

The Parish Church of St. Leonard  
Chesham Bois

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THE  
INSTITUTION and INDUCTION  
OF THE

Reverend John Stanton, M.A.

AS

Rector

OF THE PARISH OF

Chesham Bois

BY THE RIGHT REVEREND

The Lord Bishop of Buckingham

ON

Monday, 9th April, 1973

AT 8 P.M.



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*Everyone is invited to St. Leonard's Hall  
after this service for refreshments and to  
meet our new Rector and Mrs. Stanton.*

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Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us  
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
For we have no help but Thee;  
Yet possessing every blessing,  
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,  
All our weakness Thou dost know;  
Thou didst tread this earth before us,  
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
Through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
Love with every passion blending,  
Pleasure that can never cloy;  
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
Nothing can our peace destroy.



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FORM OF  
SERVICE

TO BE USED AT THE  
INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION  
OF A RECTOR OR VICAR  
OR THE  
LICENSING OF A CURATE TO  
A CURE OF SOULS



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*BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS a table shall be placed near the entrance to the chancel, and upon it shall be placed a copy of the New Testament with pen and ink.*

*Where possible the members of the Parochial Church Council should sit together in seats reserved for them. The Bishop hopes that they, together with the Churchwardens, will lead the Congregation in the Promises of the People.*

*Upon the Sunday next preceding the day appointed for Institution, notice of the Institution shall be given to the Congregation during the time of Divine Service, and a notice shall also be placed upon the Church door.*

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*The Institution of a new Incumbent is performed by the Bishop of the Diocese or his Suffragan. The Bishop thereby entrusts to the priest the Cure of Souls, or the spiritual care of the parish.*

*The Induction of a new Incumbent is performed by the Archdeacon or his Deputy. The Archdeacon thereby puts the Incumbent, after he has been instituted by the Bishop, into possession of the temporalities of the parish.*

*The Section in this Form of Service entitled The Promises of Incumbent and People, has no legal force, but it is appropriate that at the beginning of a new Incumbency, the Minister and his people be solemnly reminded of their duty to God and their obligations to each other.*

*When this Form is used for the Licensing of a Perpetual Curate, the Induction shall be omitted.*

*When this Form is used for Licensing the Minister of a Conventional or Mission district, the Service shall consist of the Presentation (adapted), the Declaration and Oaths, the Promises of Priest and People, and the Sermon and Blessing.*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

¶ *The Bishop and the Archdeacon, with the Clergy, the Patron and the Choir, the Churchwardens and the Incumbent designate, shall enter the Church in the following order:*

Verger  
(Crossbearer)

Choir

Visiting Clergy

Patron of the Benefice

Incumbent Designate

Rural Dean

Archdeacon

Churchwardens

The Bishop

Bishop's Chaplain

*Then shall be sung a HYMN, announced by the Rural Dean.*



## THE PRESENTATION

¶ *The Bishop will take his seat at the entrance to the Chancel.*

*Then the Patron, or someone acting on his behalf, shall present the Clerk to the Bishop with these words:*

Right Reverend Father in God, I present unto thee this godly and well-learned man to be admitted to the Cure of Souls in this Parish (or District).

*The Bishop:* Let the Declarations and Oaths be made, subscribed, and taken, according to Law.

*And the Clerk shall make the declarations and take the Oaths as follows, the people sitting.*

## THE DECLARATIONS

### 1. OF ASSENT

I, N.N., Clerk (Master of Arts), do solemnly make the following Declaration:

I assent to the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, and to the Book of Common Prayer and of the Ordering of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. I believe the Doctrine of the Church of England as therein set forth to be agreeable to the Word of God, and in Public Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments I will use the form in the said Book prescribed, and none other, except as far as shall be ordered by lawful authority.

### 2. AGAINST SIMONY

*(The Form prescribed in the Benefices Act, 1898)*

*This Declaration may be made in the Vestry before the service*

## THE OATHS

¶ *Then shall the Clerk take the Oaths, holding the New Testament in his uplifted right hand.*



## 1. OF ALLEGIANCE

I, N.N., swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, her heirs and successors, according to law.

## 2. OF CANONICAL OBEDIENCE

I, N.N., swear that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Oxford and his successors, in all things lawful and honest.

*The Clerk shall then subscribe the Declarations which the Bishop will countersign.*

## THE PRAYERS

¶ *Then shall the Bishop say:*

Dearly beloved in the Lord: In the Name of God, and in the presence of this congregation, we purpose now to institute to the Cure of Souls in this Parish our well-beloved in Christ, N.N. And, forasmuch as the charge of immortal souls, which our blessed Lord and Saviour has purchased with His own most precious blood, is so solemn and weighty a matter, we beseech you to join together with us in hearty prayer to Almighty God, that He would vouchsafe to give to this His servant grace to perform aright the duties which belong to so sacred and grave a trust.

*Then all shall kneel and silence shall be kept for a space while the congregation secretly make their humble supplication to God for the new Incumbent; after which the hymn Veni Creator shall be sung:*

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
And lighten with celestial fire;  
Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above  
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
Enable with perpetual light  
The dulness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
With the abundance of thy grace:  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
Where thou art guide no ill can come.



Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And thee, of Both, to be but One;  
That through the ages all along  
This may be our endless song,  
Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

AMEN

*Then shall the Bishop proceed, saying:*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. AMEN

℣. O Lord, save thy servant;

℞. Who putteth his trust in thee.

℣. Send him help from thy holy place;

℞. And evermore mightily defend him.

℣. Be unto him, O Lord, a strong tower;

℞. From the face of his enemy.

℣. O Lord, hear our prayer;

℞. And let our cry come unto thee.

℣. The Lord be with you;

℞. And with thy spirit.

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church; Mercifully behold this thy servant now called to the charge of this Parish, and so replenish him with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue him with innocency of life, that he may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great name, and the benefit of thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN



## THE INSTITUTION

¶ *Then the Bishop shall be seated and the Clerk shall kneel before him, the congregation standing. The Bishop shall then read the Deed of Institution, the Clerk holding the seal thereof in both hands.*

*The Bishop then delivers the Instrument of Institution to the Clerk with these words:*

Receive this Cure of Souls which is both mine and thine; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN

*Then the Bishop shall bless him, saying:*

The God of peace, that 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 Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. AMEN

## THE INDUCTION

¶ *The Bishop shall then deliver the Mandate of Induction to the Archdeacon or his deputy, saying:*

Whereas we have duly and canonically admitted our well-beloved in Christ, N.N., into the Cure of Souls in this Parish, we hereby empower and require you to induct him into the real and actual possession of this Church and Benefice, and to defend him so inducted.

*The Bishop will then move to his place in the Sanctuary. Then the Archdeacon, preceded by a verger, the new Incumbent, the Rural Dean and the Churchwardens shall proceed to the principal door of the Church, and laying the hand of the Incumbent upon the key or handle of the door shall say:*

By virtue of this mandate, I do induct you into the real, actual, and corporal possession of this Parish Church of —, with all the rights, dignities, and appurtenances thereunto belonging.



*Then shall the newly inducted Incumbent toll the bell to signify his taking possession.*

*Afterwards the procession shall return to the Chancel and the Archdeacon, taking the Incumbent by the hand, shall place him in his stall, where he shall kneel. Then the Archdeacon shall say:*

The Lord Himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even He that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore. *And the congregation shall say AMEN*

*Then shall the Incumbent, still kneeling, say alone and audibly the Lord's Prayer, the congregation standing.*

*Then all shall kneel, and the Incumbent shall pray for his new parish and for himself as follows:*

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of us thy servants, and grant all things that are needful for the welfare of this parish. Strengthen and confirm the faithful; protect and guide the children; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of thy truth; and bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of thy Holy Church, to the honour and glory of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

*The Archdeacon shall then say:*

Almighty God, who art the author of all godliness and the fountain of grace and truth; Bless, we beseech thee, thy servant, with the help of thy Holy Spirit; that he may worthily fulfil the charge now committed to him. Be thou his joy in worship, his support in his home, his comfort in sorrow, his counsel in doubt, his help in toil, his defence in adversity, his patience in tribulation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN



# THE PROMISES OF PRIEST AND PEOPLE

¶ *Then a procession shall be formed in the following order to go to the several stations in the Church: a Verger, the Churchwardens, the new Incumbent, the Rural Dean, the Archdeacon.*

## 1. AT THE FONT

*The Archdeacon:* Hear the words of our Saviour Christ:

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

*The Bishop:* It is the duty of the Minister frequently to admonish the people that they defer not the Baptism of their children; to seek out and bring any unbaptized persons in the parish to the Holy Sacrament of Baptism; and to catechize and prepare for Confirmation by the Bishop those who have been baptized.

Wilt thou do this gladly and willingly with the help of God?

*The Incumbent:* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*The Bishop:* Parents and godparents for their part must see that children once received into the Church by baptism are instructed in the Christian Faith and duly prepared for confirmation. Churchwardens, Church Councillors and people of the parish, will you fulfil your part in this duty by the grace of God?

*The People:* We will so do, the Lord being our helper.

## 2. AT THE CHANCEL STEPS

¶ *The procession shall then move to the Chancel steps.*

*The Archdeacon:* Hear the words of Saint Paul:



I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

*The Bishop:* It is the duty of the Minister to lead his people in thanksgiving, prayer, and intercession, and devoutly and reverently to order the services in God's House.

Wilt thou do this gladly and willingly with the help of God?

*The Incumbent:* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*The Bishop:* It is the duty of the people to come together at least each Sunday for public prayer and giving of thanks, that the worship of Almighty God may be worthily offered.

Will you strive to fulfil this duty by the grace of God?

*The People:* We will so do, the Lord being our helper.

### 3. AT THE LECTERN

¶ *The procession shall then move to the Lectern.*

*The Archdeacon:* Hear the words of Saint Paul:

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

*The Bishop:* It is the duty of the Minister diligently to study the Holy Scriptures and to read the same unto the people, according to the solemn promise made at his ordination.

Wilt thou do this gladly and willingly with the help of God?

