



A SERVICE OF  
INSTITUTION, INDUCTION AND INSTALLATION

of

**THE REVD CANON DR ALISON JOYCE**

as

**RECTOR OF ST BRIDE, FLEET STREET  
IN THE CITY OF LONDON**

Monday 3rd November 2014  
at 7pm  
St Bride's Church  
Fleet Street  
LONDON  
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*Members of the congregation are reminded  
that photography and any sound or video recording  
during the service are not permitted.*

## **Introduction**

*This service is both a legal ceremony and an opportunity for us to pledge ourselves anew to God's work. The oaths of allegiance to the Crown, of canonical obedience to the Bishop and the Declaration of Assent assure the congregation that the new Rector believes, speaks and acts in a way that is fitting for a Christian minister. The institution denotes the admission of the Rector to the spiritual care and leadership of the parish.*

*The induction gives the Rector the legal charge of the church buildings and property. Everyone has a part to play in the service, which is both joyful and solemn. Please spend time before the service begins to pray for the new incumbent, her family, and for all the people who work, serve and worship here. Pray too for the Bishop, the Archdeacon and those who share with them in the conduct of this service, and pray for your own commitment to the service of Christ and His Church.*

The service is led by the Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr Richard Chartres KCVO, the Bishop of London.

The Rector-designate will be presented by the Revd Canon Jane Sinclair,  
representing the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, and will be installed by  
the Venerable Rachel Treweek, Archdeacon of Hackney

Director of Music: Robert Jones

Organist: Matthew Morley



## St Bride, Fleet Street

St Bride's is a busy, inclusive and thriving parish church in the centre of the City of London; an inspiring space in which the beauty of its architecture, the power of the liturgy and the weight of history all meet and enrich each other. The Church of St Bride is justly world famous. To enter its doors is to step into 2,000 years of history, which had begun with the Romans some six centuries before the name of St Bride, daughter of an Irish prince, even emerged from legend to become associated forever with the site.

The story of St Bride's is inextricably woven into the history of the City of London. By the time the Great Fire of 1666 left the church in ruins, a succession of churches had existed on the site for about a millennium, and the area had already assumed its unique role in the emergence of English printing. It took nine years for St Bride's to re-appear from the ashes under the inspired direction of Christopher Wren, but for the next two-and-a-half centuries it was in the shadow of the church's unmistakable wedding-cake spire that the rise of the British newspaper industry into the immensely powerful Fourth Estate took place.

Then, in 1940, St Bride's fell victim once again to flames as German incendiary bombs reduced Wren's architectural jewel to a roofless shell, although, miraculously, the spire survived. This time 17 years elapsed before rebuilding was completed, although a series of important excavations in 1953 amid the skeletal ruins, led by the medieval archaeologist Professor W. F. Grimes, came up with extraordinary results, uncovering the foundations of all six previous churches on the site.

On 19th December 1957, on the anniversary of Wren's church being opened for worship 282 years previously, St Bride's was rededicated in the presence of the Queen and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Strong and successful efforts have been made by the two most recent Rectors to bring into the church's embrace the new occupants of the now-silent newspaper offices – chiefly lawyers, accountants and investment bankers – whilst guiding the spiritual journey of the congregation. Twenty-five years after the last newspaper left, the large number of memorials and carol services we hold every year are evenly split between the “old” and the “new” Fleet Street.

The church today has a light, open feel of symmetry; the floor is paved with black marble from Belgium and white from Italy. This is very much a living church in a modern world.

St Bride's is one of the most historic, vibrant and beautiful churches to be found anywhere in London and serves as a place of true sanctity in the City. The Journalists' Altar in the North East corner remembers and carries prayers for reporters who are missing or who have lost their lives in current conflicts.

The INSPIRE! Appeal began in 2012 and continues to seek funds to repair and restore the church so that its positive legacy may be maintained. For further details about the Appeal and other information about St Bride's, please visit our website [www.stbrides.com](http://www.stbrides.com).

# Order of Procession

St Bride Mace

Masters of the Livery Companies  
particularly associated with St Bride's Church

Guild Verge

Members of the Guild of St Bride

Guild Chaplains

Guild Marshal

Members of the Guild Court

Guild Clerk      Guild Treasurer

Master Emeritus

Crucifer

Choir

Director of Music

Verger

Visiting Clergy

Master of the Guild of St Bride

Rector-designate      Dean's Representative

Area Dean

Archdeacon of Hackney

Gold Mace

Churchwardens

Bishop of London

# Order of Service

## The Gathering

*The congregation stand and sing the*

### **Processional Hymn**

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and corner-stone,  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one,  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
Dearly loved of God on high,  
In exultant jubilation  
Pours perpetual melody,  
God the One in Three adoring  
In glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving-kindness  
Hear thy servants as they pray,  
And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
What they ask of thee to gain,  
What they gain from thee for ever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in thy glory  
Evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
Consubstantial, co-eternal,  
While unending ages run.

*The Bishop says:*

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him, through our Lord Jesus Christ, our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us kneel now and humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*The congregation sit or kneel for the*

## **Confession**

*All:*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.**

*The Bishop delivers the*

## **Absolution**

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Preces**

*Setting – Clucas*

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips;  
Choir: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.  
Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

*The congregation stands*

Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.  
Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

*The congregation remain standing and the choir will sing:*

## **Psalm 96**

O sing unto the Lord a new song : sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his name : be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour unto the heathen : and his wonders unto all people.  
For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised : he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols : but it is the Lord that made the heavens.  
Glory and worship are before him : power and honour are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people : ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.  
Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his name : bring presents, and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness : let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King : and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad : let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.  
Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it : then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth : and with righteousness to judge the world,  
and the people with his truth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning is now and every shall be: world without end. Amen.

