



Service of Welcome
for
The Right Reverend
Dave Bull
Bishop of Buckingham

Saturday 1 March 2025
All Saints, High Wycombe



Bishop's Charity

Alongside the can collection for the One Can Trust, a collection will be taken at the offertory for Bishop Dave's charity, thirtyone:eight. To make an online payment, please use the QR code.



thirtyone:eight is a Christian organisation, inspired to 'speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable' (Proverbs 31:8). Their mission is to: equip society with the knowledge and skills to create safer environments for children and adults at risk; empower society to respond appropriately to those who are vulnerable or have experienced abuse; encourage society to stand against oppression and exploitation by informing legislation and striving to raise the standards in safeguarding practice.

Photography

This is a public occasion. Please be aware that photography and filming will take place during the service. No other photography is permitted. For any concerns relating to photography today please email communications@oxford.anglican.org

We gather in worship

Before we begin, Fr Anthony will welcome everyone and invite us to join in prayer as we prepare ourselves for worship.

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

After praying, please remain quiet until, the bell rings and we stand to sing:

♪ **Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the 'Amen!' sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him!**

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680), translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878),
adapted by the compilers of Hymns Ancient and Modern.*

+Steven In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you;
and also with you.

+Steven will introduce the service.

Deacon Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love
with all the saints in earth and heaven.
Knowing our unworthiness and sin,
let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Deacon We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

+Steven Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

♪ Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!

**Glory to God in the Highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heav'nly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. Glory to God...**

**Lord Jesus, Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God...**

**For you alone are the Holy one,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the Glory of God the Father. Glory to God...**

Reception

Please sit

+Dave is received by a child of the area at the sanctuary step.

Child Who are you and why have you come here?

+Dave I am Dave, a servant of Jesus Christ,
and I come as one seeking the grace of God,
to walk together with you as his servant.

Child Why have you been sent to us?

+Dave I am sent as the Bishop of Buckingham
to serve you and all the people of this area.
To proclaim the gospel of Christ,
and with you to worship and love him
with heart and soul, mind and strength.

Child How do you come among us and with what confidence?

+Dave I come knowing nothing except Jesus Christ
and him crucified.

I come trusting that his strength
is made perfect in my weakness.

*Arch-
deacon* May Christ continue to dwell in your heart through faith,
as you are rooted and grounded in love.

May you have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,
what is the breadth and length and height and depth
and to know the love of God that surpasses all knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fulness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within you
is able to accomplish more
than all you can ask or imagine,
to him be glory, this day and always.

All **Amen.**

The Declaration of Assent

+Steven 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?

+Dave I, David Thomas Bull, 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 Oath of Allegiance to the Sovereign

Bishop Dave, facing the people, makes the Declaration of Assent

+Dave I, David Thomas Bull, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty, King Charles III, his heirs and successors, according to law: So help me God.

The Oath of Canonical Obedience

Bishop Dave turns to Bishop Steven for the Oath of Canonical Obedience

+Dave I, David Thomas Bull, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of Oxford and his successors in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.

+Steven Dave, with love and fidelity in the office to which you have been called, seek only the glory of God and the wellbeing of the body of Christ.

All Amen.

+Steven My brothers and sisters, will you pray for your new Bishop as he undertakes this charge?

All We will.

Will you uphold and encourage him in his ministry now and in the years to come?

All We will.

Bishop Steven blesses Bishop Dave and anoints him with oil

+Steven 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.

Bishop Steven presents to Bishop Dave the Buckingham Crozier

+Steven Receive this pastoral staff as a sign of the ministry of oversight you share with me. Be among the people of Buckinghamshire as a shepherd of Christ's flock, teaching, nurturing, encouraging, advocating for those who are poor and marginalised, confronting injustice and working for righteousness and peace.

Arch-
deacon I present to you Dave, our Area Bishop.
Receive him in love and serve with him in truth, that together we may give ourselves to the work of God in the world, to the praise and glory of his holy name.

All Amen.

Child Bishop Dave,

All we welcome you in the name of Christ.

+Dave is welcomed with applause.

We listen for God's Word

+Steven Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Reading: 2 Chronicles 7.11-16

Read by Javed Gill

Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord and the king's house; all that Solomon had planned to do in the house of the Lord and in his own house he successfully accomplished. Then the Lord appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: 'I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this house so that my name may be there for ever; my eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Gospel Reading: *John 13.1-5,12-17*

We stand, facing the gospel procession. ♪ Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my own and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John;
Glory to you, O Lord.

Before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon.

The Right Reverend Dave Bull.

The Creed

Please stand

+Steven Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit

Led by the children of All Saints, Marlow.

Words of welcome

*Representatives from organisations across Buckinghamshire
welcome +Dave Bull to his ministry.*

We celebrate and receive Jesus in Bread and Wine

The Peace

+Steven We are the body of Christ.

All By one Spirit we were baptized into one body.

+Dave Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We are bound by the love of Christ.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We offer one another a sign of peace with a handshake, warm smile,
nod, or bow, and the words, 'Peace be with you.'*

The Offering

We stand to sing as a collection is taken. Please indicate if you wish to make an offering, cash or contactless.

Area deans bring chalices from the deaneries to the altar.

♪ **O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial 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 the gift in me.**

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

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

+Dave Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing if it is comfortable for you.

+Dave The Lord is here;

All God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Child Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Child *Listen, and we will hear.*

+Dave Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.
You give us happy times and things to celebrate.
In these we taste your kingdom,
a feast for all your children.
You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

+Dave We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Child Why do we share this bread and wine?

Child *Listen, and we will hear.*

+Dave On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

+Dave So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Child How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Child *Listen, and we will hear.*

+Dave Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with Blessed Mary and all your saints
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All Amen.

+Dave As our Saviour taught, so we pray: *Please sit*

**All 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.**

+Dave 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.**

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

+Dave God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

We share in Communion

The people receive communion (if you receive in your own church, you are welcome to receive here) or a blessing (please bring this order of service with you). Gluten free is available from the centre. Please stay in your seat if you wish. Otherwise, come to receive as directed by the ushers.

♪ **If faith can move the mountains,
let the mountains move:
we come with expectation
waiting here for you, I'm waiting here for you.**

**You're the Lord of all creation
and still you know my heart:
the Author of Salvation
you've loved us from the start.**

***Waiting here for you
with our hands lifted high in praise
and it's you we adore:
singing 'Alleluia.'***

**You are everything you've promised,
your faithfulness is true
and we're desperate for your presence:
all we need is you.**

Singing, 'Alleluia, alleluia, singing alleluia, alleluia!'

Waiting here for you...

I'm singing, 'Alleluia!'

Waiting here for you...

Chris Tomlin (b.1972), Jesse Reeves, and Martin Smith (b.1970)

The choir sing the anthems:

Jesu, joy of man's desiring. *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

The Lord bless you and keep you. *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

We keep silence together.

After Communion

+Dave Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

***All I am no longer my own but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
exalted for you, or brought low for you;
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing:
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.***

Methodist Covenant Prayer

We go into the world to share God's love

♪ **Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the Gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light.**

John Marriott (1780-1825), Thomas Raffles (1788-1863)

The Blessing

+Dave God who has called you is faithful.

+Steven May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word.

All Amen.

+Dave May Christ, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All Amen.

+Steven May the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

All Amen.

+Dave And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Deacon Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please remain standing until the Ministers have left.

Please take this Service Sheet home with you. Refreshments are served after the service.

Congratulations to Prof. John Fielding (LLM) and the Revd Pam Fielding as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year. They were married in All Saints on 5 July 1975.