert hymns in what feels to them like the right places, but also to make the best possible use of the rubric "in these or other suitable words..."

We have, of course, received several requests for ideas and material to be included. Some have been successfully integrated. However, I am hopeful that this skeleton will be capable of bearing personally chosen items – prayers, actions, gestures – while ensuring that the rite is still recognisable as the Bradford Induction Service.

John Burniston on behalf of the Bradford Diocesan Liturgical Committee

The proposed 'shape' of the new Bradford Induction service:

The Gathering

Opening Hymn

Archdeacon: the recent past of the parish and some hopes for the future

A member of his/her former parish commends the new priest

Prayers led by the Rural Dean/Lay Chair, finishing with Collect

The Presentation

The Church of England...

Oaths of allegiance and canonical obedience

Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

1 or 2 Readings incl. Gospel

Sermon

The Call to Ministry (* a selection, in any order)

Baptism and Mission

Service in the Community

Children and young people

Prayer and Worship

The Word of God

Pastoral Care

The Eucharist

Collaborative Ministry

The Giving of the Pastoral Charge

The Induction

The ringing of the bell

The installation in the Chair

The announcements and the prayers

The Peace (this may follow the Welcome)

The Welcome

Offertory Hymn

Blessing and Dismissal

Notes for the new Induction Service:

The 2004 Induction service will continue to pose a challenge for those arranging this particular liturgy. Detailed planning will have to be matched by a willingness to be flexible as new and creative ideas are tried out.

Seating

Where possible we hope that all the leading figures, clergy and lay, will be able to sit together in the chancel to enable them to be easily seen. The choreography for the new service is simpler in some ways than previously, but thought will need to be given to enabling discreet participation by a wide range of people.

The service sheet

It is anticipated that all those taking part will be personally named in the service sheet. This is of enormous benefit to visitors, in the Diocese and beyond. This includes patrons and churchwardens and may include the small 'bit parts' currently just labelled Reader 1 etc.

I can't stress too strongly the need for those preparing the service to read the whole service text contained here - including the appendices. There are a number of alternative texts, and where there are alternatives you are at liberty to put in your own wording so long as it conforms to the spirit of the original. Other sections are mandatory.

'At the Start of a new ministry'

While 'At the beginning of a new ministry' needs to be printed in full, please make sure that the precise details are customised accurately. For example, where the patron is not the Bishop, this paragraph needs to be amended. It is also important to edit the final paragraph to reflect the actual symbols that will be used in the 'Call to Ministry'.

Notes for today's service

These may be added to where local needs demand. They are designed to obviate any unnecessary announcements later in the service.

The Gathering

There are opportunities for six hymns during the service. Only the opening hymn, the hymn to follow the sermon and the Offertory hymn are marked. Local custom will determine the placing of other musical items.

The Call of a new priest

This is a unique feature of the Bradford service and answers a need that many have identified. The Archdeacon's welcome is followed by a brief introduction designed to outline the process to date. It may contain a gentle brief for the future but not a formal 'Charge'!

Commendation

This innovation will, we hope, be personal, brief and affirming. It need not be given by a former Churchwarden. Rural Deans might like to request that the commendation is scripted.

Prayers of Preparation:

These should be short. They replace the 'Veni Creator' from the old Diocesan rite. If new prayers are to be written, the same themes should be retained.

The decision as to whether these prayers are led by the Rural Dean or by the Lay Chair of the Deanery is a matter of local and personal negotiation. There is no strict rule here.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Bishop should be informed in good time of the choice of readings.

The Call to Ministry

This section is an opportunity for creative thinking by the parish(es) as to what the important symbols of ministry in that place might be. There is a great deal of flexibility and careful thought needs to be paid to the geography of the building, its sight lines and the practicality of moving people around. The order will depend on the architecture of the church. Not every section needs to be used on every occasion, though those referring to the Word of God, to Baptism and to the Eucharist should always be used. Two forms are provided for: the second allows for the new minister to remain at the chancel steps while symbols are brought to the front.

Those taking part should reflect the spread of ages and backgrounds in the congregation. It is anticipated that the Reader in the section relating to the Word of God should be (one of) the Lay Readers in the parish. Perhaps someone involved in Baptism preparation might be involved at the Font, a Eucharistic Minister might bring the paten and chalice at the altar table and a Sunday School Teacher at the section for Children and young people.

Music

There is no embargo on the use of a verse of a hymn or song to be used between the sections in 'The Call to Ministry' (1st form) but it is important that this section is not made unduly long as a result. The use of chants, solo singers and instrumentalists will vary according to local custom and the opportunity on these occasions to develop unknown gifts is to be commended.

Rehearsal

While this must always take place for the key figures in the service, we would encourage as many people as possible to rehearse their contribution, however small.

The welcome and the peace

Some have requested that the Welcomes are covered by some music as at the Welcome Service for Bishop David; others feel that local community leaders should have the opportunity to be seen and heard. Two forms are therefore provided. The position of the Peace will need to be adjusted accordingly.

