



THE COLLATION OF

The Reverend Dr James Saunders

by The Lord Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham
The Right Reverend Paul Williams

and

THE INDUCTION AND INSTALLATION

by The Archdeacon of Nottingham
The Venerable Phil Williams

as

VICAR

of St Mary the Virgin, the Lace Market, Nottingham
in the Deanery of Nottingham South

Tuesday, 17th December 2024
7 p.m.



WELCOME TO ST MARY'S IN THE LACE MARKET

Thank you so much for joining us as we mark the beginning of James's new ministry in this place, especially if you have travelled a long way to be here. Everything you need to participate in the service can be found in this booklet.

ACCESSIBILITY

A loop system is in operation in the church – those members of the congregation wearing hearing aids should turn them to the 'T' position. Toilets, including a disabled toilet, can be found in the North aisle of the church (follow the signs).

MOBILE DEVICES AND CAMERAS

Please do switch off all mobile electronic devices – we would like to ask you respectfully **not** to take photographs or make recordings (video or audio) of any kind during the service. The service is being audio-livestreamed on our website, and will be available to listen back to afterwards via Mixlr. A professional photographer, Mihai Bircu, will be taking photographs throughout the service. If you do not wish to be included in these photographs, please speak to him discreetly and he will happily remove any you may appear in.

MUSIC

The Choir of St Mary's is directed by John Keys (Director of Music), and the organ is played by William Layzell-Smith (Organ Scholar). We are also delighted to thank James's friends from the Choir of St Peter & St Paul's, Uppingham, and their Director of Music, John Wardle, for their musical contribution to our worship this evening.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

This is a special service of celebration that marks the beginning of a new phase of ministry both for James and for the people of this community. We meet together anticipating God's blessing on the years ahead. At the beginning of any new ministry, a priest is appointed to their new role in a service that gives the community an opportunity to welcome them, and allows priest and people to commit themselves to the ministry ahead and to pray for God's leading in it.

The ministry to which James is being appointed is to the local parish and the wider community. The role of the Anglican parish priest is to care for the whole community and also to nurture the faithful. They work with all those in the local community, whether they are people of faith or not. Therefore within this service, the welcome is made by both church people and representatives of the wider community.

In this service, James is presented to the Bishop and then presented to the community by the Bishop. The Bishop will remind James of the responsibility for the care of the parish which is shared with the Bishop. The Archdeacon will install James, giving him oversight for the church. James is then formally welcomed by representatives of the church and the wider community within the parish.

A retiring collection will be taken for the Bishops' Discretionary Fund, which enables the bishops to support particular needs as and when they arise. Please do consider giving by scanning the QR code (below) or using a yellow envelope provided.



The congregation is invited to join in all the texts in **bold**.

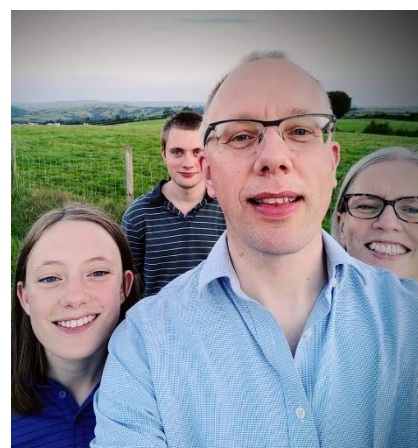
ABOUT JAMES



Growing up in Rutland and Lincolnshire, James was never not part of a church and his journey towards ordained ministry began with the welcome and encouragement of congregations in small village churches. After a history degree at Durham and an interesting-but-largely-useless doctorate at Cambridge, he worked as a nursing assistant before returning to Durham for ordination training. This was followed by curacy on the Suffolk Coast and a return to Rutland as priest-in-charge of four villages and half-time chaplain for HM Prison Service.

With two teachers for parents, James was always clear he would never work in a school. Inevitably, therefore, he has been called for the past fifteen years to be Chaplain of Uppingham School, a co-educational, multi-national and multi-faith boarding school for young people aged 13-18. Alongside this, James has been heavily involved in school governance, including chairing the board of a Multi-Academy Trust for a number of years and membership of Peterborough Diocesan Board of Education. He has been a canon of Peterborough Cathedral since 2022.

