



**The Licensing of
Reverend Lorraine Apps-Huggins
as Chaplain to The Living Well
and Bishops Adviser in Healing and Wholeness
To include the affirmation & commissioning of
Assistant Chaplains, Administrator and Wardens.**



by Bishop Tim Thornton

10.30am Thursday 11th July 2019

At St Mary's Church, Nonington



Therefore as you received Jesus Christ the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

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Biography



Reverend Lorraine Apps-Huggins was born in Broadstairs in 1963. She came to know Jesus Christ through the ministry of a welcoming urban church who believed in the transformative work of Christ in the lives of individuals. Her decision to follow Christ came during an Alpha Course in 1995 and her development as a disciple was encouraged by personal experience of the healing and restorative grace that is found in Christ through prayer, God's word, worship and the action of the Holy Spirit.

Lorraine, ordained in 2010, has a passion to see others helped by the reconciling and healing presence of Christ with prayerful, pastoral care as a bedrock for this ministry.

Lorraine has experienced urban and rural parish ministry and her husband, John, is serving as priest in the North Downs Deanery. John and Lorraine have been married for 16 years and have an amalgamated family of four, all now young adults, who have produced 2 grandchildren and a rescue granddog so far! They are grateful to have known God's love, provision and guidance throughout the years for all of them.

Lorraine enjoys art, music, family, friends, nature, silence, fun, life: all potential time spent with God.

Lorraine speaks of it being a huge privilege to be to be led at this time, to work in this way, with this team, who bring such a richness of spirit to the ministry that is Christ's alone...

Welcome and Introduction



The Bishop greets the congregation

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

All And also with you.

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 love of God was magnified
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
Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I stand

The Bishop welcomes the people and introduces the service.

Bishop 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 his work of healing the broken hearted and setting the captive free.

Over the years God has been working through this releasing ministry, and has now brought us together for this next chapter in the life and ministry of healing and wholeness throughout Canterbury Diocese, and in Nonington at The Living Well. Today we mark this in the licensing of the *third* chaplain to The Living Well: Reverend Lorraine Apps-Huggins.

As we prepare for this new ministry:

We pray for each other in our calling as ministers of Christ's gospel of grace, healing and love:

Heavenly Father,

You anointed your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power to bring us all the blessings of your kingdom. Anoint your church with the same Holy Spirit, that we who share in his suffering and victory may bear witness to the gospel of salvation, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,

Joy of heav'n to earth come down:

fix in us thy humble dwelling,

all thy faithful mercies crown:

Jesus, thou art all compassion,

pure, unbounded love thou art;

visit us with thy salvation,

enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit

into ev'ry troubled breast;

let us all in thee inherit,

let us find the promised rest:

take away the love of sinning;

Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its Beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Reading Isaiah 58:6-9 read by Diocesan Secretary Julian Hills

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

Sermon Bishop Tim

The Licensing

Bishop Lorraine I ask you, in the presence of this congregation, are you willing to undertake the ministry of chaplain at The Living Well?

Lorraine I am, the Lord being my helper.

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 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?

Lorraine I, Lorraine Georgina Apps-Huggins, 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 the Canon.

Taking a New Testament, she turns to the people and says;
I, Lorraine Georgina Apps-Huggins, 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.

Turning to the Bishop, she says;
I, Lorraine Georgina Apps-Huggins, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay due and canonical obedience to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

The Priest signs the Declarations.

Bishop Christian Ministry is a partnership. Lorraine, will you work with your colleagues in this Diocese to build up the Body of Christ?

Lorraine **With God's help I will.**

Bishop Friends, trustees and associates of The Living Well will you work joyfully with your new colleague in the spirit of collaboration and discipleship?

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

Bishop People of God will you uphold Lorraine in your prayers and share with them in this ministry?

All **We will.**

Bishop Almighty Father, give your servant Lorraine grace to fulfil her calling in this Diocese.
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 hands the licence to Lorraine, saying;
Receive this license, which is both mine and yours; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Bishop The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and upon all your work done in his name. Amen.

All Amen.

Reading John 10:11-16 read by Rev. Dr. John Huggins

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the father knows me and I know the Father - and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

Song

Only by grace can we enter
Only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavour
But by the blood of the Lamb

Into Your presence You call us
You call us to come
Into Your presence You draw us
And now by Your grace we come
Now by Your grace we come

Lord if You mark our transgressions
Who would stand
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed
By the blood of the Lamb *repeat*
then repeat first two stanzas

Following this song symbols of the healing ministry of Christ are brought forward.

Steve and Stella bring the Bible and a lit candle saying:

'God's word freshly breathed...'

'God's light we hold it and pray for others...'

