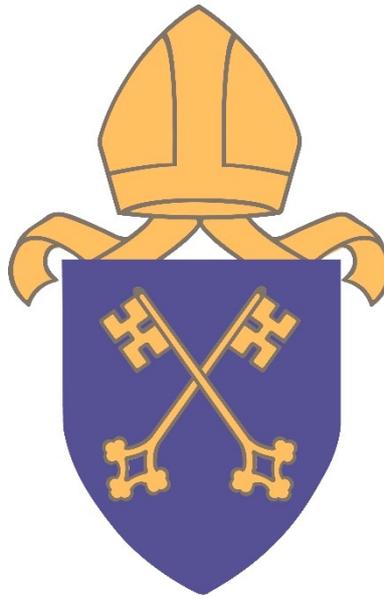


# **Service of Licensing and Installation**

**of  
The Revd Dr Stephen Bullock  
as  
Priest in Charge of The  
Thameshead Benefice**



**The Church of All Saints, Kemble**

**By**

**The Rt Revd Robert Springett  
Bishop of Tewkesbury  
7.00pm Monday 16 March 2026**

# Episcopal Collections 2026

## The Bishop of Gloucester's Discretionary Fund



A dedicated fund that allows the Bishop to offer small, timely grants to clergy and laity facing unforeseen financial burdens. It enables her to respond quickly, often when no other source of help is available, to individuals and families in need. The fund is also used to purchase small gifts as tokens of appreciation and for occasional honoraria.

### Church Roofs in Tanzania

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### International Partnership Bursaries for Theology



The Diocese of Gloucester will provide a bursary of £1,500 to a student from one of our partner dioceses, Dornakal in India. This bursary will enable the student, whether lay or ordained, to pursue higher education studies that will enhance their own mission and ministry, as well as that of the diocese they serve.

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## ¶ The Gathering

### 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, be thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true heir;  
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for my fight,  
Be thou my armour, and be thou my might,  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, through all my days:  
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'ns Son!  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Irish 8<sup>th</sup> century trans. Mary Byrne (1880-1931) and Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

*All stand as the ministers enter*

## Greeting and Welcome

*The Bishop greets the people*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you  
**All and also with you.**

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

## Commendation & Presentation

*The Revd Canon Graham Morris setting comes forward and commends Steve to the Bishop*

*The Bishop replies*

I thank you for your commendation.

*On behalf of the patron, Martin Kingston presents Steve to the Bishop, saying*

Bishop Robert, on behalf of the Patron  
I present Steve  
to be Licensed and Installed as priest in charge of  
the Thameshead Benefice.

*The Bishop replies*

I thank you for your presentation.  
I welcome Steve and will gladly License and Install him.

## Opening Prayer

*The Bishop invites the people to pray silently for Steve and for the ministry of the whole Church, after which the Bishop says the Collect.*

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 Stephen 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 forever.

All **Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

*All Sit*

### **First Reading**

*Read by Sussanne Lock (Somerset Keynes)*

*Ephesians 4: 1-7*

#### **Unity in the Body of Christ**

*4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*

*<sup>7</sup> But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept for a short time after the reading.*

### **The Psalm**

*Jill Kingston (Kemble) will lead the saying of the Psalm*

On God alone my soul in stillness waits; From  
him comes my salvation.

**All On God alone my soul in stillness waits;  
from him comes my salvation.**

I lift my eyes to the hills; from  
where is my help to come? My  
help comes from the Lord, the  
maker of heaven and earth.

He will not suffer your foot to stumble; he  
who watches over you will not sleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

**All On God alone my soul in stillness waits;  
from him comes my salvation.**

The Lord himself watches over you; the  
Lord is your shade at your right hand, so  
that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall keep you from all evil; it  
is he who shall keep your soul.

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out  
and your coming in, from time forth for  
evermore.

**All On God alone my soul in stillness waits;  
from him comes my salvation.**

## **Second Reading**

*Read by Tom Grand (Poole Keynes)*

*Luke 10: 1-9*

### ***The Mission of the Seventy***

*10 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the*

road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

## **The Sermon**

*The Rt Revd Robert Springett, Bishop of Tewkesbury*

## **Hymn**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory

Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand:  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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## ¶ *The Licensing and Installation*

### **Declarations**

*The congregation sits. Steve stands before The Bishop, who asks these questions*

Steve, do you believe that God has called you to share the ministry of the people of God in these communities as priest and pastor?

*Steve replies*

**I do so believe.**

Will you lead Christ's people in these places in proclaiming his glorious gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard?

**By the help of God, I will.**

Will you share your ministry with clergy colleagues, readers, ecumenical partners, laity, and with all who follow the way of Christ in these communities?

