

**Diocese of Canterbury**

**Celebration of a New Ministry**

The Licensing of

**The Reverend Karen Reeves**

as Priest in Charge

of

The Benefice of St Margaret's:  
St Margaret of Antioch, St Peter's,  
St Augustine's and St Mary the Virgin

by

**The Right Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin**

Bishop in Canterbury and Bishop of Dover

and Installation by

**The Venerable Darren Miller**

Archdeacon of Ashford

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

7.00 pm

## About this Service

Welcome to this Service of Licensing and Installation. Today we mark a special moment in the life of this benefice and a new stage on our journey of discipleship, which brings a new minister to work alongside the many people who are already called to serve in the mission and ministry of the church in this place.

## About this benefice

The benefice of St Margaret's comprises four parishes: The mother church of St Margaret of Antioch (St Margaret's -at-Cliffe), St Peter's (Westcliffe), St Augustine's (East Langdon) and St Mary the Virgin (West Langdon). Each has its own distinct worshipping congregation and local community but for the last 20 years we have worked and prayed together for the benefit of all. Our Christian outreach is proactive across all four communities; we engage with the Dover Deanery and support local charities across Dover District. Our worshipping congregations may be small, but our Christian presence is widespread. We are a rural benefice but enjoy excellent communications locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

## About our new minister

Kaz (Karen) Reeves is a mother and grandmother, former nurse and health visitor, ordained priest in the Church of England in 2005 with posts in both parishes and acute hospital chaplaincy services. Her most recent post was as Lead Chaplain for Epsom and St Helier NHS Trust. Describing herself as Black and British, she delights in spaces for silent prayer and the mystical. She often tries to write poetry but sees the creative effort for weddings, baptisms, funerals and all sorts of celebrations or blessings with individuals and families as some of her best work. She thinks teamwork is, "usually more joyous, if hard at times, but always much more help in the long term." She has been a member of the Iona Community for 30 years.

## Before the Service begins

*The Area Dean will give out any notices.*

### **Bishop's Justice Appeal**

A collection will be taken for the Bishop's Justice Appeal, which will support our vital work with refugees in Kent and Calais, offering help, support and hope to those displaced from their homes by violence, war and oppression. You can also send a cheque made payable to Canterbury DBF, with "Bishop's Justice Appeal" on the back and send to Bishop's Justice Appeal, Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury, CT1 1NQ.

**In the Presence of:** The Bishop of Dover, The Bishop's Chaplain, The Archdeacon of Ashford, The Area Dean, Reader and Church Wardens.

## Hymn

Will you come and follow me,  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

*Words: John L Bell*

*Melody: Scottish traditional*

## Welcome and Introduction

*The Bishop greets the congregation*

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

*The Bishop welcomes the people and introduces the service.*

Brothers and sisters, we have come together to worship Almighty God, who has called us into the fellowship of his universal Church through baptism. God has given us the gifts of word and sacrament and entrusted us with the work of mission and service in the communities where we live and work.

Over the years God has been working among his people here and has now brought us to this important moment in our life together. He has also been walking with Kaz in her life and ministry bringing her to this new point along the way. As these two journeys now converge, it is good that those who have worshipped and witnessed with Kaz have commended her to us.

So we welcome Kaz, who has been chosen as the new minister of this benefice, and we celebrate all that her coming among us will mean.

## **Presentation and Commendation**

*The Archdeacon, Area Dean, the new minister and the churchwardens stand before the Bishop.*

*Archdeacon*

Right Reverend Mother in God, after due consultation and prayerful consideration, Kaz has been nominated and has accepted to be priest in charge of this benefice. I now present her to you to be licensed.

*Archdeacon on behalf of Kaz's representative, The Revd Michael Dunk*

Right Reverend Mother in God, I, Archdeacon Darren Miller on behalf of The Revd Michael Dunk who shared Kaz's ministry at Epsom and St Helier Hospital Trust, warmly commend her to you and to the people of this benefice.

*Bishop* I thank you and all those who with prayer have been involved in the appointment of Kaz to this benefice.

*The Archdeacon returns to his seat*

*Bishop* Kaz, do you believe, so far as you know your own heart, that God has called you to serve here?

*Minister* I believe that God has called me.

*Bishop* Will you commit yourself to the mission and ministry of the people in this place to further the kingdom of God?

*Minister* With the help of God, I will.

*The ministry or leadership team stands to be addressed by the bishop*

Members of the ministry team, will you welcome Kaz to the team, and work creatively and faithfully with her, meeting regularly for prayer, study and fellowship, and doing all in your power to support each other in fulfilling the ministry of Christ?