Assistant Clergy, Team Ministries and Readers

To simplify the enclosed text I have largely omitted reference to assistant clergy and the licensing of associate vicars etc. This is not to offend those so affected and in the appendix it will be seen that there is a comment that certain texts need to be made inclusive. Local writing is encouraged at this point.

Certainly we are assuming that all licenses will be read in full, with all of those clergy being newly licensed kneeling together at this time. It may be appropriate to share other parts of the service, not least the prayers in Section 7.

We would like to think that this service comes with a 24/7 guarantee: help and advice is freely available from Rural Deans and from the Bishop's Adviser in Liturgy and we trust that new clergy coming to the Diocese will get in touch if we can be of help.

Finally we pray that the exciting new possibilities that the new induction service affords will give added moment to every induction/licensing and that these services will give real encouragement to those offering themselves for service in one of the parishes of the Diocese of Bradford.

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Diocese of Bradford

THE SERVICE OF WELCOME
and
THE INDUCTION LICENSING

of Revd N.N.

to be instituted/licensed into the parish of

St ...

in the Deanery of N.

by David, Bishop of Bradford

at 7.30pm on

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AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW MINISTRY

This service marks the beginning of a new phase of ministry within the on-going life of this parish. It is a service to which all come with a high sense of anticipation of God's blessing on the years ahead, and it is right that this beginning is marked by a special event combining both celebration and renewed commitment.

Some features of this service have their origins in the Middle Ages; others are comparatively new. In itself this reminds us that Christian ministry has been offered in this area for several generations; yet at the same time the unchanging Gospel has to be made fresh for each succeeding generation.

At this beginning of a new ministry the priest receives his/her formal license from the bishop. N. will also be presented by a patron, traditionally responsible for nominating a priest after consultation with the parish. In the parish of *St ...*, the Bishop is also the patron and so the *Lay Chairman of the Deanery* will act in place of the patron in presenting N. during the service.

Because the Church of England holds an established place in the life of the nation there are some legal requirements which need to be fulfilled. During the service the new priest swears his/her allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen and then facing his/her bishop, declares his/her faith and swears canonical obedience "in all things lawful and honest" to the bishop.

During the service there are roles for a number of key people in the life of the Church. Bishop David will license N. with the words "Receive the cure (spiritual oversight) of souls which is both yours and mine..." to remind us that each priest is called to actively engage with his/her bishop in the work of Christ the Good Shepherd. While the Archdeacon has primary responsibility for the appointment and care of the clergy in his area, the Rural Dean has a growing role in enabling a dozen or more church communities to work collaboratively together. Finally the Churchwardens of *St ...* are called to be leaders alongside their parish clergy, especially in the care of the Church building and its contents.

However the Church was not founded to care for itself but to proclaim the Gospel and show the love of Christ in every part of the area in which it is set. The sharing of the Peace towards the end of the service is therefore more than a token gesture: it is a sign of God's call for us to serve one another - clergy, the regular congregation and the wider community.

In this service the parish of *St ...* welcomes a new labourer in the vineyard. They will present him/her with symbols of his coming ministry - *water, oil, a candle, bread and wine and a Bible* - and they will promise to support him/her and work alongside him/her. By such means we pray that the Kingdom of God may continue to be proclaimed and experienced here. May God bless each of us as we work together to strengthen his work here in ...

Notes for typesetters:

Please ensure these are omitted in the final version!

- Every attempt has been made to ease the process of producing an order of service quickly and accurately.
- The type chosen is Arial because it is almost universally available and is very clear.
- Where there are items marked in 9pt Courier you will need to make changes, paying attention to gender and to appropriate names - of people and of churches, according to context. We hope such places are very obvious!
- Where there are alternatives in rubrics, you will also find the alternative form in Courier. These have been placed in the core text rather than in the appendix. Please ensure that you use one or the other and not both! **Rubrics marked in bold** must be omitted in the final order of service.

Notes for today's service

- Anyone who feels unable to stand during any parts of the service is welcome to sit down.

- The Collection taken during this service will be given to the Ordination Candidates Fund
This fund benefits the families of those in theological training from this Diocese.
- We very much hope you will be able to stay for refreshments afterwards *in the Church Hall*, to greet *N* and his/her family personally, and also to meet the Bishop and other guests.

The Procession

The Cross bearer
 The Choir
 The Deanery Readers
 The Visiting Clergy
 The Clergy of the Deanery
 The Acolytes
 The Clergy and Readers of the Parish
 The Rural Dean
 The Patron
 The Archdeacon and the Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge designate
 The Registrar
 The Parish Representatives
 The Churchwardens
 The Bishop
 The Bishop's Chaplain

1 THE GATHERING

Opening Hymn/Song

The Call of a new priest

Seats for the Bishop, the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean, the Chair of the Deanery Synod, Churchwardens and the Patron of the parish are arranged at the front of the Church. A place for the Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge -designate and his/her family is reserved at the front of the nave. NN, a Churchwarden at St ... , addresses the Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge -designate:

Churchwarden N, we have looked forward to your coming with great joy. In the name of the Lord we greet you and welcome you into the parish community of St ...

