

**The Institution and Induction of  
The Rev'd Robert Stanier**

by

**The Rt Rev'd Dr Martin  
Gainsborough,  
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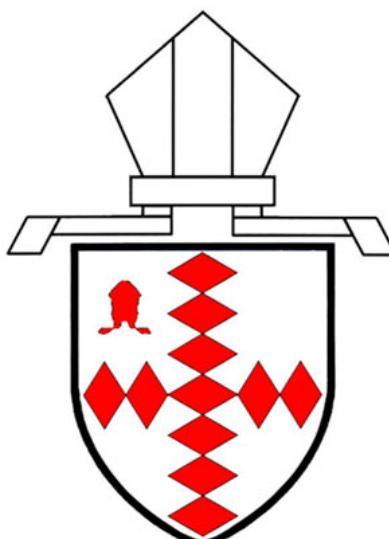
and

**The Venerable Bridget Shepherd,  
Archdeacon of Wandsworth**

at

**St Mary Magdalene Church, Richmond**

**18:30 Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**



Organ music before the service:  
Prelude in E flat major, BWV 552i - J.S. Bach 1685-1750

Setting of the Eucharist:  
Communion Service (Series 3) William Mathias 1934-1992

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
Thy flock, from age to age;  
The wondrous tale is written,  
Full clear on every page;  
Our forebears owned thy goodness,  
And we their deeds record;  
And both of this bear witness:  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
To greatest as to least;  
They bade all rise and hasten  
To share the great King's feast;  
And this was all their teaching  
In every deed and word;  
To all alike proclaiming:  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
Through many a scene of strife,  
The faithful few fought bravely  
To guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
Sin pardoned, life restored,  
Was all in this enfolded:  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
Nor leave thy work undone;  
With thy right hand to help us,  
The victory shall be won;  
And then, by all and angels,  
Thy name shall be adored,  
And this shall be their anthem:  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

*Text: Edward Plumptre 1821-1891*

*Music: THORNBURY Basil Harwood 1869-1949*

## THE GREETING

*Bishop* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
*All* Amen.

*Bishop* Peace be with you  
*All* and also with you.

*The Bishop introduces the celebration*

## CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

*Bishop* My brothers and sisters, we hold before God our sins and failings.

*A short time of silence follows*

*Bishop* Lord Jesus Christ, you came to bring good news to the poor and liberty to captives. Lord have mercy.

*All* Lord have mercy.

*Bishop* Lord Jesus Christ, by your death on the cross you destroyed death and by rising again you gave us the hope of new and eternal life. Christ have mercy.

*All* Christ have mercy.

*Bishop* Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who searches out the last and gives hope to the broken-hearted. Lord have mercy.

*All* Lord have mercy.

*Bishop* May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life.

*All* Amen.

*Bishop* Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins.  
Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

## THE COLLECT

*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 Robert now to be instituted and inducted  
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.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (37:1-6).

*read by Fiona Morgan, Churchwarden of St John the Divine*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1:11-18).

*read by Alison Hall, Churchwarden of St Matthias*

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*                   Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL HYMN

*Please stand*

1 O Thou who camest from above,  
The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.

2 There let it for Thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return  
In humble prayer, and fervent  
praise.

3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work, and speak, and think for  
Thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up Thy gift in me.

4 Ready for all Thy perfect will  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
Till death Thy endless mercies seal,  
And make my sacrifice complete.

*Text: Charles Wesley 1707-1788*

*Music: HEREFORD Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810-1876*

*Please remain standing*

## THE GOSPEL

*Read by The Venerable Bridget Shepherd, Archdeacon of Wandsworth*

**All** The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
(10:11-18).

**All** Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said, ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

This is the gospel of the Lord.  
**All** Praise to you O Christ.

*Please sit*

## SERMON

*The Rt Rev'd Dr Martin Gainsborough, Bishop of Kingston*

## THE PRESENTATION

*The Incumbent designate is presented to the Bishop by a representative of the Patron, King's College, Cambridge*

Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you Robert Stanier to be admitted to the cure of souls as Interim Team Rector of this Parish and Vicar of St Mary Magdalene Church.

*The Bishop replies:*

Thank you for your commendation. I am ready to proceed, and I invite the Archdeacon to administer the Declaration and Oaths.

## THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT AND THE OATHS

*The Declaration of Assent, the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Canonical Obedience are administered by the Archdeacon.*

## THE REAFFIRMATION OF ORDINATION VOWS

*Bishop* Robert, 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

*Please stand*

*Bishop* My brothers and sisters, we who are baptised are called to worship and serve the living God. As a new chapter begins in the life of this Team Ministry and this church, let us recommit ourselves in the service of God and neighbour that the good news of his salvation may be known in our lives, our homes and our community. 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 INSTITUTION

*Please sit*

*The Incumbent designate kneels before the Bishop. The Bishop reads the Deed of Institution*

*Bishop* Receive this cure of souls, 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 Incumbent, saying:*

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
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.  
**Amen.**

## THE INDUCTION

*The Bishop delivers the Mandate of Induction to the Archdeacon, saying:*

Now that we have duly and canonically collated our well-beloved in Christ, Robert, into the cure of souls of this living, we hereby empower and require you, Archdeacon, to induct him into the real, actual and corporeal possession of this church and benefice.

## *The Archdeacon's procession goes to the door of the church*

*The Archdeacon places the Incumbent's hand upon the handle of the door, saving:*

By virtue of this mandate, I do induct you into the real, actual and corporeal possession of this church and benefice.

