



The Licensing of

The Reverend Bethan Resch

by

The Bishop of Sherwood

The Right Reverend Dr Andy Emerton

and

The Installation

by the Archdeacon of Newark

The Venerable Tors Ramsey

As

Priest-in-Charge

of the Benefice of Carlton-in-the-Willows

in the Deanery of Gedling

Tuesday July 29th 7.30pm at St Paul's, Carlton in the
Willows

About this service

This is a special service of celebration that marks the beginning of a new phase of ministry both for Beth 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 Beth 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. She works 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, Beth is presented to the Bishop and then presented to the community by the Bishop. The Bishop will remind Beth of the responsibility for the care of the parish which is shared with the Bishop. The Archdeacon will install Beth giving her oversight for the church. Beth is then formally welcomed by representatives of the church and the wider community within the parish.

There will be a retiring collection in support of the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. This fund helps to support clergy at times of unforeseen emergency. Donations can be made using the QR code on the back of the booklet (Gift Aid can automatically be claimed on gifts up to £30) and the yellow envelopes provided. Thank you for your generosity.

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

About the Reverend Beth Resch

Beth grew up in Glossop with her twin brother and their parents. Her faith journey began in a home deeply shaped by her parents' relationship with Jesus. Her mum came to faith in her thirties when Beth and her brother were young, and her dad followed a few years after. Their faith in Jesus was central to their family, and Beth was raised in a vibrant, multi-generational church in her hometown. It was within this church family that Beth encountered Jesus personally and made the decision to follow Him.

During her teenage years, Beth and her family regularly attended Christian conferences such as New Wine and Soul Survivor. It was at these gatherings that she experienced the Holy Spirit for the first time, igniting in her a deep hunger for others to encounter God's presence as she had. Around the same time, Beth sensed a clear call to church leadership, a calling that was nurtured and encouraged by her family and church community.

At 18, Beth took a significant step in pursuing this calling by being part of the leadership gap year at Soul Survivor Watford. This year proved to be deeply formational, offering her first taste of practical ministry training and reinforcing the value of servant-hearted leadership. She was especially inspired by the church's emphasis on every member of the body ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit, and during her time there, she witnessed God perform many miracles.

Following this, Beth served in youth ministry at St Stephen's Twickenham for several years. She loved being a Youth Pastor and developed a deep passion for seeing young people encounter Jesus. In 2017, Beth married her husband, Luke, and together they joined a church plant from St Stephen's to Christ Church Feltham, where Beth began her training for ordained ministry.

In 2020, Beth and Luke welcomed their first daughter, Bay, and in 2022, sensing God's leading, the family moved to Nottingham for Beth to serve her curacy at Trinity Church Nottingham. Though unexpected, the move quickly felt like home and became a great blessing for the whole family. In

late 2023, they welcomed their second daughter, Rainn, and Beth took time away from ministry for maternity leave. Her years at Trinity have been a time of personal growth and transformation, teaching her to lead with deeper dependence on God.

The Resch family have built their whole lives on following Jesus and they feel called to be part of what he is doing in Carlton. They are passionate about seeing whole families come to know the love of Jesus and having their lives transformed by his presence. They also long for God to move powerfully in this area of the city and to see him glorified in the whole city of Nottingham.



Greeting

Bishop

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

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 Beth the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Presentation

*The Rev'd Mike Duff, CPAS patronage secretary, leads Beth before the
Bishop and says*

Bishop, I present to you Bethan Resch 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,

Bishop

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, Bethan Frances Resch 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, Beth faces the people and says

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, Beth says

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 stand. During the songs, the Declarations are signed.

Sung Worship

Goodness of God

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

[Chorus]

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

King of Kings

[Verse 1]

In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

[Chorus]

*Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings*

[Verse 2]

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died

[Verse 3]

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored
And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

Agnus Dei

Alleluia

Alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Holy holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb worthy is the Lamb

You are holy holy

The Ministry of the Word

Please sit.

