



THE DIOCESE OF
SHEFFIELD

**A Service of Welcome for the Revd Dr Beth Keith
as Vicar of the Benefice of St Mark Broomhill
and licensing as Priest in Charge of the Benefice
of St Mary Walkley and Associate Priest of the
Benefice of St John the Evangelist Ranmoor**

and

**the Licensing of
the Revd Canon Dr Matthew Rhodes
as Associate Priest of the
Benefice of St Mark Broomhill**

**by the Rt Revd Dr Pete Wilcox
Bishop of Sheffield**

**15th January 2024
7.30pm
at St Mark Broomhill**

A Service of Welcome

Thank you for coming to celebrate and mark this important moment in the life of these communities as Beth begins her ministry as Vicar of St Mark Broomhill and Broomhall and Priest in Charge of St Mary Walkley. Furthermore, Matthew and Beth mark the collaborative ministry they share by Beth being licensed as Associate Priest of the parish that Matthew is Vicar of: St John Ranmoor; and Matthew is licensed as an Associate Priest of St Mark Broomhill. Together they both become Oversight Ministers in the Three Spires Mission Area in the Deanery of Hallam.

In the Diocese of Sheffield, we are committed to the flourishing of the whole people of God; both lay and ordained. For this reason, during this service, members of the congregations will, together with the new ministers, recommit themselves afresh to God's service in this place.

In the act of licensing, the bishop will publicly share the 'cure of souls' with the new ministers which signifies the spiritual care of all God's people in this place. As God calls his church to be 'Lights for Christ' in the world today, attention will also be given to local concerns, the wellbeing of the people and our daily need for peace, healing and reconciliation.

We invite you to take a moment to reflect with thanksgiving on all that has gone before, for faithfulness in the past and for trust for all that lies ahead.

You may like to use this prayer:

*Loving God, who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the light and life of your Church,
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

2025 Prayer Community

At the heart of the diocesan strategy is Renewed, a firm intention to base all our planning on reliance on God, expressed particularly through prayer and worship. To that end, we are building a virtual prayer community, committed to praying daily for the growth and flourishing of the diocese. We hope that you will join this and stir up others in the churches where you serve to do the same. More information and a link to sign up can be found here:



<https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/support/for-churches/worship-prayer/2025-prayer-community/> or by scanning this QR to take you to the page.

Revd Dr Beth Keith

Beth grew up in Didsbury, Manchester. After leaving school she moved to Kenilworth, Warwickshire, and worked as a youth minister in churches and schools. Then worked in Zambia with SIM developing youth congregations in schools across the Western Province.

In 1998 she moved to Sheffield to study philosophy and psychology. After university Beth worked in secular youth and community work. She ran the youth centre at Loxley and then specialised in sexual health work with young disabled people, working across the city on this. She then moved into community regeneration work, managing North West Sheffield Regeneration Partnership.

From 2009-2013 she worked for the research unit at Church Army and completed an MA in Theology. In 2013 she began training for ordained ministry at Cranmer Hall, Durham, and completed doctoral research on selection and training

processes for those exploring a vocation to ordained ministry in the Church of England.

Beth returned to Sheffield in 2016 and was placed at Sheffield Cathedral for her curacy. She completed her curacy at All Saints Ecclesall and became Associate Vicar there. In 2021 Beth was appointed as part-time Liberal Theologian at St Mark's Broomhill. Alongside this she taught undergraduate and postgraduate courses at St Hild College, and CMS/Ripon College Cuddesdon.

Beth is married to Laurence, who is a psychotherapist, and they have two teenage children. They are pleased to be staying part of the St Mark's community as Beth takes on this new role at St Mark's and St Mary's.

The Mission Area

The Three Spires Mission Area covers the parishes of St Mary Walkley, St John Ranmoor, and St Mark Broomhill. These three churches work separately and together in partnership. They each have their own style, but value eucharistic and parish ministry, the theology of inclusion, and ecological concerns.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Introit:

*For the Beauty of the Earth
by John Rutter, sung by the choir.*

Welcome:

*The Lay Chair of Hallam Deanery David Clark
welcomes the people, gives any preliminary
information about the service and announces
the first hymn.*

Hymn:

All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise Him, O praise Him,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him, hallelujah!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise Him...