**By the help of God, I will.**

Will you be diligent in prayer, in teaching Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith, and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

**By the help of God, I will.**

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to make Christ known among all whom you serve?

**By the help of God, I will.**

## **Declaration of Assent**

*The Bishop addresses Steve*

Stephen you are a priest of the Church of God and called to serve at this time in the ministry of the Church of England.

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?

*Steve says*

I, Stephen 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.

## **Oath of Allegiance**

*Steve turns to face the people and, with the Bible in his right hand, says*

I, Stephen Michael Bullock, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, his heirs and successors, according to law.

## Oath of Canonical Obedience

*Turning to face the Bishop, Steve, with the Bible in his right hand, says*

I, Stephen Michael Bullock, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Gloucester and her successors in all things lawful and honest.

## The Licensing

*The Bishop reads the Licence and presents it saying*

Stephen, receive this cure of souls,  
which is both yours and mine, in  
the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

Receive it confidently.  
Serve Christ joyfully.  
Put your trust in God.  
God is faithful.

## ¶ *The Blessing of the New Ministry*

## Bidding

*The Bishop says*

My brothers and sisters, let us ask God to  
bless Steve to give him joy in his home and  
family life, and in his ministry, and to renew  
within him the gifts of his Spirit.

*Steve kneels.*

*After a brief silence, Elizabeth Twinch (Sapperton with Frampton Mansell) prays*

Holy God,  
fill this your servant Steve, with your grace;  
make him alive to your Spirit and ready to do your will;  
may he lead your people boldly, walk with them  
lovingly, share with them imaginatively and send them  
forth joyfully  
to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of  
Jesus Christ, our great High Priest and Lord.

**All Amen.**

*Richard Marlowe (Rodmarton) prays*

Gracious Father, giver of all good things, may  
your blessing rest upon Steve in his home.  
Where there is much coming and going, may  
your peace be known;  
in Christian service may your joy be found,  
and at all times may your love bring unity and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The congregation join together and say*

**Living God, draw us deeper into your love;  
Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve;  
Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news.  
Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us To live  
your love with generosity and joy, imagination and  
courage; for the sake of your world and in the  
name of Jesus.**

**All Amen**

## Anointing

*The Bishop anoints the new minister with the oil of Chrism, saying*

Steve, remember your baptism into Christ.  
Remember your ordination in the Church of God. May  
God who anointed Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit  
anoint and empower you for the blessing of God's people.

All **Amen.**

## **Blessing of the New Minister**

*The Bishop blesses Steve in his new ministry*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The  
Lord make his face to shine upon you and  
be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and  
give you peace.

Steve, may the Lord bless you.

All **Amen.**

## **¶ The Installation**

*Steve stands. The Bishop says to the Archdeacon*

Archdeacon, I have licensed Stephen to the cure of souls in this benefice. I  
now charge you to install him.

*The Archdeacon replies*

I will do so gladly.

## **Installation**

*The Archdeacon places Steve in the stall, saying*

Steve, I place you in one of the stalls assigned to the priest of these parishes.  
May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with all joy and  
peace that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit

All **Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Steve invites the congregation to pray. They lead the congregation in prayer for the church and the world, the local community and the shared ministry of the local congregation.*

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

## **The Life Prayer**

**All God of hope and transformation, who in our Lord Jesus Christ offers the gift of life in all its fullness, send your Holy Spirit and grant us joy in our following and vision in our leadership. May we be rich in imagination, confident in faith, and courageous in our engagement with the people and places of this diocese.**

**As we share your life with the world, keep us rooted and grounded in love. As we bear witness to your glory, we pray for your Kingdom to come. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so in faith and trust we pray

**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 forever. Amen.**

**¶ *The Welcome by the Community***

## Welcome

*Representatives of the deanery, the wider community and the church family gather around the new minister and say, one after another*

Steve, on behalf of N, I welcome you.

*When all have spoken, the entire congregation, led by the Area Dean, says*

**Steve, in the fellowship of Christ,  
we welcome you  
as a servant, fellow worker and leader of  
the people of God.  
May the Lord richly bless you and  
make you a blessing among us.**

*All greet Steve with applause.*

*Steve expresses thanks for the welcome and gives any brief notices.*

## Peace

*The congregation stand as the Bishop introduces the Peace*

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and  
builds up our common life

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

*Steve says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All greet one another in the peace of Christ*

## Hymn

*During this hymn the collection is gathered*

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 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.

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 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.

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.