*The congregation sit for the*  
**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 1: 16-20  
Read by Sir David Bell  
*Master of the Guild of St Bride*

Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;  
Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stand for the*

## **Magnificat**

Setting – Dyson in D

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.  
Amen.

*The congregation sit for the*

## **New Testament Reading**

Matthew 1: 18-25

Read by Peter Silver

*Senior Churchwarden*

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stand for the*

## **Nunc Dimittis**

*Setting – Dyson in D*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;  
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.  
Amen.

*The congregation remain standing and sing the*

## **Office Hymn**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore.

*The congregation sit for the*

## **Sermon**

The Rt. Revd & Rt. Hon Dr Richard Chartres  
*The Bishop of London*

*The congregation remain sitting for*

## **The Presentation**

*The Patron, represented by the Revd Canon Jane Sinclair, accompanied by the Churchwardens, presents the Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce to the Bishop, saying:*

Dean's Representative: Right Reverend Father in God, we present to you Alison Jane Joyce to be admitted to the Cure of Souls in this Parish Church.

## **The Declaration and the Oaths**

The Bishop says: The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the Catholic Creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies – the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer, and the ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in your care?

## **The Declaration of Assent**

Rector-designate: I, Alison Jane Joyce, 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 will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

*The Rector-designate takes the oaths, holding the New Testament in her right hand. She faces the congregation.*

## **The Oath of Allegiance**

Rector-designate: I, Alison Jane Joyce, do swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors, according to law: so help me God.

*The Rector-designate faces the Bishop.*

## The Oath of Canonical Obedience

Rector-designate: I, Alison Jane Joyce, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of London and his successors, in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

*The Rector-designate kneels before the Bishop, who reads the appropriate part of the licence and then hands it to the Rector-designate with these words:*

Bishop: Alison, receive this Cure of Souls which is both mine and thine. May God grant you the grace to fulfil this ministry faithfully in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Rector-designate replies "Amen".*

*The Bishop blesses the Rector-designate using appropriate words.*

## The Installation

*The Bishop says:*

I now ask the Venerable Rachel Treweek to install Alison as the Rector of this church.

*The Archdeacon escorts the Rector-designate to a seat designated for her and says:*

Archdeacon: I install you as the Rector of this church. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in from this time forth for evermore. Amen.

By virtue of this Mandate I do induct you into the real, actual and corporal possession of the Parish Church of St Bride, Fleet Street, with all the rights, dignities and appurtenances thereto belonging.

**Alison, you are now the Rector of St Bride, Fleet Street.**

*The church bell tolls as a sign of the Rector commencing her incumbency.*

*The Bishop welcomes and presents the new Rector to the Parish and the congregation.*

*The Rector gives the Notices.*

*The congregation stand for the*

## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholick Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Responses**

Rector: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Rector: Let us pray.

*The congregation sit or kneel*

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir: Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Rector: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Rector: O Lord, save the Queen.

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Rector: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Rector: O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Rector: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Rector: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## **The Collects**

*Spoken by the Rector*

### **The Collect of the Day**

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou has prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Collect for Peace**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

### **The Collect for Aid against all Perils**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The congregation sit for the*

### **Anthem**

Faire Is The Heaven – Harris

*The congregation sit or kneel for*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Led by Christopher Betterton  
*PCC Secretary*

*The response to the bidding, Lord in thy mercy, is **Hear our prayer***

*And at the end all say:*

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers  
For the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The congregation stand and sing the*

## **Offertory Hymn**

(during which a collection will be taken)

My song is love unknown,  
My Saviour's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.

O, who am I,  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
Salvation to bestow:  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.

But O, my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,  
And his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.

Then 'Crucify!'  
Is all their breath,  
And for his death  
They thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.

Yet cheerful he  
To suffering goes,  
That he his foes  
From thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine!

This is my Friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend.

*The Bishop gives the*

## **Blessing**

Amen – Finzi

## **Organ Voluntary**

Flourish For An Occasion – Harris

## **Order of Recession**

Crucifer

Choir

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Verger

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Gold Mace

Rector

Churchwardens

Bishop of London

*Please join us for refreshments after the Service at St Bride's Foundation  
(Please leave through the west doors. Turn left into Salisbury Court, and turn left again into  
St Bride's Passage. The Institute is directly ahead of you)*

St Bride Foundation  
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**The Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce**  
*Rector of St Bride's Church*

The Reverend Canon Dr Alison Joyce is truly welcome as the new Rector of St Bride's Church, spiritual home of journalists and to the media at large.

*"Alison brings intellect, energy, a strong commitment to pastoral care and a profound spirituality to St Bride's and will continue the long tradition of outstanding Rectors. She is an experienced and gifted pastor who has shown the capacity to lead spiritual and communal renewal", said the Very Revd John Hall, Dean of Westminster and Patron of St Bride's.*

Canon Joyce, who is married to Paul, Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at King's College London, and has two adult daughters, Sinéad and Olivia, was responsible for transforming the fortunes of Edgbaston Old Church upon being appointed there in 2005, and now relishes a fresh challenge.

*"It is a delight and a privilege to have been appointed to the post of Rector of St Bride's, Fleet Street, rightly famous for its remarkable history, its outstanding musical tradition, and its unique ministry to the media world. I am greatly looking forward to this new challenge, and to the opportunity to work with such a wonderful team."*

"The Churchwardens are delighted to endorse the Patron's recommendation of Alison for this important role at a time of great change and challenge for the media and our other important constituencies within the congregation," explained Peter Silver, Senior Churchwarden of St Bride's.

"We believe she understands the challenges St Bride's will face and can guide the congregation to a deeper understanding of what Christian faith means in the 21st century."