Priest Thank you for your welcome. I hope to serve you and to serve with you in Christ's name and in the joy of his Spirit.

All Sit. The Archdeacon, Ven NN. welcomes everyone. He then briefly describes the present condition of the parish and their hopes for the future.

Commendation

NN, representing the parish of ... briefly commends NN. to the members of his/her new parish.

Prayers of Preparation

Revd NN., Rural Dean of ..., leads the Prayers of Preparation, in these or other words:

All kneel or sit

Let us thank God for St ..., for all who contributed to its foundation, for the regular round of praise and thanksgiving, for those who have had a particular gift for making the gospel relevant and attractive, for those who have a special way of living that draws others to Christ, for those who have given generously to support the ministry here:
Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for all the faithful priests who have served this Church, especially those whose work we still recall (... ..). We remember in love your servant NN who has recently begun a new ministry in the Diocese of N:
Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Let us thank God for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in calling N.N. to serve as the new Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge of St ... May he/she, (spouse and children) be filled with the warmth and the comfort of your constant love:
Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

At the end:

God our Father, Lord of all the world, we thank you that through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church. Hear our prayer for all your faithful people, that each in their vocation and ministry may be an instrument of your love; and give to your servant N. and all who minister in this place the needful gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

2 THE PRESENTATION

All Stand. The Rural Dean Revd NN, the Registrar, the Churchwardens, NN and NN and the Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge -designate stand before the Bishop who is seated.

Rural Dean Bishop David, I present to you N.N. who has been chosen to serve as the new Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge of St ...

Churchwarden On behalf of the PCC I confirm that it our wish that N.N. be inducted into/licensed to this parish.

Bishop Thank you for all you have done to prepare for this special day. N, in the name of Christ I warmly welcome you (to the Diocese of Bradford). Do you believe that God has called you to serve in this parish as its Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge?

Priest I do.

Bishop Are you willing to commit yourself to this new responsibility?

Priest With the help of God I am.

Bishop Members of the congregation, after due consultation N. has been chosen to be your new priest. Will you care for him/her and support him/her in his/her ministry among you?

All **With the help of God we will.**

The People sit. The Clergy of the Deanery remain standing. .

Bishop Clergy of the N. Deanery, N. will look to you for support, help and encouragement for the work he/she is now to begin. Will you welcome him/her into your fellowship and do all in your power to collaborate in the ministry which you share?

All **With the help of God we will.**

The Clergy sit.

Bishop 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.

N, in the declaration that 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 Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge - designate then makes the Declaration of Assent

I, N.N. 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 in the administration of the sacraments I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

Turning to face the congregation, the Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge - designate, holding a Bible in his/her hand, makes the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen

I, N.N. 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.

Turning to the Bishop, the Priest says:

I, N.N. do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Bradford, and his successors, in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

The Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge - designate signs the legal documents.

Bishop My brothers and sisters, as we pray that N. may be a willing and faithful shepherd of God's people in this place, let us also pray for all who will share in this ministry:

A moment of silence is kept

God our Father, you call the Church of your Son to proclaim the message of salvation to the world. We thank you that N. has been called to be a priest in the Church and to serve you in this parish. Send your Holy Spirit upon him/her and upon all who share in his/her ministry, that through all the life of your Church here your kingdom may be advanced and your name be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

3 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from either the Old or New Testament

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Either a Psalm or a Hymn/Song may be sung

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon Rt Revd David James, Bishop of Bradford

Hymn/Song

4 THE CALL TO MINISTRY

During the hymn the Churchwardens lead the Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge-designate to the Font. The people sit.

A selection of the following may be chosen. Those marked with * are mandatory. Small changes may be made to the text to suit local needs and aspirations. A static form is provided at 4b.

Baptism and Mission*

Reader 1 Baptism is a sign of new life in Christ. It is the token of our unity with all Christian people. *N.*, will you care for the Lord's household and strive to build it up? And in the power of the Holy Spirit will you encourage us in our mission to seek the unity of the Church for which he prayed?

Priest With the help of God I will.

N. is handed a ewer of water. He/she pours the water into the font and says,
By the waters of baptism and through faith in Christ
we have been born again:

All **That together we may proclaim the saving power of God.**

Other Ch rep: Let us pursue all that makes for peace

All **and builds up our common life.**

The Churchwardens escort N. to the main door of the Church

Service in the Community

Reader 2 Christ came among us, not to be served but to serve. *N.*, will you do all in your power to be an example of care and concern to the whole community? Will you search for the lonely and the disadvantaged and will you work alongside other local groups and agencies so that, in the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ's compassion can be known in the world?

Priest With the help of God I will.

