



The Church of England

Diocese of Ely

The Licensing of
The Revd Canon Dr Paul Andrews
as Priest in Charge of the
Proprietary Chapel of St Peter-in-Ely

by

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St Peter-in-Ely
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We pray to be generous and visible people of Jesus Christ

This service marks the beginning of a new phase of ministry for priest and people. It is one to which all come with a high sense of anticipation of God's blessing on the years ahead and it is right that this beginning is marked by a special service both of celebration and of dignity.

Some features of this service are of very ancient origin; others are recent innovations. This is as it should be, given that Christian ministry is reported to have been offered on the Isle of Ely even before the arrival of St Etheldreda in the seventh century, and yet, here as in all places, the unchanging Gospel needs to be made fresh for each succeeding generation.

The Proprietary Chapel of St-Peter-in-Ely was originally endowed by Mrs Catharine Maria Sparke in 1889 in memory of her late husband, Canon Edward Bowyer Sparke, as a mission church for the riverside district of Ely, at that time a densely populated industrial area and inland port. It was first opened for worship on St Peter's Day, 1890, at a Dedication Service conducted by the Right Reverend Lord Alwyne Compton. Since then, its history has been one of many vicissitudes. Originally St Peter's was assigned to the spiritual tutelage of the Vicar of the Parish of Ely, Holy Trinity, within which it lay. This parish was combined with Ely, St Mary in 1929 and then in 1938 suffered closure of its separate parish church, which subsequently reverted to its pre-Reformation function as the Cathedral's Lady Chapel. More recently, the former parish of Ely Holy Trinity with St Mary has been subsumed within a large team-ministry comprising the City of Ely and its surrounding villages. Geographically speaking, St Peter's undoubtedly lies within this Benefice of Ely, but its status as a 'Proprietary Chapel', governed by trustees, has given it a certain degree of constitutional independence which it has proudly guarded over the years.

This order of service is, in part, an expression of the strategy for the future of the Diocese of Ely set out in a recent document entitled *People Fully Alive*, in which we are exhorted to engage fully and courageously in the needs of our communities, to grow God's church by finding disciples and nurturing leaders and to deepen our commitment to God through word, worship and prayer.

Canon Paul Andrews is no stranger to Ely, being already both an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral and an assistant Director of Ordinands in the Diocese. He and his wife, Judith, will live in a house in Barton Road, within the grounds of Bishop Woodford House. May his work here prove a great blessing to St Peter's and to the Ely area as a whole.

THE INTRODUCTION

The Clergy, Servers, the Lay Chair of Ely Deanery, the Chapel Warden and the Spokesman of the Trustees of St Peter-in-Ely assemble at the West end of the Nave to either side of the Font.

The Rural Dean welcomes all present. A bell is rung to mark the beginning of the service.

INTROIT ANTHEM, *sung by the St Peter's Singers*

Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Words: Book of Common Prayer; Music: Thomas Mudd

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1
All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true,
God unknown;
He alone,
Calls my heart to be his own.

2
Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth
Tower and temple, fall to dust,
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

5
Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

3
God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

4
Daily doth th'Almighty giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

Words, Robert Bridges; Music, Herbert Howells

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

All **And also with you.**

Archdeacon We have come together to worship God and to celebrate the ministry of the whole people of God in this place. God blesses his people with a rich variety of gifts. It is our duty and our joy to use those gifts as we work with God for the coming of his Kingdom.

Today we welcome Paul Andrews to St Peter's and license him at the beginning of his ministry here.

Together we dedicate ourselves to the service of God in this community and listen afresh to God's call to each one of us.

A short time of silent prayer is kept, followed by a Collect.

Archdeacon Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ sent his disciples into the world to preach the gospel of your Kingdom: confirm us in this mission and help us to love the good news which we proclaim; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Representatives from St Neots and Eynesbury commend Canon Paul Andrews to his new charge.

Representatives of the Trustees and Congregational Committee of St Peter-in-Ely lead Canon Andrews before the Archdeacon.

Archdeacon I now invite Ian Lindsay, representing the Trustees of the Proprietary Chapel of St Peter-in-Ely, to present the new minister to it.

Trustees' Archdeacon Hugh, it is my pleasure to present to you Paul Andrews to
Spokesman be licensed to this charge.