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, hallelujah!
The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show
O praise Him...

Let all things their Creator bless
and worship God in humbleness
O praise Him, hallelujah!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
O praise Him...

*Text: William Henry Draper (1855-1933),
Music: melody from Geistliche Kirchengesang, Cologne (1623),
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958) Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

The Greeting

The Bishop addresses the people.

Bishop Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

All There is one body and one spirit.
There is one hope to which we were called;

All one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.

All Peace be with you
and also with you.

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

Bishop Welcome in the name of the incarnate Christ to
this service at which the Revd Dr Beth Keith is to
be welcomed as Vicar of St Mark Broomhill and
Broomhall, licensed as Priest in Charge of St Mary
Walkley and as Associate Priest of St John
Ranmoor; and becomes an Oversight Minister in

The Three Spires Mission Area. Furthermore, the Revd Canon Dr Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of St John Ranmoor, is to be licensed as Associate Priest in this Benefice of St Mark Broomhill and becomes an Oversight Minister in the Three Spires Mission Area.

God calls his people to follow Christ, and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his kingdom.

To serve this royal priesthood, God has given particular ministries. Beth and Matthew are called here as priests to lead God's people in this place in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They are called to share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well being. They share with the Bishop in the cure of souls, called as servants and shepherds to tell the story of God's love, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

Priests are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and

sacrament that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.

In all this Beth and Matthew will work with their fellow ministers and the whole people of God, responding to the calling of the diocese to grow a sustainable network of Christ-like, lively and diverse Christian communities in every place, which are effective in making disciples and in seeking to transform our society and God's world.

We sit

The Presentation

The Churchwardens of Broomhill and Walkley stand before the Bishop.

Wardens Bishop, on behalf of the parishes of St Mark Broomhill and St Mary Walkley we rejoice at this opportunity to welcome Beth as our new minister and thank you for your support during the vacancy. This service marks a new beginning in the mission and ministry of God's people in these parish.

Bishop I thank you and all those, who have exercised stewardship and ministry in these churches and communities during the vacancy.

The new Minister is presented to the Bishop by the Patron from the Church Burgesses.

Patron Bishop Pete I present to you Beth who has been called and chosen to serve as Vicar of St Mark Broomhill and Priest in Charge of St Mary Walkley. We believe that Beth has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

Bishop I thank you and all those who with prayer have been involved in the calling of Beth to minister in this benefice and that of St Mary Walkley.

When the new Minister has been presented, the Archdeacon asks these questions

Archdeacon Beth has been formally presented to those benefices that are in vacancy. I will now ask both her and Matthew questions before they are licensed to their new ministry. Beth and Matthew are you willing, in the presence of this congregation, to commit yourself to this new responsibility?

Minsters I am.

Archdeacon People of God, Beth comes to take her place among you. We believe that she is fit to serve God and the Church in this ministry. Is it then your will that she should be admitted to these offices?

All **It is!**

Archdeacon Will you support and uphold Beth in her ministry?

All **We will!**

Bishop Please pray for Beth, for her family: Laurence, Joshua and Anastashya; and for the people of St Mark's; St Mary's; and St John's in the Three Spires Mission Area in Hallam Deanery, and pray too for the whole Diocese of Sheffield.

Silence is kept.

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 servants Beth and Matthew
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.**

Hymn:

Let us build a house
where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ
shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house
where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ
the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house
where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house
where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim
from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)
Tune: All are welcome

The Word of God

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 13 **Read By Chimuamanda Chikwe**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a
clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away
all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so
that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain
nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

At the end of the reading...

Reader
All

Let us wait upon the Lord;
in whose word is our hope.