N. opens the doors wide and says,
Help us, Heavenly Father, to welcome friend and stranger alike
that others may see the good we do

All **and give praise to our Father in heaven.**

The Churchwardens escort N. to the place where the children are gathered and their work is displayed

Children and young people

Reader 3 In Jesus God came into the world as a child. He challenges us to affirm the place of children and young people in our Christian life and worship. *N.*, will you join with us to ensure children are always welcome in this Church and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, help us to enable them to grow in the faith of Jesus Christ?

Some young people present a piece of work which they have prepared. N. holds it aloft and says,

Let the children come to God through Jesus Christ

For theirs is the Kingdom of God.

The Churchwardens escort N. to the centre of the Church

Prayer and worship*

Reader 4 God has entrusted his Church with the vision of his glory in the face of Jesus Christ. N. , will you set time aside for prayer and reflection, will you lead us in worship and help us to pray, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit we may be changed into the Lord's likeness, from glory to glory?

Priest With the help of God I will.

N. is handed a Prayer Book and says,
Let us never cease praying for the Church and for the world,

All **and let us thank God for his goodness.**

N. gives the Prayer Book back and the Churchwardens escorts N. to the lectern

The Word of God*

Reader 5 Our Lord Jesus Christ has revealed the Father's will and fulfilled his promises. N. , will you open the Scriptures to us, so that together we may discover God's purpose for this parish? And in the power of the Holy Spirit will you lead us in spreading the Good News of God's love in word and deed?

Priest With the help of God I will.

N. is handed a Bible and says
May the Lord be in our hearts and on our lips

All **that together we may proclaim his holy Gospel.**

N. places the Bible on the lectern.

Pastoral Care

The Churchwardens escort N. to a place set aside for private prayer.

Reader 6 At your ordination you were reminded that you are called to search for God's children in the wilderness of the world's temptations and to guide them through its confusions so that they might be saved for ever. N. , in the power of the Holy Spirit will you bless us in the name of the Lord; will you minister to the sick and care for the dying?

Priest With the help of God I will.

N. is handed an oil stock for the anointing of the sick and says
May Christ bring us wholeness of body, mind and spirit.

All **that he may deliver us from every evil and give us his peace.**

The Churchwardens escort N. to a place in front of the altar table.

The Eucharist*

Reader 7 Our Lord Jesus Christ has left us a memorial of his saving death until he comes again, and he makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. N. , will you preside faithfully at the Eucharist so that in the power of the Holy Spirit, our lives may become a living sacrifice, to God's praise and glory?

Priest With the help of God I will.

Bread and wine are handed to N. who says

Let us take bread and break it, let us take the cup and give thanks over it

All **that together we may proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

N. places the gifts of bread and wine on the altar table.

Collaborative Ministry

Other Clergy and Readers who serve in the parish stand alongside the Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge -designate at the chancel steps.

Reader 7 The Body of Christ is made up of many parts and many ministries so that the Church may proclaim the Good News of salvation to all. N. , God has called N, N, and N to serve alongside you in this place. Will you collaborate with your colleagues in the service of Christ and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, affirm, celebrate and encourage their ministries/ministry?

Priest With the help of God I will.

Reader 7 N, N, and N, will you support N? Will you work with each other, learning from each other's special skills, and be ready to share your own?

Colleagues With the help of God we will.

The other ministers return to their places in the Chancel. Members of the PCC stand in their places

Bishop Members of the PCC, will you exercise your gifts alongside N. , doing all in your power to ensure that this Church remains a beacon of hope and love for all?

PCC With the help of God we will.

Bishop Almighty God, who has given you the will to undertake all these things, give you also the strength to perform them; that he may complete the work which he has begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ALTERNATIVE CALL TO MINISTRY [Section 4]

The Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge-designate stands in the centre of the Church.

A stole is presented, with the words:

Reader 1 N., receive this stole, as a sign of the call that you have received as a minister of Christ, a shepherd of his flock, and a steward of the mysteries of God.

Priest Let us never cease praying for the Church and for the world,

All **and let us thank God for his goodness.**

A Bible is presented, with the words:

Reader 2 *N.*, receive the Holy Scriptures, as a sign of your ministry of preaching and sharing God's Word with his people.

Priest May the Lord be in our hearts and on our lips

All **that together we may proclaim his holy Gospel.**

A vessel of water is presented, with the words:

Reader 3 *N.*, receive this water, and call all to repentance and to baptism in obedience to our Lord's command.

Priest By the waters of baptism and through faith in Christ we have been born again:

All **That together we may proclaim the saving power of God.**

Oil for the anointing of the sick is presented, with the words:

Reader 4 *N.*, receive this oil, as a sign of Christ's ministry of healing.

Priest May Christ bring us wholeness of body, mind and spirit.

All **that he may deliver us from every evil and give us his peace.**

A chalice and paten are presented, with the words:

Reader 5 *N.*, receive this chalice and paten, for the breaking of the bread and the blessing of the cup according to Christ's command, until he comes in glory.

Priest Let us take bread and break it, let us take the cup and give thanks over it

All **that together we may proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

A lighted candle is presented, with the words:

Reader 6 *N.*, receive this light, a sign of the Spirit of Christ shining burning in the hearts of his people.