*Team*      **With the help of God, we will.**

*The new minister turns to face the congregation, whom the bishop addresses as a whole*

People of God, will you welcome Kaz and support and uphold her in her ministry now and in the years to come?

*All*      **With the help of God, we will.**

### **The Collect**

*Bishop*      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 your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
and give to your servant Kaz  
now to be licensed  
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,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*      **Amen.**

*All sit.*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **The Reading**

**John 10 : 11 – 21** read by Anthony Hyde

#### **The Sermon**

Bishop Rose

## Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, after victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*Words: from The Poem Book of the Gael  
Melody: Irish traditional arr. Martin Shaw*

## The Liturgy of Licensing

### The Dedication of the Ministers and People

*The Bishop addresses the minister and the congregation:*

I now invite you to affirm together your commitment to the task of ministry,  
witness and service to which God is calling you all.

*A flagon of water is indicated.*

*Lay person* Be among us as a person who rejoices to bring new Christians to Baptism and to share with them the Living Water, Jesus Christ himself.

*A lay person pours the water into a receptacle, as the minister says:*

Will you share with me in the ministry of making new disciples to which we are called together?

*All* **Together, by God's grace, we will share the good news of Christ with the world and make new disciples.**

*A Bible is indicated.*

*Lay person* Be among us as a person who studies the Scriptures, proclaims the Word and teaches the faith.

*A lay person places the bible upon the lectern, as the minister says:*

Will you share with me in the regular study and proclamation of God's word that together we may bring the light of faith to those in darkness, kindle the fire of love upon earth, and open the door of hope to the world?

*All* **Together, by God's grace, we will go deeper into God and share the Good News of Christ with the world.**

*Bread and Wine is indicated.*

*Lay person* Be among us as a person of the Eucharist, presiding among us when we celebrate the Lord's death and resurrection.

*A lay person places the bread and wine upon the altar, as the minister says:*

Will you share regularly with me in this Sacrament of Holy Communion that we may grow in unity and love, and together proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes?

*All* **Together, by God's grace, we will seek to transform communities and be the living body of Christ.**

## **The Declaration and Oaths**

*The people sit and the new minister 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?

*The minister makes the declaration of assent*

I, Karen Reeves, 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 minister turns and faces the people and, taking a bible in her right hand, swears the oath of allegiance*

I, Karen Reeves, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, her heirs and successors, according to law: so help me God.

*Facing the bishop, and still holding the bible, the minister swears the oath of canonical obedience*

I, Karen Reeves, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

*The minister signs the declaration and oaths.*

*Bishop* We now ask God's blessing upon Kaz's ministry among you.

*All kneel, the minister kneeling before the Bishop*

*Silence is kept.*

*Spirit of the Living God is sung*

Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
break me, melt me,  
mould me, fill me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on us;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on us;  
break us, melt us,  
mould us, fill us;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on us.

*Words and music: Daniel Iverson*

*Remain kneeling*

*Bishop* Almighty Father,  
give your servant Kaz grace  
to fulfil her calling in this benefice.  
Give her reverence in ministering the sacraments,  
faithfulness in proclaiming your word,  
diligence in pastoral care,  
tenderness in comforting,  
power in healing the wounds of Christ's people,  
and humility and self-sacrifice in all things:  
that, following the steps of your Son,  
she may guide your people towards eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The bishop reads the Licence and gives it to the minister, saying*  
Receive this Cure of Souls, which is both mine and yours;  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*and she answers*  
Amen.

*The Bishop stands and, taking her pastoral staff, blesses the new minister, saying:*  
God give you the spirit of holy discipline, of faithfulness, and of love for all his  
people; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*All stand*

## **The Installation**

*The archdeacon leads the minister to her stall in the church, and places her in, saying*

Kaz, I install you as priest in charge of this benefice. Pray for your people, lead  
them in worship and service, and encourage them in their witness to the Gospel  
of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## The Welcome

*The new minister then stands with the Bishop, facing the congregation.*

*Bishop* People of this benefice, I present to you your new minister, and invite you to greet her and her family in the name of Christ. I commend them to your love and prayers.

*All* **We welcome you! May the Lord bless you  
and make you a blessing among us.**

*The Area Dean welcomes the new minister, her son, Gavin and his wife Jessica*

## The Prayers

*The new minister leads the prayers, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.*

As our Saviour 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.**

## Hymn

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.

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.

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. *Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, Music: Michael Baughen*

## Conclusion and Blessing

*Bishop*        May the boldness of the Spirit transform you,  
                  may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you,  
                  may the gifts of the Spirit equip you  
                  to serve and worship God;  
                  and the blessing of God almighty,  
                  the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
                  be among you and remain with you always.

***All***            **Amen.**

*Minister*      Go in peace and joy as the servants of the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**