James and Sue met in their first weeks as undergraduates at Durham, and have been married (James claims 'happily') for thirty years. Sue works as an Occupational Therapist for the NHS – most recently in a community crisis team – and has a particular interest in supporting people with dementia. They have two children: Thomas, in his early 20s, who works in Early Years education (but would love a job as a full-time bellringer, if anyone has one going); and Emma, who has just completed her first term studying Biomedical Science at York University.



Singing has been a central part of James's faith over many years. Starting as a treble, aged 7, he attended church twice every Sunday when more normal teenagers found better things to do, and has continued to find God speaking through music ever since. St Mary's exceptional choral tradition (including its amazing children's choirs which are giving new generations a chance to experience the spiritual power of the human voice) is something he very much looks forward to seeing grow and develop. All this – and a degree of self-indulgence – explains the prominent part that music plays in this service. Alongside St Mary's Choir tonight, James is delighted to see friends from the choir of St Peter & St Paul, Uppingham, where three generations of Saunders have been singing in recent years.

James has a deep conviction that there are no boundaries or limits to the love of Christ, and that the Church's calling is to offer that love undefensively to all. Working in places where the Church and 'the world' meet has been one of the chief joys of his ministry, and he has been deeply attracted by St Mary's interpretation of its Civic role as a calling to be a church that serves all the communities in the City of Nottingham.

INTRODUCTION

*A welcome from The Reverend Philippa Scott,
Assistant Curate of St Mary's in the Lace Market.*

Antiphon

O Wisdom,
which camest out of the out of the mouth of the most High,
and reachest from one end to another, mightily,
and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

Please stand

Processional Hymn

Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find;
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art:
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)
Music: Aberystwyth, Joseph Parry (1841–1903)*

The Greeting

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

Please sit

The Bishop brings his greetings and introduces the service, and then all pray:

**God our Father, Lord of all the world,
we thank you that 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 James the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE PRESENTATION

The Archdeacon leads James before the Bishop and says:

Bishop, I present James Benedict John Saunders to be admitted to the Cure of Souls of this benefice.

THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT AND OATHS

The Parish Priest designate stands before the Bishop, who is seated in his chair.

Registrar 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?

Priest I, James Benedict John Saunders, 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 authorised or allowed by Canon.

Taking a New Testament, the Priest faces the people and says:

Priest I swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, his heirs and successors according to law; so help me God.

Turning to the Bishop, the Priest says:

Priest I swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham and his successors, in all things lawful and honest; so help me God.

Please remain seated as the Declarations are signed.

Anthem

I sat down under His shadow with great delight and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house and His banner over me was love.

Words: Song of Solomon 2:3-4

Music: Edward Bairstow (1874 – 1946)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Read by Beth Mitchell

Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

Proverbs 3.13-18

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Hymn

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.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer, and fervent praise.

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.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)
Music: Hereford, S.S. Wesley (1810-76)

Please sit

Second Reading

Read by Martyn Jewers, Churchwarden

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom,

secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him’—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

1 Corinthians 2.1-10

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Paul Williams, Lord Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham

THE COLLATION

The Parish Priest designate stands before the Bishop.

Bishop Dearly beloved in the Lord, the Declaration of Assent, the Oaths of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, and the Oaths of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop having been taken and subscribed before us as the law requires: we propose now in the name of God, and in the presence of this congregation, to license to the benefice of St Mary the Virgin, our well-beloved in Christ, James, and we ask you to join together with us in prayer to Almighty God, that he would grant to his servant grace to perform his solemn duties aright.

The Priest kneels before the Bishop. The Registrar reads the licence.

The Bishop then gives the licence to the priest saying:

Bishop Receive the Cure of Souls, which is both yours and mine; in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Bishop blesses the new Parish Priest.

Bishop 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, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

THE INDUCTION AND INSTALLATION

Bishop Having admitted James to the Cure of Souls in this Benefice, I charge and require you, Archdeacon, to induct and install him into this church and benefice.

All stand. The congregation turns as the Churchwardens lead the Archdeacon and Priest to the church door, while the choir sings:

Beati quorum via integra est : qui ambulant in lege Domini	Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord.
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Words: Psalm 119.1

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Archdeacon By virtue of this mandate, I induct you, James, into the real, actual, and corporeal possession of this church and benefice with all the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities for ministry. The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, now and always. Amen.