Priest Help us, Heavenly Father, to welcome friend and stranger alike that others may see the good we do

All **and give praise to our Father in heaven.**

Priest I thank you for these symbols of our life in Christ and of the ministry to which I am called; and I ask for your constant prayers as I minister as Team Rector/*Vicar/Priest in charge* in this parish

Other Clergy and Readers who serve in the parish stand alongside the Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge -designate at the chancel steps.

Reader 7 The Body of Christ is made up of many parts and many ministries so that the Church may proclaim the Good News of salvation to all. *N.*, God has called *N*, *N*, and *N.* to serve alongside you in this place. Will you collaborate with your colleagues in the service of

Christ and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, affirm, celebrate and encourage their ministries/ministry?

Priest With the help of God I will.

Reader 7 N, N, and N, will you support N? Will you work with each other, learning from each other's special skills, and be ready to share your own?

Colleagues With the help of God we will.

*The other ministers return to their places in the Chancel.
Members of the PCC stand in their places*

Bishop Members of the PCC, will you exercise your gifts alongside N., doing all in your power to ensure that this Church remains a beacon of hope and love for all?

PCC With the help of God we will.

Bishop Almighty God, who has given you the will to undertake all these things, give you also the strength to perform them; that he may complete the work which he has begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

5 THE GIVING OF THE PASTORAL CHARGE

The Bishop remains seated and the Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge – designate kneels in front of him.

Bishop Our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us to be the servants of all. N., he now calls you to be the servant and shepherd of his people in this place. In the power of the Spirit will you accept this calling and will you strive to build up a serving community, that the world may be saved through Christ for ever?

Priest With the help of God, I will.

The Bishop reads the Deed of Institution and then says:

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. **Amen.**

The Bishop blesses the new Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge

May the Lord look on you in mercy, stir into flame the gift that is in you, guide you and go with you, inspire you to know his will and strengthen you to do it; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

6 THE INDUCTION or THE LICENSING

For an incumbent:

The Bishop then says to the Archdeacon:

N., may I now ask you to induct N. into the benefice of St ...

Those to be licensed priest in Charge omit the above but continue as follows:

All but the final verse of a hymn is sung. The Archdeacon leads the Rural Dean, the Registrar, the Churchwardens and the newly licensed Team Rector/Vicar/ Priest in Charge to the back of the Church.

Churchwarden Receive these keys / this Electoral Roll as a mark of the responsibilities which we share. Help us to proclaim the Gospel of love and service in this parish that none may find closed what Christ has opened.

[We give you this map of our parish and this copy of the Electoral Roll as tokens of your ministry of care for the people of this community and congregation.]

For an incumbent:

The Archdeacon places the hand of the new priest on the handle of the door:

N., by direction of the Bishop, I induct you into the possession of the benefice and parish church of St ... May the Lord watch over your going out and your coming in, from this day forward and for evermore. **Amen.**

For a Priest in Charge:

The Archdeacon places the hand of the new priest on the handle of the door:

N., by direction of the Bishop, I charge you with the care of this Church and all that it contains. May the Lord watch over your going out and your coming in, from this day forward and for evermore. **Amen.**

At all inductions and licensings:

N. then tolls the bell to symbolise the Church's mission in calling all people to worship. The final verse of the hymn is sung as the Churchwardens escort the clergy and Registrar to the Chancel. Then the Archdeacon places N. into the customary seat of the Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge of the parish.

N., I place you in the seat of the Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge of this parish, with its all its rights as well as its opportunities for service. Lead and hold this parish in prayer and may God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in the ways of truth and peace. **Amen.**

All Stand. The Bishop presents the new Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge to the congregation:

My dear people, I present to you, N. as your new parish priest. I ask for him/her your loyalty, your affection and your prayers.

The Bishop then invites the congregation to applaud the appointment of the new Team Rector/Vicar Priest in Charge. The Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge responds.

7 THE PRAYERS

After the formal announcements, N. begins his/her new ministry by briefly leading the congregation in prayer, ending with the Lord's Prayer.

8 THE PEACE

TR/V/PinC Let us remember the words of St Paul: "Agree with one another, live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with you."

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

A Deacon or Reader says:

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

9 THE WELCOME

During the Offertory hymn the Rural Dean introduces leaders from the Church and Community who welcome N. as the new Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge of St ...

The Bishop invites the congregation to sit. He then asks the Rural Dean to introduce leaders from the wider Church and Community who welcome N. as the new Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge of St . A Hymn is sung.

A collection is taken for the Diocesan Ordinands Candidates Fund. It is handed to the new Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge.

