



The Diocese of
West Yorkshire
& the Dales

**The Service of Licensing of
Reverend Canon Kathryn Fitzsimons
as Priest in Charge of
The Parish of Roundhay St. John**

at



Oakwood Church

A Methodist-Anglican Partnership

On

Tuesday 13th January

Reverend Canon Kathryn Fitzsimons

Kathryn was brought up in Richmond, trained as a teacher and taught French and Music for several years in Northumberland before becoming mother to Christopher and Rachel. A move to Harrogate in 1984 took the family to Christchurch where she was encouraged to explore ordination.

Ordained Deacon in 1990, she served as an NSM curate at St. John's Bilton. Kathryn began work for the Board for Social Responsibility in 1992. A commitment to working with people on the edge of society and church encouraged her to remain a deacon in the church. In 1999, she was appointed Urban Officer in the Mission Resourcing Team of the former diocese of Ripon & Leeds. In this role she worked with various congregations in the more deprived areas of Leeds as they explored their mission in their context. She worked alongside Leeds City Council and Third Sector organisations as they tried to work for the Common Good in the city. From 2010-13 she chaired a new alliance of third sector forums – Third Sector Leeds- which enabled the voluntary, community and faith groups to have a more consistent voice in the strategic leadership of the city.

She is an honorary canon of Ripon Cathedral and a member of the General Synod of the Church of England. She has an MA in Urban Theology from Leeds University.

She was ordained priest in 2013 and was delighted to be made Priest in Charge of the Church of the Epiphany, Gipton in 2014.

She is looking forward to being part of the Methodist – Anglican Partnership in Oakwood.

Oakwood Church

Oakwood Church celebrates and encourages both the Anglican and Methodist traditions within its congregation.

Kathryn is to be licensed as the Anglican Priest in Charge of the parish of St John's Roundhay, to work in partnership with the Methodist Minister for the church.

This is a new stage for Anglican ministry in the parish, and follows on from the growth in partnership with Roundhay

Methodist Church through a first covenant in 1998, sharing the building in 2007, and a new covenant in Dec 2013 establishing a wholly united congregation with joint worship and mission. In the name of Christ and for sake of God's kingdom, Oakwood Church seeks to be a welcoming, witnessing and worshipping community committed to serving this part of the city.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

by James Montgomery; tune Cruger

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

- Ch'warden On behalf of the PCC of St John's Roundhay I confirm that it is our wish that Kathryn be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of this parish.
- Bishop Kathryn, 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 Kathryn has been chosen to be your new priest. 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 Kathryn 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 Kathryn 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.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 2:5-12
Anna Thomas

HYMN**Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

by JG Whittier; tune, Repton

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity
Interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

Jane Reichert

THE SERMON*The Bishop of Leeds***ANTHEM**

'Lord, take this song',
by Singers from Oakwood Church

text from *Celtic Daily Prayer: Inspirational prayers and readings
from the Northumbria Community*

THE REAFFIRMATION OF ORDINATION VOWS

Bishop Kathryn, 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 i 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

All Stand

THE COMMISSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Bishop My brothers and sisters, as a new chapter begins in the life of this parish, 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

People **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?

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

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

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

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

People **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?

People **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.

People **Amen**

All Sit

THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT AND THE OATHS

The Priest-in-Charge designate and Registrar (or Archdeacon) stand before the Bishop

Registrar I confirm that Kathryn 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 Priest-in-Charge designate kneels before the Bishop. The Bishop reads the license and places it in the priest's hands saying

Bishop Receive by this license 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 Priest-in-Charge, 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.

Priest-in-Charge Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The new Priest-in-Charge leads the congregation in prayer

THE WELCOME

The Archdeacon and the Priest-in-Charge go to the chancel steps

Archdeacon

People of God, I present to you Kathryn
as your new Priest-in-Charge

*The Area Dean introduces leaders from the Church and
Community who welcome Kathryn as the new Priest-in-Charge*

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 Priest in Charge gives the notices

OFFERTORY HYMN *Go Forth and tell*

by Mrs M. Seddon; tune Woodlands

*during which a collection is taken to support candidates and
their families, from our Diocese, during the period of their
training.*

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world His worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of His word?

Go forth and tell! Some still in darkness lie;
in wealth or want, in sin they live and die:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like Yours which cares for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! the doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts with people long denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
Your ransomed powers for His sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ Your Lord supplies;
go till all nations His great name adore
and serve Him, Lord and King for evermore.

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.**

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN *We have a gospel to proclaim*

by Edward Burns; Tune Fulda

We have a gospel to proclaim
Good news for all throughout the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.