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THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW MINISTRY

*Welcome to The Licensing
by the Bishop of Shrewsbury
of
The Reverend Stuart James Howes
as
Vicar of
The Parish of Hadley Holy Trinity
and Wellington Christ Church*

Saturday 11th July 2020 at 7pm

By Zoom

THE WELCOME

The Rt. Revd Sarah Bullock, Bishop of Shrewsbury, welcomes the congregation

THE GATHERING

The Bishop greets the people:

Bishop; The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

THE BIDDING AND CALL TO PENITENCE

The Rural Dean of Telford reads:

Sisters and brothers in Christ, we have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him our worship and praise, to hear and receive God's Holy Word, and to pray for his blessing on all our work done in the name of Jesus.

In particular we meet to licence Stuart James Howes as Priest in Charge at Hadley, Holy Trinity and Wellington , Christ Church to be known as Vicar of Hadley, Holy Trinity and Wellington, Christ Church. As we welcome him, we commit ourselves to working together to discover the heart of God, to growing disciples, to reaching new generations, to transforming communities and to practising generosity.

In all these things, the power and the glory belong to God, and we are but frail earthen vessels.

Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask of God both mercy and forgiveness.

A short silence is kept.

Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Bishop: May the God of love bring you back to himself,
 forgive you your sins,
 and assure you of his eternal love,
 in and through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Bishop introduces

THE COLLECT

Eternal God,
Who made Benedict a wise master
In the school of your service
And a guide to many called into community
To follow the rule of Christ:
Grant that we may put your love before all else
And seek with joy the way of your commandments;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. (words sent by ADP)

All: Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

Reading: Matthew 10 v 24-33. **Fr. Adam Hadley**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A short silence may be kept after the reading.

WORDS OF REFLECTION

Archdeacon Paul Thomas

THE PRESENTATION

Patron, Revd Tim Carter says:

Bishop, I present to you Stuart James Howes who has been chosen to serve as Priest in Charge of the parish of Hadley, Holy Trinity and Wellington, Christ Church

The Bishop addresses the new minister:

Stuart, are you willing to commit yourself to this responsibility?

Stuart: With God's help, I am.

THE DECLARATION AND OATHS

The Archdeacon addresses Stuart:

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 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?

Stuart says:

I, Stuart James Howes, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

Stuart takes the Bible in his right hand and says:

I, Stuart James Howes, do 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.

Stuart says:

I, Stuart James Howes, do swear that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Lichfield and his successors, in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

The Bishop says: Sisters and Brothers in Christ, after due consultation Stuart James Howes has been chosen and presented to be Priest in Charge of this parish. Will you support him in this ministry, and uphold him by your prayers?

All: **With God's help, we will.**

Bishop: Let us pray for God's blessing on Stuart and on our work together.

A short silence is kept.

Bishop: Almighty and ever-living God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer for all your people in their life and work, and especially for Stuart and your Church in this place. Fill us with the knowledge of your truth, that in our varied ministries we may serve your Kingdom in the world, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE LICENSING

The Bishop reads the Licence before saying:

Stuart, receive the Cure of Souls,
which is both mine and yours,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

THE WELCOME

The Bishop says:

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
now that Stuart has been licensed
to his new ministry,
let us welcome him in God's name.

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

All applaud

WELCOME FROM THE TEAM

Stuart is then welcomed by the representatives of the parish, and of local churches, faith groups and the community. These are introduced in turn by the Deanery Lay Chair.

The Bishop commissions the team and people together:

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 he has begun in you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord bless you and prosper you!
The Lord grant success to the work of your hands.

All: **We bless you in the name of the Lord.**
In the name of the Lord, we bless you.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Stuart leads us in prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.

THE BLESSING

Bishop: May God fill you with the knowledge of his will,
through all the wisdom and understanding that the Sprit gives,
so that you might live a life worthy of the Lord
and please him in every way;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always

Stuart: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.



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