10 BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord

All **who has made heaven and earth**

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord

All **now and for ever. Amen.**

Bishop Go out into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted, honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be upon you
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

TR/V/PinC I thank you for all your prayers and the promise of your support.
Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

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

The Procession

The Cross bearer
The Choir
The Readers
The Visiting Clergy
The Clergy of the Deanery
The Acolytes
The Rural Dean
The Patron
The Archdeacon
The Registrar
The Parish Representatives
The Churchwardens
The Bishop The Incumbent
The Bishop's Chaplain

Biography:

(If possible, printed on the back page of the booklet)

Angel Gabriel (53) comes to St Interregnum Magna with a wide experience of Ministry in the Durham, Carlisle, Birmingham and Newcastle Dioceses. He was ordained in 1977 after attending theological college at Salisbury and served his title at St Fewpeople's, Ginandtonic. From there Angel moved to inner city Birmingham and was Vicar of the Church of the Wasteland, a UPA parish in the city, from 1982 to 1986. He then moved to Cumbria where he worked as Diocesan Youth Officer in addition to running a small country parish.

In 1989 Angel and his family moved to Newcastle where he took up full time youth work for the Diocese. Five years ago he switched from youth work to child protection. In order to do that he trained at the University of Northumbria alongside social workers, nurses and probation officers while serving in the parish of St Agatha's-beyond-Belief near Morpeth.

Prior to being ordained Angel was raised in Yorkshire, Malaya and London and he was in the Army Intelligence Corps.

Angel has been married to Euphemia, an occupational therapist for 34 years and they have two sons and a daughter. Swithun is a merchant banker, Ethelburga is a primary school deputy head teacher in the Bahamas and Darren lives north of Birkenhead managing an organic vegetable scheme (his wife does the growing). Angel and Euphemia have five grandchildren.

Both Angel and Euphemia enjoy cycling, especially in western Ireland and Brittany as well as music and cooking. Euphemia loves making things and likes gardening. Angel loves flying and reading and likes going to the cinema. They both like red wine!

Angel and Euphemia are both looking forward to exploring the next phase in the life of St Interregnum Magna with us and to discovering God's will for his church and its community.

SECTION 3: APPENDIX

BELOW ARE ALTERNATIVES TO STANDARD TEXTS, SUGGESTED READINGS AND OTHER ADDITIONAL PRAYERS. These are not exhaustive and Rural Deans, Churchwardens and incumbents-designate may substitute texts in sections of the Induction Service where alternatives are already provided below. Other texts should not be altered. Reference should be made to Section 1: General Notes (above).

Some suggested hymns:

All creatures of our God and King
All my hope on God is founded
All people that on earth do dwell
As the deer pants for water
Be still for the presence of the Lord
Be thou my vision
Breathe on me, breath of God
Brother, sister, let me serve you
Christ triumphant, ever reigning
Come down, O Love divine
Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire
Come, Host of heaven's high dwelling place (WGRG/Iona)
For all the saints
Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring
From heaven you came, helpless babe
Glorious things of thee are spoken
God is here, and we his people
Guide me O thou great Redeemer
Holy Spirit, move within me
I, the Lord of sea and sky (Here I am, Lord)
James and Andrew, Peter and John (WGRG/Iona)
Jesus be the centre, be my source, be my light, Jesus
Just as I am, without one plea
Let all the world in every corner sing
Lord, for the years
Make me a channel of your peace
My heart is full of admiration
My Jesus, my Saviour
O breath of life come sweeping through us
O Jesus I have promised
O praise ye the Lord
O thou who at the Eucharist didst pray
O thou who camest from above
Praise my soul the King of Heaven
Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation
Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Take my life and let it be
Take, O take me as I am (WGRG/Iona)
Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord
The love of God comes close where stands an open door (WGRG/Iona)
The Spirit lives to set us free
There's a wideness in God's mercy (recommended by +David, Tune Corvedale CP598)
Thine be the glory
Thy hand, O God, has guided
To God be the glory, great things he has done
Ubi Caritas (Taize)
We are marching in the light of God
We have a Gospel to proclaim
What shall our greeting be: sign of our unity? (F Pratt Green)
Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim
Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Selected Readings:

Old Testament:

Joshua 1: 1-9
1 Samuel 16: 1-13a or 5-12
Proverbs 4: 7-13
Isaiah 6: 1-8
Isaiah 61: 1-3 or 1-4, 10,11

New Testament:

Matthew 11: 25-30
Matthew 28: 16-20
Luke 22: 24-27
Luke 24: 13-35
John 10: 7-18
John 10: 22-40
John 13: 1-17 or 3-20
John 15: 1-12, 16,17 or 15: 5 (or 12) -17
Romans 12: 1-12 or 3-13
1 Corinthians 12: 12-26
2 Corinthians 4: 1-6
2 Corinthians 5: 14-19
Ephesians 4: 7-16
Philippians 2: 1-11
2 Timothy 2: 1-end or 8-15
Revelation 19: 1, 5-9

Selected Psalms:

15; 20; 25; 27; 34:1-5, 7-11; 42:1-10; 66 (Selected verses); 84:8-end; 90; 91; 96; 119:57-64; 122; 123; 127; 139; 149.