Reps We also, as the representatives of the Trustees and Congregational Committee of St Peter-in-Ely elected to share in making this appointment, are delighted to confirm our acceptance of this presentation.

Archdeacon I thank you for this presentation. Paul Andrews comes to us from the parishes of St Neot's and Eynesbury and is commended to us now by Ian Lindsay on behalf of the Trustees of St Peter-in-Ely.

The representatives of the Congregation and Trustees return to their seats.

Archdeacon Let the Declaration of Assent now be made and subscribed and the Oaths taken according to law.

Rural Dean 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?

The Minister, facing the People, makes the Declaration of Assent.

Minister I, Paul Douglas Andrews, 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.

The Rural Dean hands the Priest the Bible. Facing the people, the Minister holds the Bible and makes the Oath of Allegiance.

Minister I, Paul Douglas Andrews, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors, according to law. So help me God.

The Minister turns towards the Archdeacon for the Oath of Canonical Obedience.

Minister I, Paul Douglas Andrews, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of Ely and his successors in all things lawful and honest. So help me God.

The Declarations are then subscribed and all return to their seats.

Reader A Reading from St Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself captive; he gave gifts to his people.' . . . The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

(Ephesians 4: 1-8,11-16)

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON *preached by the Archdeacon*

A short time of quiet reflection follows. The choir then sings the following anthem.

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace,
 No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.
 One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above:
 'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love,

And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,
 Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Words: Robert Bridges; Music: Herbert Howells

The new minister moves to stand before the Archdeacon. A short time of silent prayer for the new minister follows. The Archdeacon reads the Deed of Licensing and then says

Archdeacon Paul, receive the cure of souls which is both the Bishop's and yours, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Archdeacon then blesses the new minister.

Archdeacon The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting 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 always.

All Amen.

Archdeacon God has called the whole body of the Church to share in his mission to the world. Within that body, he calls some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip all his people for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. I invite the ministry team to come forward to receive prayer as they, with Paul Andrews, continue to use their gifts to make Christ known in this place.

Other members of the ministry team at St Peter's come alongside the new minister and the Archdeacon prays for the whole ministry of that place.

Archdeacon 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 those called together in this place to be generous
and visible people of Jesus Christ,
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and grant to those who serve in ministry here
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,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The members of the ministry team return to their seats. The Archdeacon's seat is moved clear of the central Aisle.

Minister Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel. At the Chancel arch Canon Andrews says a prayer for St Peter-in-Ely and then all join in the words of 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.**

PEOPLE FULLY ALIVE IN CHRIST

The new minister leads the people in a re-commitment to life in Christ in line with the themes of the Ely2025 Diocesan strategy: 'engage', 'grow' and 'deepen'.

The Minister, the Servers and the Chapel Warden assemble at the Chancel Arch. They are joined by two children, one carrying a bowl and the other a jug of water. The following hymn-verses are sung as they process through the church to the Font, beneath which St Peter's recently rebound 1881 Bible is displayed, open to show one of its coloured illustrations.

The congregation is invited to stand and turn in the direction of the procession as it moves.

1
We love the place, O God,
Wherein thine honour dwells;
The joy of thine abode
All earthly joy excels

2
We love the house of prayer
Wherein thy servants meet;
And thou, O Lord, art there
Thy chosen flock to greet.

3

We love the sacred font,
For there the holy Dove
To pour is ever wont
His blessing from above.

Words of the hymn: William Bullock & H.W. Baker; music: Bishop Henry Jenner

The children give the bowl and jug to the minister, who sets the bowl in the font and pours water into it

Chapel Warden Let us call to mind the many children who in the early days of this mission church, were baptized in its font, learnt about Christianity at its Sunday school and sang in its choir. May St Peter's in our time, too, find effective ways of conveying the Christian faith to the children of our district. In Jesus' name

All Amen.

Minister We believe that God calls us to discover together his transforming presence in our lives and in every community, and that we are called as the baptized people of Jesus Christ to deepen our commitment to God through word, worship and prayer.

Chapel Warden God and Father of us all, look in love upon the family of your Church and renew her life in unity and peace. Help us to welcome and encourage those who seek baptism, and through our own lives, to show them the way of life.

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Minister God of life, you give us the gift of faith.
Guide us by your wisdom
and surround us with your love.
Deepen our knowledge of Christ
and set our feet on the Way that leads to life.
May we uphold each other in love,
find in one another a sign of hope,
and together learn the Way of Christ.