Isaiah 43:19

Read by Marion Barlow

¹⁹See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness

and streams in the wasteland.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Mark 10:13-16

Read by the Rev'd Anna Clarke

¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

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The Sermon

Given by The Rev'd Jonny Hughes, Pioneer Missioner, Trinity Church Nottingham

Song: Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Verse 1

Christ is my firm foundation
The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would He fail now

Chorus 1

He won't He won't

Verse 2

I've still got joy in chaos
I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under
I'm not held by my own strength

'Cause I've built my life on Jesus
He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season
So why would He fail now

Chorus 2

*He won't He won't
He won't fail
He won't fail (no)*

Bridge

*(Oh) Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
(And) I'm safe with You
I'm going to make it through
(REPEAT)*

*Yeah I'm going to make it through
'Cause I'm standing strong on You
Yeah I'm going to make it through
'Cause my house is built on You*

Chorus 3

*He won't He won't
He won't fail
He won't fail no He won't*

The Licensing

The Parish Priest designate stands before the 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 this Benefice of Carlton-in-the-Willows, our well-beloved in Christ, Beth, and we ask you to join together with us in prayer to Almighty God, that he would grant to his servant Beth grace to perform her solemn duties aright.

The Priest kneels before the Bishop.

Silence is kept.

The Bishop reads the licence.

The Bishop then gives the licence to the priest saying

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

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 Installation

Bishop

Having admitted Beth to the Cure of Souls in this parish, I charge and require you, Archdeacon, to induct and install her into this church and benefice.

All stand and turn as the Churchwarden leads the Archdeacon and Beth to the main door of the Church.

The Archdeacon says

Beth, you are now the Priest of this parish, and share its rights, responsibilities and opportunities for ministry. The Lord bless your going out and your coming in, now and always. **Amen.**

The Archdeacon leads Beth to her seat and places her in it.

Archdeacon

By this act, Beth, 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 Beth as your new Parish Priest. Remember that you share with her in the ministry to which she 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 Deanery Lay Chair, Christine Childs introduces the welcomes. The churchwarden welcomes 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.

The Intercessions

Beth now leads the people in prayer. The following response is used
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Renewing our Vision

The Rev'd Canon Peter Huxtable, Bishop's Advisor for Urban/Estate Mission invites members of the ministry team to come forward and present Beth 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. They all then stand before the Archdeacon

The Bishop's Advisor for Urban/Estate Mission:

Working alongside Beth, let us commit ourselves afresh in our ministry and mission to these Parish of St Paul's and beyond.

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 Bishop's Advisor for Urban/Estate Mission invites members of the PCCs to stand up from where they are seated, and addresses them with Beth and the ministry team:

Will you, the PCC and ministry team of St Paul's, take care with Beth, 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 PCCs: With the help of God, we will.

The Bishop's Advisor for Urban/Estate Mission invites the congregation to stand, and asks;

My brothers and sisters, will you pray for, support, encourage and nurture Beth, 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 and Dismissal

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.

SONG: CITY OF OUR GOD

During this song the Bishop's Procession moves to the main door of the Church

[Chorus]

*Let this be a city of our God
Let this be a city of our God
A holy kingdom of our Father's love
Let this be a city of our God*

[Verse 1]

A place where your glory will shine
A place filled with holy delight
A place where the old never die
O new Jerusalem

[Verse 2]

A place where the fatherless weep
'Cause they've found heavenly peace
This is where truth and grace meet
O new Jerusalem

[Pre-Chorus]

*Lord hear the prayer of your people
Lord hear the cry of our hearts*

Let this be a city of our God...

[Verse 3]

A place where the orphan finds family
A place where the lonely are known
Favour upon generations
That goes on, and on, and on
On and on and on

Let this be a city of our God...

[Bridge]

When thousands sing of Jesus' name
A holy eruption of praise
Fling wide you gates
Prepare the way
A heavenly fanfare will play
When thousands sing of Jesus' name
A holy eruption of praise
Fling wide you gates, Prepare the way
A heavenly fanfare will play

Let this be a city of our God...

Parish Priest

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

*Please do stay for refreshments which will be served in the church
following the service*

Upcoming Services:

In the month of August: 10am at St John's, Carlton

From 7th September: 10am at St Paul's, Carlton in the Willows.

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