*The Incumbent:* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*The Bishop:* It is the duty of the people to hear the Holy Scriptures, and to read, study, and meditate upon them, as the means of their salvation.

Will you strive to fulfil this duty by the grace of God?

*The People:* We will so do, the Lord being our helper.



#### 4. AT THE PULPIT

¶ *The procession shall then move to the Pulpit.*

*The Archdeacon:* Hear the words of Saint Paul:

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His Kingdom; preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

*The Bishop:* It is the duty of the Minister boldly to proclaim and preach God's Holy Word, and to teach the Christian faith to the people committed to his charge.

Wilt thou do this gladly and willingly with the help of God?

*The Incumbent:* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*The Bishop:* It is the duty of the people to hear the Word of God, to spread the knowledge of the Gospel, and to commend the same by their life and good example.

Will you strive to fulfil this duty by the grace of God?

*The People:* We will so do, the Lord being our helper.

#### 5. AT THE SANCTUARY

¶ *Then the procession shall move to the Sanctuary.*

*The Archdeacon:* Hear the words of Saint Paul:

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.

*The Bishop:* It is the duty of the Priest reverently and frequently to celebrate the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, and to be ready at all times to prepare the people according to their need, for the due receiving of the Holy Sacrament in faith and penitence.

Wilt thou do this gladly and willingly with the help of God?

*The Incumbent:* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*The Bishop:* It is the duty of the people to come regularly and devoutly to the Holy Communion to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, with



a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, and a thankful remembrance of His death.

Will you strive to fulfil this duty by the grace of God?

*The People:* We will so do, the Lord being our helper.

*The Bishop:* It is the duty of the Minister diligently to set forward quietness, peace, and love amongst all men, to remember that he has to give account for their souls to the Chief Shepherd, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ at His appearing, to use all diligence to help all who are in doubt and anxiety, to recall those who have fallen into sin, and to train and fashion the hearts of all men to accept the blessed Gospel of which he is a steward.

Wilt thou endeavour thyself to do all these things gladly and willingly with the help of God?

*The Incumbent:* I will endeavour myself to do all these things, the Lord being my helper.

*Then the Bishop shall charge the people with these words:*

Hear the words of Saint Paul: We beseech you brethren to know them which labour among you and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

Churchwardens, Church Councillors, and People of this Parish, I charge and exhort you to pray continually for this your Pastor who is set over you in the Lord and to help him forward in all the duties of his holy calling. Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Will you endeavour to do all these things that God's Holy Name may be glorified and His blessed Kingdom enlarged?

*The People:* We will so do, the Lord being our helper.

*The Bishop shall then take his seat in the Sanctuary and those in the procession shall return to their places, the Incumbent going to his stall.*



## THE SERMON AND THE BLESSING

¶ *The Congregation being seated, the Incumbent shall then announce forthcoming Services and shall invite the people to join with him when he first celebrates the Holy Communion in the Church.*

*Then shall a HYMN be sung, during which the Incumbent shall conduct the Bishop to the pulpit.*

¶ *The SERMON ended, a HYMN shall be sung, during which the Incumbent shall conduct the Bishop to the Sanctuary.*

*Meanwhile a collection shall be taken for the Ordination Candidates Fund. Without this Fund, it would be impossible to finance the training of candidates for Ordination, and the Institution of a new Incumbent is a particularly suitable opportunity for congregations to make substantial gifts as an expression of appreciation of the ministry of previous Incumbents, and of their gratitude that a new pastor has been sent to them. The maintenance of the parochial ministry demands the provision of a very large sum each year for the training of the clergy who are to continue it in the future.*



*After the BLESSING, the Bishop, Clergy, and Choir shall leave the Church in the following order:*

Verger  
(Crossbearer)

Choir

Visiting Clergy

Patron of the Benefice

Incumbent

Rural Dean

Archdeacon

Churchwardens

The Bishop  
attended by his Chaplain

¶ *It is much to be desired that as many as possible of the Communicants of the parish should receive the Holy Communion on the Sunday following with the new Parish Priest.*



## HYMNS

¶ The following HYMNS, taken from the 'English Hymnal,' are suggested for use in the Service, but others may be substituted at the discretion of the new Incumbent.

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H. F. Lyte, 1793-1847.

GOD of mercy, God of grace,  
Show the brightness of thy face:  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
Fill thy Church with light divine;  
And thy saving health extend  
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Be by all that live adored:  
Let the nations shout and sing,  
Glory to their Saviour King;  
At thy feet their tributes pay,  
And thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to man his blessing give,  
Man to God devoted live;  
All below, and all above,  
One in joy, and light, and love.

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C. Coffin, 1676-1749. Tr. J. Chandler.

O fons amoris, Spiritus.

O HOLY Spirit, Lord of grace,  
Eternal source of love,  
Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts  
With fire from heaven above.

As thou dost join with holiest bonds  
The Father and the Son,  
So fill thy saints with mutual love  
And link their hearts in one.

To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Holy Ghost,  
Eternal glory be from man,  
And from the Angel-host. Amen.



GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken,  
Sion, city of our God!  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for his own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the Giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Sion's children know.