A Bidding Prayer may be used before the prayer which follows:

Let us pray for the Church in this place, that we may shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father; for *N*, that he/she may be a faithful priest, a wise leader and a true shepherd of Christ's people; for his/her family, by name and for all who share both the joys and burdens of his/her calling; for those who will share responsibility with him:

Alternative Prayers of Preparation (Section 1)

Almighty God, we pray for *N.*, now to be inducted/licensed as Team Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge of this parish. Grant him/her the comfort and strength of your Holy Spirit, so that he/she may witness to your truth and proclaim the Gospel of reconciliation in all his/her ministry.

Be his/her hope and salvation

We pray for the Church of God here in the community of ...

Lead us into the fullness of truth and life revealed in your Son.

Loving God, hear us as we pray for your one holy, catholic and apostolic Church:

Make us all one, that the world may believe.

Inspire and lead all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:

Establish justice and peace among all people.

Have compassion on all who suffer from any sickness, grief or trouble, those disturbed by war, poverty or injustice:

Deliver them from distress.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into your eternal glory:

Bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Alternative Final Prayers of Preparation [Section 1]

God our Father, you have given us new life in your Son Jesus Christ, and poured your Spirit upon us. Renew us by the same Spirit, and transform us into the image of Christ, that by the power of his love within us, others may come to know him as Saviour, and follow him as Lord. **Amen.**

Or

All powerful Father, you have inspired *N.* with the resolve to follow Christ in proclaiming his word and sacrament: enrich *him/her* with your Holy Spirit as *he/she* guides and teaches those committed to his care, that they may enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ and his Church, responding ever more generously in ministry; we ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Or

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Alternative Prayer after the Call to Collaborative Ministry (Section 4/7)

Almighty Father, give to your servant *N.* grace to fulfil his/her calling in this Parish. Give *him/her* reverence in ministering the sacraments, faithfulness in proclaiming your word, diligence in pastoral care, tenderness in comforting, power in healing the wounds of Christ's people, and humility and self-sacrifice in all things, that, following the steps of your Son, *he/she* may guide your people towards eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Alternative Prayer after the Giving of the Pastoral Charge (Section 5)

May Christ the Good Shepherd so uphold and sustain you that you may lead with courage and guide with love those committed to your charge; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Or

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has called you to his service, and caused you to be set among these his people, bless you and give you grace to minister in the name of him who was the servant of all, even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or

The love of the Father enfold you, the wisdom of the Son enlighten you, the fire of the Spirit inflame you, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Or

Almighty Father, lover of all and giver of all that is good: hear our prayer for your servant *N.*, , now called to the charge of this parish; and by your Holy Spirit fill *him/her* with love for your people, that *he/she* may faithfully preach your word, minister your sacraments, and shepherd your flock, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or

May the Spirit of God rest upon you, filling you at all times with wisdom and understanding and the fear of the Lord. May the peace of Christ always stand guard over your heart and mind; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

After the reading of the license(s)

Bishop N, today God has touched you with his love and given you a place among his people. God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow, to be your guide in life, and to bring you safely to heaven. Together with all God's people you must explore the way of Jesus and grow in friendship with God, in love for his people and in serving others so that, in the power of God's anointing Spirit you may serve him with joy.

Alternative text at the Induction (Section 6)

Churchwarden: On behalf of the parishioners I present to you the keys / Electoral Roll of this Church as a token that we acknowledge you as the lawful incumbent of this Parish.

Alternative blessing by the Archdeacon at the Vicar's seat (Section 6)

Archdeacon May God be with you in your worship, in your work and in your home; and may the joy of the Lord be your strength for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative words used by the Bishop presenting the new Incumbent (Section 6)

Bishop Today we celebrate with joy the coming of your new parish priest. We look forward to sharing all that *his/her* brings from God. With love in your heart, welcome N into your community.

Prayers for use by the new Incumbent (Section 7)

Priest Let us pray for the growth of God's Kingdom saying,
Father, your Kingdom come:

All **Your will be done.**

Priest In Jesus you came to bring good news to all people: send us out to build your kingdom. As living stones anoint us with your Spirit, and strengthen us to work in his name. Father, your kingdom come:

All **Your will be done.**

Priest Send us to bring justice to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. Help us to exercise our influence for good in the world, our nation and in our neighbourhood. Father, your kingdom come:

All **Your will be done.**

Priest Send us to serve our local community, bringing your love and truth to young and old, in our homes, schools and colleges, in places of work and leisure. Father, your kingdom come:

All **Your will be done.**

Priest Send us to share with the world the good news of your healing love **un** all the brokenness of life, and help us to be faithful witnesses to the risen glory of your Son. Father, your kingdom come:

All **Your will be done.**

Priest Send us to the sick and those who mourn, that we may bring comfort to
all in sorrow, and light to those who live in darkness. Father, your
Kingdom come:
All **Your will be done.**

Priest Send us our in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and
glory. Father, your kingdom come:
All **Your will be done.**

**Lord our God, bless us,
Inspire our worship,
Fill us with love,
Give joy in our hearts,
Peace in our homes,
Service in our community
And thankful hearts,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .** (Blackburn Diocese)

We pray for the use of God's gifts to his Church, saying
Jesus, Lord of your Church
In your mercy, hear us.