Annelise brings oil saying:

'oil, the healing and anointing of God upon our lives...'

Hilary brings bread, and on behalf of Ron wine, saying:

'bread and wine, heavenly food that sustains our journey...'

Lorraine brings water saying:

'water immersing, cleansing, and refreshing us...'

Each person remains standing at the front.

Bishop We recognise this phase in the life of The Living Well by the blessing and affirmation of assistant chaplain ministry through Hilary and Ron, and the commissioning of new roles in ministry for the administrator Annelise and wardens Steve and Stella.

Bishop Tim asks all those gathered

Bishop Will you support and encourage Hilary, Ron, Annelise, Steve and Stella on their journey of faith, and in the love, service and witness they bear amongst us as a sign of God's presence and his healing?

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

Bishop Will you affirm and support them in their witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the reconciling love of God, to all people?

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

Will you affirm and support this team in their work and witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the healing love of God to all people as revealed in his Word?

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

Bishop Hilary, Annelise, Steve and Stella as you are supported by those gathered, will you commit yourself to serving among us as assistant chaplain, administrator and wardens at The Living Well?

***Together* We will, with the help of God.**

Bishop May God bless you in your commitment, in your fellowship and ministry of his exceedingly abundant healing grace and mercy.

All **Amen**

The Trustees of The Living Well stand and say:

It is because of what we are, by the Grace of Christ, that we have recognised God's call and gifting in each one within the growing community of The Living Well who has been found to have a special calling of ministry. We know and affirm that.

Archdeacon Jo Kelly Moore

Here, today, we give special thanks for **Hilary, and Ron** in his absence, for all that they offer in love and wisdom as assistant chaplains, and all that they shall be in the grace of God.

We give special thanks for **Annelise** as she brings the gift of creative administration, and all that she shall be in the grace of God.

We give special thanks for **Steve and Stella** as they bring the gift of care and hospitality as wardens, and all that they shall be in the grace of God.

And as together we continue our journey of faith and love, it is good to re-affirm the Christian discipleship we all share.

Bishop Let us pray:

Almighty God, heavenly Father,

Breathe your Holy Spirit into the hearts of your servants

Hilary, Ron, Annelise, Steve and Stella

Inspire them with love for goodness and truth;

May they, fearing only to be faithless, have no other fear.

May they, knowing your parenthood, be ever mindful of your love.

May they, in serving you faithfully until death, live eternally with you through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The team say together

'they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them and that rock was Christ...'

I Corinthians 10 :4

**Bishop Tim and Archdeacon Jo anoint the Chaplain,
Assistant Chaplains, Administrator and Wardens whilst we
sing...**

Song

Faithful one, so unchanging

Ageless one, You're my rock of peace

Lord of all I depend on You

I call out to You again and again

I call out to You again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble

You lift me up when I fall down

All through the storm, Your love is

The anchor, My hope is in You alone

repeat x 3

Prayers led by Hilary Hills

Followed by leading the congregation together in The Living Well Prayer and The Lord's Prayer:

God of Healing, we commit into your hands
the work and ministry of The Living Well;
May its door be wide enough to receive all
who seek your healing grace;
May it be a place of rest, laughter and forgiveness;
Bless all whom you call to your ministry of healing;
May The Living Well be a gateway to that wholeness
which is your desire for all people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Song

Amazing grace

How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

repeat

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

Lorraine and new team are welcomed

The Peace

Bishop God has made us one in Christ
He has set his seal upon us
And as a pledge of what is to come
Has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts
The Peace of the Lord be always with you

All **And also with you**
All share the peace

Hymn

There is a higher throne

Than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue
Will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
Made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace-
Salvation comes.

Hear heaven's voices sing;
Their thund'rous anthem rings
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies.
Their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power,
Strength, thanks, and honour are
To God our King, who reigns on high
Forevermore.

And there we'll find our home,
Our life before the throne;
We'll honour Him in perfect song
Where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
As thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
We'll reign with Him.

Blessing

May the God who dances in creation embrace you with the gentle touch of his love. **Amen**

May the Son who loves beyond time and into eternity be ever present in your lives. **Amen**

May the Holy Spirit who comes as gift to surprise you bring healing and peace. **Amen**

And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Thankyou so much for being with us today. Lunchtime refreshments at The Living Well are available only for those with invites. Unfortunately the invite is not open to all today, but there is good food and service at Gibsons Farm Shop and The Griffins Head Chillenden - both are nearby!



Let nothing disturb thee, nothing affright thee; all things are passing, God never changeth! Patient endurance attaineth to all things; who God possesseth in nothing is wanting; alone God sufficeth.

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