All Amen.

The children return to their seats while the rest of the Procession returns eastward down the Aisle as far as the Lectern, on which is displayed a Bible originally presented in 1944 to another former daughter-church of the parish of Ely, Holy Trinity: St Etheldreda's in the village of Queen Adelaide. The following hymn-verses are sung.

4
We love the word of life.
The word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife,
And joys that never cease.

5
We love to sing below
For mercies freely given;
But O, we long to know
The triumph-song of heaven.

Chapel Warden We give thanks for the many readers who, since 1890, have read lessons and proclaimed the Gospel here at St Peter's. In particular we remember the staff and students of Ely Theological College who, until 1964, made a lively contribution to this church's life and worship. We give special thanks for the arrival in our midst of an Assistant Director of Ordinands, and pray for the fostering of spiritual growth in this place under his guidance.

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Minister We are called as the people of Christ to dwell in the Word and to grow together as God's church, finding disciples and nurturing leaders and the gifts of all God's people. May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts and help us to grow as your people.

All We pray to you our God.

Chapel Warden We pray for those who are young in faith, for those of hesitant belief and those who find faith difficult. Open their ears to hear your voice and their hearts to receive you, the very Word of life.

All We pray to you our God.

Minister God our Father, Father of the Word made flesh,
may we hear your word speaking to us,
learn and tell its stories,
rejoice in its good news,
discover its mysteries
and honour its commandments.
May your life-giving word be sweeter than honey,
and lead us in the way of Christ.

All Amen.

The Procession moves to the Sanctuary while the following hymn-verses are sung. A Server places on the altar a tray carrying a ciborium, chalice and paten, a wafer-box and a flagon of wine, in anticipation of the next Sunday's Eucharist.

6

We love thine altar, Lord;
O, what on earth so dear!
For there, in faith adored,
We find thy presence near.

7

Lord Jesus, give us grace,
on earth to love thee more.
In heaven to see thy face,
And with thy saints adore.

Minister We are called as a people who pray to be fully alive in Christ, fed by his precious gift of himself in the Holy Communion, so that we can engage fully and courageously with the needs of our communities, locally and globally. Jesus is the bread in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

All Strengthen us, Lord, to serve a hungry world.

Server God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ gave us his body to be our spiritual food. We pray for his body the Church, spread throughout the world, in its service and in its suffering.

All We pray to you our God.

Server We pray for that world in its many needs and for its peoples, for whom your blood was shed.

We pray for ...

All We pray to you our God.

Minister All praise to you, our God and Father,
for you feed us with the bread of heaven
and quench our thirst from the true vine:
hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ,
we may grow together in unity
and feast with him in his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All We praise and thank you, God of our journey,
For all your gifts to us in the past.
We look to you as fellow-traveller
and faithful companion on the way ahead.
Shelter and protect us from all harm and anxiety;
Give us grace to let go of all that holds us back;
and grant us courage to meet the new life you have promised us,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Servers take their seats in the Sanctuary. The Chapel Warden escorts Canon Andrews to the Chancel Arch. The Deanery Lay Chair moves to the Lectern.

SENT IN CHRIST'S NAME

The Deanery Lay Chair now invites local community representatives and ecumenical partners to come forward to welcome Canon Andrews.

The Choir sings the anthem, 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring'.

Words: Martin Jahn, trans. Robert Bridges; Music:
Johann Sebastian Bach.

Canon Andrews gives out essential notices.

The Archdeacon, the Chapel Warden and the Trustees' Spokesman move to join the new minister at the Chancel step. All stand.

The Archdeacon blesses the assembled company.

Archdeacon Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Archdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Chapel Warden and Trustees' Spokesman lead the Archdeacon and Canon Andrews out, as the following hymn is sung

1
How shall I sing that majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands and thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?

2
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 heav'n is but once begun
There alleluyas be.

3
Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
Inflame 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.

4
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; music: Kenneth Nicholson-Naylor

Concluding Organ Voluntary: J. S. Bach, 'St Anne' Fugue.
Organist: John Wyatt.

Retiring Collection in aid of the Diocesan Mission Fund.

*Light refreshments will be served in St Peter's Church Room,
opposite the Church Porch, across the driveway.
If it becomes too crowded there, you are welcome to return to the Church
with your food and drink or, if the weather is suitable, visit its garden.*

