



The Benefice of  
Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth, Denholme  
Sunday 4 July 2021  
**The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**



**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Let us build a house (All are welcome)**

**THE GREETING**

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

**All And also with you**

*The Bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the service*

Bishop Let us pray

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 Alison, 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.

**All Amen.**

**A COMMENDATION** *of the Team Vicar designate.*

## THE PRESENTATION

*A Patron, Churchwardens, and Team Vicar designate stand before the Bishop*

- Patron      Bishop, I present to you the Reverend Alison Wooding who has been chosen to serve as Team Vicar of the Benefice of Harden and Wilsden, Cullingworth and Denholme.
- Warden      On behalf of the congregation of St Saviour's, Harden, I confirm that it is our wish that Alison be licensed as Team Vicar of this benefice.
- Warden      On behalf of the congregation of St Matthew's, Wilsden, I confirm that it is our wish that Alison be licensed as Team Vicar of this benefice.
- Warden      On behalf of the congregation of St John's, Cullingworth, I confirm that it is our wish that Alison be licensed as Team Vicar of this benefice.
- Warden      On behalf of the congregation of Denholme Shared Church, I confirm that it is our wish that Alison be licensed as Team Vicar of this benefice.
- Bishop      Alison, in the name of Christ I warmly welcome you.  
Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?
- 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 Alison has been chosen to be your new Team Vicar. Will you care for her and support her in her ministry among you?
- All          **With the help of God we will.**
- Bishop      My brothers and sisters, as we pray that Alison 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 Alison has been called to serve you in this parish. Send your Holy Spirit upon her and upon all who share in 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.**

## **THE READINGS**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

#### **Ezekiel 2:1-5**

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

### **HYMN: I cannot tell**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

#### **Mark 6:1-13**

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## **THE SERMON**

### **THE REAFFIRMATION OF ORDINATION VOWS**

Bishop Alison, before you receive this share in our pastoral charge will you, before God and this congregation, renew your dedication to Christ as a priest of the new covenant?

Priest I will

Bishop At your ordination you accepted the responsibility of the priesthood out of love for the Lord Jesus and his church. Are you resolved to unite yourself more closely to him by being diligent in prayer and the study of the Holy Scriptures? Will you continually stir up the gift of God that is within you to make Christ known to all?

Priest With the help of God, I will

Bishop Are you resolved to be a faithful minister of the mysteries of God, to celebrate the Eucharist and other liturgical services with sincere devotion? Will you strive to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ?

Priest With the help of God, I will

Bishop Will you promote unity, peace and love among all Christian people, and especially among those whom you serve? Will you do all that is within your power to build up the Church which is the Body of Christ?

Priest With the help of God, I will

## THE COMMISSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Bishop My brothers and sisters, as a new chapter begins in the life of this benefice, let those present who seek to follow Christ now recommit themselves in the service of God and neighbour, in the power of the Holy Spirit, that the good news of salvation may be known in our lives, our homes and our communities.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

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

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

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

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

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

Bishop Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

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

Bishop May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**All Amen**

## THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT AND THE OATHS

*The Team Vicar designate and Archdeacon stand before the Bishop*

Archdeacon

I confirm that Alison has made the Declaration of Assent and taken the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop of Leeds.

## **THE LICENSING**

*The Team Vicar designate stands before the Bishop. The Bishop reads the licence and places it in the priest's hands saying*

Bishop      Receive by this licence the ministry which is both mine and yours:  
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Bishop then blesses the new Team Vicar, saying:*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit come down upon you and remain with you always

Team Vicar   Amen

*The Archdeacon leads Alison to the customary seat of the Team Vicar*

Archdeacon:

Alison, I place you in the seat of the Team Vicar of this parish. Lead and hold this benefice 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.

**All            Amen**

## **THE WELCOME**

*The Archdeacon and the Team Vicar go to the chancel steps*

Archdeacon   People of God, I present to you Alison as your new Team Vicar.

*The Archdeacon introduces leaders from the Church and Community who welcome Alison as the new Team Vicar*

Priest Thank you for your welcome. I look forward to sharing the life of this community and will seek to serve God faithfully among you.

*The benefice also welcomes The Rev'd Anna Lumb who was ordained Deacon yesterday. Anna is introduced by the Interim Team Rector and she reads out her licence.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The new Team Vicar leads the congregation in prayer ending with **The Lord's Prayer***

*The Team Vicar gives the notices*

## **HYMN: How shall I sing that majesty?**

*during which a collection is taken for the Diocesan Overseas Links.*

## **COMMITMENT TO SHARED MINISTRY**

Bishop St Paul says of the ascended Christ: the gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, some teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ.

People of God in this place, will you encourage one another's gifts and ministries, build up your common life and serve Christ here?

**All We will**

*A Bible is brought forward with the words:*

Reader Alison, we share with you the Holy Scriptures: we study and share God's Word.

**All Together, by God's grace, we go to receive and proclaim his holy Gospel.**

*A vessel of water is brought forward with the words:*

Reader Alison, we share with you this water:  
all are called to repent and be baptised in obedience to our Lord's  
command.

**All Together, by God's grace, we go  
to receive and proclaim the salvation of Christ.**

*A chalice and paten are brought forward with the words:*

Reader Alison, we share with you this chalice and paten: we break the bread  
and bless the cup until Christ comes again.

**All Together, by God's grace, we go  
to proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until he comes in glory.**

## **THE SENDING OUT**

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.**

Team Vicar  
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.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: I the Lord of Sea and Sky**