### *The Incumbent tolls the bell*

## *The Archdeacon's procession returns to the Chancel*

*The Archdeacon places the new Incumbent in his stall; he kneels as the Archdeacon says:*

The Lord himself is your keeper, the Lord is your defence upon your right hand. The Lord preserve you from all evil; it is even he that shall keep your soul. The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and for evermore.

*All* Amen.

## INTERCESSIONS

*Sit or kneel as the new Incumbent leads the intercessions*

*The response will be:*

*Incumbent Lord, in your mercy,  
All hear our prayer.*

## THE WELCOME

*The Bishop presents the new Incumbent to the congregation:*

People of God, I present to you Robert as your new Team Rector and vicar of this church.

*The Area Dean introduces the welcomes to the new Incumbent. The Area Dean's welcome is followed by the welcomes of the two Team Vicars and their churchwardens:*

On behalf of the Church of St Matthias and as part of Richmond Team Ministry we welcome you as our new Team Rector. We promise that we will bear our full share with you in the work of the parish.

On behalf of the Church of St John the Divine and as part of Richmond Team Ministry we welcome you as our new Team Rector. We promise that we will bear our full share with you in the work of the parish.

*Then the churchwardens of St Mary Magdalene with the Commissioned Pastoral Lay Minister say:*

On behalf of the Church of St Mary Magdalene and the Richmond Team Ministry we welcome you as our new Team Rector and as Vicar of St Mary Magdalene Church. We promise that we will bear our full share with you in the work of this church and the work of the whole parish.

*Other representatives of the community greet the new incumbent*

*At the end the Incumbent replies:*

Thank you for your welcome. Let us pray daily for one another that we may work together for Christ with faithfulness, zeal and love.

## THE NOTICES

*The Incumbent gives the notices*

## THE PEACE

*Please stand*

*Bishop*      We are the Body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

*All*              The peace of the Lord be always with you  
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may shake hands or otherwise greet one another, saying “peace be with you”*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*The proceeds of the collection taken up during the hymn will be donated to the Bishop of Southwark’s Lent Call, more information about which is available at: <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/>*

O thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
That all thy Church might be for ever one,  
Grant us at every Eucharist to say  
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'  
O, may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:  
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;  
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
May we be one with all thy Church above,  
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
More blessed still, in peace and love to be  
One with the Trinity in Unity.

*Text: William Turton 1856-1938*

*Music: SONG 1 Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625*

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*Bishop*      Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
                    through your goodness  
                    we have this bread to set before you,  
                    which earth has given and human hands have made.  
                    It will become for us the bread of life.

*All*              **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Bishop*      Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
                    through your goodness  
                    we have this wine to set before you,  
                    fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
                    It will become for us the cup of salvation.

*All*              **Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Bishop*      The Lord be with you.  
*All*              And also with you.

*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Bishop* Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.  
And now we give you thanks because within the royal Priesthood of your Church you ordain ministers to proclaim the word of God, to care for your people and to celebrate the sacraments of the new covenant.  
Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Bishop* Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

*Bishop* And so, Father, calling to mind  
his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this  
our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Saint Mary Magdalene, Saint John  
the Divine, Saint Matthias and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* Amen.

*Please sit*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Bishop* Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.  
*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name;**  
**thy kingdom come;**  
**thy will be done;**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation;**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**the power and the glory,**  
**for ever and ever.**  
Amen.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread*

*Bishop* We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,**  
**because we all share in one bread.**

## AGNUS DEI

*All* **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us**  
**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Bishop* Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Happy are they who are called to his supper.  
*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**  
**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The Bishop and people receive Communion*

*Baptised Christians of all denominations, if they normally receive Communion in their own Churches, are welcome to receive Communion.*

*If you would prefer a blessing please come forward keeping your hands at your side or bring your service sheet with you.*

*Please ask if you require a gluten-free wafer*

*During communion, the choir, comprised of singers from the three Richmond Team Ministry churches, sings the following anthems:*

**Cantique de Jean Racine**

**Fauré**

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,  
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,  
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:  
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.

Répands sur nous le feu de Ta grâce puissante;  
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de Ta voix;  
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante  
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de Tes lois!

Ô Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle,  
Pour Te bénir maintenant rassemblé;  
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à Ta gloire immortelle,  
Et de Tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.

*Word of the Highest, our only hope,  
Eternal day of earth and the heavens,  
We break the silence of the peaceful night;  
Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!*

*Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,  
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;  
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,  
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!*

*O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people  
Now gathered here to praise you;  
Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;  
May they go forth filled with your gifts.*

*Text: Jean Racine 1639-1699  
Music: Gabriel Fauré 1845-1924*

## God so loved the world

Chilcott

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*Text: John 3:16*

*Music: Bob Chilcott b. 1955*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand*

*Bishop*      Heavenly Father,  
                  whose ascended Son  
                  gave gifts of leadership and service to the Church:  
                  strengthen us who have received this holy food  
                  to be good stewards of your manifold grace,  
                  through him who came not to be served but to serve,  
                  and to give up his life as a ransom for many,  
                  Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*           Amen.

*All*           Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
                  with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
                  Through Him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living  
                  sacrifice.  
                  Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
                  to live and work to your praise and glory, Amen.

## BLESSING

*Bishop*      The Lord be with you.  
*All*           And also with you.

*Bishop*      Christ give you grace to grow in holiness;  
                  to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him,  
                  and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
                  be among you and remain with you always.

*All*           Amen.

## DISMISSAL

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

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore,  
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

*Text: William Williams, trans. P.W. Williams 1727-1796*

*Music: CWM RHONDDA John Hughes 1873-1932*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E flat major, BWV 552.ii

J.S. Bach 1685-1750

*Please join us after the service for refreshments at the back of church.*