The Priest rings a bell to signify the beginning of his ministry in the parish and benefice.

The Archdeacon then leads the Priest to his stall and places him in it, while all sing.

Hymn

**Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?**

**Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!**

**This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
cast at his feet the burden of our care.**

**Through life and death, through sorrow and through sinning,
he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.**

Words: Frederick W.H. Myers (1843-1901)

Music: Highwood, R.R. Terry (1868-1938)

Archdeacon

By this act, James, I install you as the parish priest in the congregation of Christ in this benefice. May you fulfil well the ministry you have received from the Lord. See that you lead your people in the way of holiness and faithful service of God our Father, after the pattern of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE WELCOME

The Bishop presents the new Parish Priest to the congregation.

Bishop I present to you James as your new Parish Priest. Remember that you share with him in the ministry to which he has been called; for as St Peter wrote to all Christians: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.

The Lay Chair of the Deanery introduces the welcomes. The churchwardens welcome the new Parish Priest on behalf of the parish, followed by greetings from representatives of the local community.

The new Parish Priest acknowledges the welcomes and announces the forthcoming services.

Please stand

Hymn

James chose this (perhaps less familiar) hymn for three reasons: to recognise his new church's dedication to St Mary; to pick up the themes of this Advent season when we wait with growing expectancy for the coming of Christ; and because one of his earliest memories is of singing the tune in procession at St Mary's, Stamford when he took his very first steps into ministry as a boat boy!

**Sing we of the blessèd Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.**

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessèd,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

Words: G.B. Timms (1910-97)
Music: Daily, Daily, Paderborn Gesangbuch (1765)

THE INTERCESSIONS

Please sit

The new Parish Priest leads the people in prayer. The following response may be used:

Priest Lord, in your mercy:
All Hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:

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.

Anthem

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes
aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad
te, Deus.

As the deer longs for the
water springs, so my soul longs for
you, O God.

Words: Psalm 42

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1526-1594)

RENEWING OUR VISION

The Archdeacon stands before the people and says:

During the anthem, members of the St Mary's ministry team will come forward and present James with symbols of ministry: the water of baptism, the Bible which is the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion.

The ministry team, including James, then stands before the bishop.

The Archdeacon stands before the people and says:

Working alongside James, let us commit ourselves afresh in our ministry and mission to this Parish of St Mary's in the Lace Market and the wider city

We believe there is nothing better anyone can do with their life than become a follower of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father;

We believe that the good news of Jesus Christ brings transformation and new life, healing and wholeness.

The Church is uniquely placed in every community to bring God's living hope to all who live in the city, towns and villages of Nottinghamshire and beyond.

Therefore, we commit ourselves to serving together in Growing Disciples of Christ with Compassion, Confidence and Courage.

The Archdeacon invites members of the PCC to stand up from where they are seated, and addresses them with James and the ministry team:

Will you, the PCC and ministry team of St. Mary's, take care with James, to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and together offer yourselves afresh in the service of Jesus Christ?

Ministry Team and PCC: With the help of God, we will.

The Archdeacon invites the congregation to stand, and asks

Archdeacon My brothers and sisters, will you pray for, support, encourage and nurture James, the Ministry team and PCC in their service of Jesus Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

All say together:

**In the power of the Holy Spirit
may we know the joy of the Lord,
growing disciples of Christ
with compassion, confidence and courage
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Please stand

Bishop May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn

**How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?
Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I Thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold Thy face.
They sing because Thou art their sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where Heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.**

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when Thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is Thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.

Words: John Mason (c.1645-94)
Music: Coe Fen, Kenneth Naylor (1931-91)

THE DISMISSAL

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

Organ Voluntary
Kenneth Leighton (1929-88), Six Fantasies on Hymn Tunes: 'Helmsley'



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FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 18 th December	08:30 18:15	Said Morning Prayer Choral Evensong
Thursday 19 th December	08:30 13:00	Said Morning Prayer Lace Market Carol Service
Friday 20 th December	08:30	Said Morning Prayer
Sunday 22 nd December	10:45 18:30	Choral Eucharist Choral Evensong
Monday 23 rd December	08:30	Said Morning Prayer
Tuesday 24 th December	08:30 19:00 23:30	Said Morning Prayer Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25 th December	10:45	Christmas Day Choral Eucharist
Sunday 29 th December	10:45	Parish Eucharist



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