God our Father, you give us gifts that we may work together in the service of your
Son: bless those who lead, that they may be firm in faith, yet humble before you. We
pray for bishop David and those who share with him in leadership in this Diocese.
Jesus, Lord of your Church
In your mercy, hear us.

Bless those who teach, that they may increase our understanding and be open to
your word for them.
Jesus, Lord of your Church
In your mercy, hear us.

Bless those who minister healing, that they may bring wholeness to others, yet know
your healing in themselves.
Jesus, Lord of your Church
In your mercy, hear us.

Bless those through whom you speak, that they may proclaim your word in power, yet
open their ears to your gentle whisper:
Jesus, Lord of your Church
In your mercy, hear us.

Bless all those who work in your world today that in the complexity of their daily lives
they may live for you, fulfil your purposes, and seek your kingdom first.
Jesus, Lord of your Church
In your mercy, hear us.

Bless those who feel that they have no gifts of value and those who are powerless in
this world's eyes, that they may share their experience of the work of your Spirit.

Jesus, Lord of your Church
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

God our Father, we thank you for our fellowship in your universal Church; for our Christian heritage in this place; for those who down the ages have worshipped and served you by their work and witness.

We pray for guidance and grace in the ministry you have called us to share, for our churchwardens and church councillors, and for all church members in their various callings.

We pray for every home in this place, that each may learn the secret of your love, and we pray for all young people and those who serve them in our schools and in the community, that they may grow in the faith of Jesus.

We pray for the community in which our lives are set: for those who bear responsibility in government and in commerce; in industry and farming. We pray for all who work here, that they may deal justly, honour one another and seek the common good.

We pray for all who are in trouble, for the sick and suffering, for those who mourn and all who minister to them, and for those without faith in Christ. (Bristol Diocese)

**Bless us Lord.
Bless our Parish.
Inspire our Worship,
Fill us with your love,
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
To live and work to your praise and glory.** (Bristol Diocese)

Remember, Lord, what you have wrought in us, and not what we deserve, and as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All Except the Lord build the house:
Their labour is but lost that build it.

God of unchanging power and eternal light, look with favour upon your whole Church and make it the instrument of your saving purpose for the world; that the life of all humanity, redeemed in Christ, may everywhere be renewed, and all things may return into unity through him from whom they took their origin, even the same your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

All The Lord has declared his salvation:
His righteousness he has openly showed in the sight of all the people

Lord, you have called us to be your witnesses to all the nations; cleanse us from unbelief and sloth, and fill us with hope and zeal, that we may do your work, and bear your cross, and bide your time, and see your glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, are alive and reign, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

All In God is my health and my glory:
The rock of my might and in God is my trust.

Bishop Bless and strengthen, Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace. Grant diligence in prayer and in the study of your Holy Word, guidance to your people by example, and faithful labour for the extension of your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (Ely Diocese)

Priest Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us... **Our Father, who art...**
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray... **Our Father in heaven...**

Other prayers:

Guide us, Lord, with your most gracious favour and support us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, fill the heart of your servant N. with eager love in caring for your people; joy in affirming all that is good in this community; courage in challenging all that is mean and destructive; and unceasing thankfulness in celebrating your Holy Mysteries among them. Give him/her vision for his/her preaching, faithfulness for his/her teaching, diligence in his/her visiting; sympathy for his/her counselling, compassion in declaring your pardon for the penitent, and the peace that passes understanding for his/her daily walk with Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

God of all grace, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Alternative words at the Peace (Section 8)

Priest Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

Or

On this day of new beginnings, let us express our unity and love in Christ as a pledge of all that we hope for in the future.

Alternative Blessings

The Almighty Trinity, the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, grant you to desire him wholly, to know him truly and to love him sincerely: and give you such perseverance in his faith and love that he may bring you hereafter to himself and his unchanging glory (world without end. Amen); and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Or

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 grace, 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. **Amen.**

A LITANY OF SEEKING AND FINDING

Response: We seek you, O God

Deep within our being where truth and peace yearn to reign over chaos and confusion

We seek you, O God

In the midst of our daily activities and the many things-to-do that haunt our calendars

We seek you, O God

Among the people who comes into our lives – our loved ones, our friends, our colleagues and companion, even our enemies

We seek you, O God

As we move into the heart of prayer and hear the call to be more in union with you

We seek you, O God

When we feel empty, distraught, frustrated and lost; when we wonder in what direction to go

We seek you, O God

When we have sensed your nearness and felt your beauty fill our consciousness

Thank you for finding us

When the power of your goodness moved through our beings and made a difference in someone else's life

Thank you for finding us

When we have looked at our world, so full of pain and injustice, and felt a bonding with all who know pain and sorrow

Thank you for finding us

When we have known the truth of being created in your image and likeness, and have believed in our own goodness

Thank you for finding us.