

Evensong and the Collation and Installation of The Venerable Helen Williams as Archdeacon of Bodmin



Truro
Cathedral

Sunday 4th October
2026
4 pm

Entrance and Processional Hymn

During the hymn, the procession enters in the following order:

*The Cross and Lights
The cathedral choir
Visiting clergy and ministers
The Chair of the House of Laity
The Non-Residentiary Lay Canons
The Chair of the House of Clergy
The Archdeacon of Cornwall
Cathedral clergy
Chapter Canons
The Interim Dean
Bishop James
Bishop David*

The Archdeacon designate sits with her family on the front row,

**All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Refrain: *O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia.
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice; *Refrain***

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light: *Refrain***

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia.
the flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show: *Refrain***

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia.
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One; *Refrain***

Music: Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Text: W.H. Draper (1855-1933) based St Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun

Please remain standing.

The Interim Dean welcomes the congregation.

The Versicles and Responses

sung by the Succentor and Choir to a setting by Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.
Praise ye the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm 100
sung by the Choir

The congregation is invited to sit at the beginning of the psalm and to stand for the singing of the Gloria.

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson
Micah 6:1-2, 6-9a

The first lesson is taken from the prophet Micah, Chapter 6, beginning at the first verse.

Listen to what the Lord says:
"Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. "Hear, you mountains, the Lord's accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the Lord has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel.

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Listen! The Lord is calling to the city— and to fear your name is wisdom.

Here ends the first lesson.

Magnificat

To a setting by Bryan Kelly (January 1934 –September 2026)

Please stand.

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Luke 12:22-34

Please sit

The second lesson is taken from the gospel of Saint Luke, chapter twelve, beginning at the 22nd verse.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you -- you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Here ends the second lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

*The Song of Simeon
sung by the Choir. Please stand.*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Please remain standing

The Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God,
**the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried,
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead,
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

sung by the Succentor and the Choir

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of Saint Francis

O God, thou ever delightest to reveal thyself to the child-like and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Collect for Help in Danger

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please sit

The Collation and Installation

The Presentation

*At the end of the Anthem, the congregation **remains seated** as the Bishop, the Archdeacon of Cornwall and the Chairs of clergy and laity move to the Podium. The Archdeacon designate stands at the foot of the Podium steps.*

The Archdeacon designate is presented to the Bishop.

Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you the Venerable Helen Clare Williams to be collated to the office of Archdeacon within this Diocese and as an Honorary Canon within this cathedral church.

The Bishop presents the Archdeacon Designate to the people and then says

Dear friends in Christ, it is our wish to collate Helen as Archdeacon of Bodmin to share in the oversight and care of the Diocese.

Is it your will that she should be so collated?

All **It is.**

Will you support her and work with her in her ministry?

All **We will.**

Will you continually pray for her?

All **We will.**

The Declarations and Oaths

The Bishop says to the Archdeacon designate

Helen, I now ask you to make the Declaration and to take the Oaths that are required by the Canons of the Church of England and by the Constitution and Statutes of this Cathedral Church.

The Archdeacon of Cornwall reads the Preface to the Declaration of Assent to the Archdeacon designate.

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 Archdeacon designate makes the Declaration of Assent.

I, Helen Clare Williams, 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.

Taking a New Testament in her right hand, the Archdeacon designate turns towards the congregation and takes the Oath of Allegiance to His Majesty.

I, Helen Clare Williams, swear by almighty God 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 towards the Bishop, he takes the Oath of Canonical Obedience.

I, Helen Clare Williams, swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Truro and his successors in all things lawful and honest. So help me God.

He then takes the following Oath to uphold and observe the Cathedral Constitution and Statutes.

I, Helen Clare Williams, swear by almighty God that I will faithfully uphold and observe the Constitution and Statutes of this Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Truro so far as they are not contrary or repugnant to the law of God and the statutes of this Realm, and so far as they concern me in respect of the preferment

to me of the office of Archdeacon in this Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Truro. So help me God.

When the signature has been made, the Archdeacon designate kneels before the Bishop holding the Deed of Collation.

The Collation

The Bishop reads the Deed of Collation and then hands it to the Archdeacon designate, saying

Helen, receive authority for the ministry entrusted to you,
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop then blesses the new Archdeacon, saying

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
give you vision, courage and love to do his will,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Please stand

The Welcome

The Bishop presents the new Archdeacon to the people, saying

My brothers and sisters in Christ,
I present to you Helen, Archdeacon of Bodmin,
and I ask you to welcome her
as a sign of your support
and a pledge of your prayers
for the ministry entrusted to her.

All greet Archdeacon Helen with applause.

The Bishop returns to the Cathedral.

Please sit

The Investiture and Installation

The Archdeacon of Bodmin, carrying the almuce for the Archdeacon, comes forward to stand behind her.

As the almuce is placed on the Archdeacon, the Interim Dean says:

Helen, receive this sign of the dignity of the office to which you have been admitted.

Archdeacon Clive returns to his place.

The Interim Dean takes the Archdeacon by the right hand, and says

I, Alison Hogger Gadbsy together with my colleagues of the Chapter, invest you as a Non-Residentiary Canon of this Cathedral Church.

The Interim Dean, supported by the other members of the Chapter, escort the Archdeacon to her stall.

Helen, we install you into the seat of the Archdeacon of Bodmin, within this Cathedral Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Interim Dean leads the people in the following acclamation

Glory to God, whose power at work among us
can do far more than we ask or conceive.

All **Glory to God, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Anthem

Let all the world - Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
sung by the choir

Sermon

The Venerable Dr. Helen Williams, Archdeacon of Bodmin

Intercessions

ending with

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Please stand to sing the final hymn. During the hymn the Collection is taken.

Hymn

**1.Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**2.Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**3.Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**4.Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**5.Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Tune: A&M 715 Lord for the Years

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

The Blessing

The Bishop says

God give you a vision of his love,
faith to believe it and grace to fulfil it;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Please remain standing as the Procession departs in reverse order, led by the cross and lights.

All are invited to stay for refreshments which will be served in the Cathedral café.

Please take this order of service away

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