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## ¶ *The Dedication of the Whole Baptised People of God*

*The congregation sits and the Bishop says*

Steve is now duly licensed and installed as Priest in Charge. He has promised to serve in this ministry faithfully. Yet the work of the kingdom in these places is not his alone but belongs to the whole church. You are the body of Christ in this place and through you, God continues God's work in the world today.

Make full use of the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows on you. Be instruments of Christ's peace and love. Support one another in your lives and homes. Strive for justice. Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, for without him you can do nothing.

I ask you now, do you dedicate yourselves afresh to God in the service of the gospel?

**All With God's help, we do.**

*The symbols of ministry are presented by parishioners.*

*Presenting a flagon of water, John Thorogood says*

Steve, be among us as one who rejoices to bring new Christians to baptism, and to share with them the Living Water, Jesus Christ himself.

*Steve asks the congregation*

Will you share with me in encouraging people from around our communities to discover and come to Christ, to help them to grow in Christ's life, and to seek to shine with Christ's light beside them?

**All By God's grace, we will.**

*Presenting the Oil of Healing, Graham Shearn says*

Steve, be among us as one committed to reconciliation, showing God's forgiveness and healing.

*Steve asks the congregation*

Will you share with me in striving to be instruments of God's peace in the Church and in the world so that we may be a Christ-like community of love?

**All By God's grace, we will.**

*Presenting a Bible, Toto Walls says*

Steve, be among us as one who studies the Scriptures, preaching God's love in the Word-made-flesh, to deepen our faith and broaden our understanding, and to make Christ known to all in our benefice.

*Steve asks the congregation*

Will you join with me in learning and living out the Word, that all may hear and rejoice in the good news of Christ our Saviour and Redeemer?

**All By God's grace, we will.**

*Presenting a prayer book, Jane Marlowe says*

Steve, be among us as one who holds us in prayer, as one who leads us in worship, in psalm and silence, in canticle and praise, that we may grow in God's image and likeness, and care for the needs of the world.

*Steve asks the congregation*

Will you join me in placing prayer at the heart of these communities, at the rising of the sun and its setting, that all people may come to be blessed by the light of Christ?

**All** **By God's grace, we will.**

*Presenting a paten and chalice, John Hiscock and Nigel Pollock say*

Steve, be among us to break the bread and bless the cup, presiding to celebrate with us the Lord's death and resurrection; that we may know his presence in us, and our hope in him, and be nourished to live out our Christian mission in our daily lives.

*Steve asks the congregation*

Will you join me in offering ourselves, in honesty and utter trust, to be a living sacrifice, rejoicing to know that we are the body of Christ, sustained and nurtured by his body and blood?

**All** **By God's grace, we will.**

*All stand*

O Lord our God, in Christ you have raised us to life,  
and called us to share in his purpose and his fullness.  
To you and to your service we devote  
ourselves: all that we have and all that we are.  
Enlighten us by your Holy Spirit; strengthen us  
by your grace;  
nourish us in Word and sacrament.  
In your mercy build us up for your  
use, and use us for your glory;  
and grant that we together may play our part in  
making Christ known in this world,  
living his life here in the hope of a glory to come;  
who together with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

# ¶ *The Sending Out*

## **Blessing**

*The Bishop gives the blessing*

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
*All* **who has made heaven and earth.** Blessed  
be the name of the Lord  
*All* **now and forever. Amen.**

Christ our Lord,  
who gives different ministries to his church to  
prepare God's people for Christian service, bless  
you in the ministry to which he has called you,  
build you together in one body to serve him, and  
guide you in the ways of justice and of peace; that  
his goodness and mercy may follow you all the  
days of your life;  
And the blessing of God almighty, the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be  
upon you and remain with you always.  
*All* **Amen.**

## **Final Hymn**

*During which the Archdeacon accompanies Steve to the West end of the church to toll the bell*

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar

lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

*Steve tolls the bell to signal the beginning of his ministry in the benefice, after which the hymn continues as he and the Archdeacon move to the door.*

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

P.W. Williams, 1727-1796

## Dismissal

*The congregation turns towards the door.*

*At the door the Archdeacon says*

The cure of souls is a ministry alongside all those who live or work in in these communities. These churches must be open to God's world and to all who seek him. Steve, you are called to help the people who are refreshed in these places by their worship and fellowship to live out their faith in these communities, so that God's love may be known.

**All Together, by God's grace,  
We will be Christ's people at work in the world.**

The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in  
**All from this time forward and for evermore.**

*The new minister opens wide the door and, turning to the congregation, says*

Go in the power of Christ.  
**All We have a gospel to proclaim!**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God!**

*The ministers leave through the open door*

*An Organ Voluntary or other music completes our worship*

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