The Sermon: The Bishop of Sheffield

*We remain seated and listen to the anthem,
sung by the choir.*

O love, O love, O love,
that will not let me go
O love, I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe
that in Thy oceans depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

Oh joy, O joy, O joy
that seeks me through pain
O joy, I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

Elaine Hagenburg (b. 1979),
Text: George Matheson (1842 - 1906)

The Declaration of Assent

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 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.

Beth and Matthew, 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?

Beth I, **ELISABETH GRACE KEITH**, Clerk in Holy Orders,
Matthew I, **MATTHEW IVAN RHODES**, Clerk in Holy Orders
Both 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 authorized or allowed by Canon.

The Oath of Allegiance

Facing the congregation in the nave, the priests hold the New Testament in their right hands and say:

Beth I, **ELISABETH GRACE KEITH**, Clerk,
Matthew I, **MATTHEW IVAN RHODES**, Clerk
Both do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III, his heirs and successors according to law, so help me God.

The Oath of Canonical Obedience

Facing the Bishop, the new ministers say:

Beth I, **ELISABETH GRACE KEITH**, Clerk,
Matthew I, **MATTHEW IVAN RHODES**, Clerk
Both do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Sheffield and his successors, in all things lawful and honest, so help me God.

The legal documents are signed.

The Bishop reads the legal instruments and then delivers it to the ministers with these words:

Bishop Beth/Matthew, receive the cure of souls, which is both yours and mine; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Bishop blesses the new Ministers.

Bishop God of mercy,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and equipped for his service,
stir up in you the gifts of his Holy Spirit
and make you worthy of your calling;
and may you always bring forth
the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Bishop says to the Archdeacon

Bishop Archdeacon Malcolm, I have been pleased to welcome Beth as priest and pastor of the parish of St Mark Broomhill. You may now proceed to welcome her.

The Archdeacon, with the Deanery Lay Chair, Churchwardens of St Mark's, and Priest, proceed to the door of the nave. The congregation stands and turns to face the door.

Archdeacon By direction of the Bishop, I welcome you to the the Parish of St Mark. May the Lord guard you and keep you in your going out and coming in, now and always.

The bell is now tolled by the incumbent to signify her acceptance of the responsibility of the church and parish.

The procession returns to the front of the congregation.

The Archdeacon leads the new minister to the stall. The minister sits in the stall and the Archdeacon says

Beth, I place you in the stall assigned to the priest of this parish. 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.

We sit or kneel for prayer.

The Prayers

Led by the new Ministers

Minister There are varieties of gifts:
All **but the same Spirit.**

All There are varieties of service:
but the same Lord.

All There are different kinds of working:
but the same God is at work in all.

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession follow, with this response:

Minister Loving God
All **hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

Minister Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom
in the words our Saviour taught us:

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 for ever.
Amen.**

The Welcome by the Community

Beth stands in an open space.

Bishop I present to you Beth, your new vicar and priest.

The congregation greets their new minister with applause.

Revd Mike Gilbert, Associate Archdeacon invites representatives of the Church and communities to come forward and offer their welcome.

*They say, one after another:
As a representative of x, I welcome you.*

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Cllr Jayne Dunn.

Vice Lord-Lieutenant Mrs Jane Marshall.

Canon Justin Dodd, Sheffield Cathedral.

Jillian Creasy, The Broomhall Centre.

Chris Reece, Walkley Community.

Hannah Jones, St Mark's Church.

The Notices

The new Vicar gives the notices for the coming week.

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Calling

Bishop In baptism Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light so that we may shine as lights for Christ in the world today.

Dear friends,
Will you continue to receive the light of Christ and grow into friendship with him as he comes to you in the Scriptures, in the Sacraments, in prayer, and in the fellowship of his Church?

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

Will you continue to walk in the light of Christ, seeking to follow him at home and at work, in rest and in activity?

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

Will you continue to reflect the light of Christ to those around you by serving those in need, making him known in your communities, and working for justice, peace and the good of all creation?

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

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **We will shine as lights for Christ in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

May God, who in baptism has enlightened you with his grace, continually stir up his gifts within you.

*Beth leads us as we say together the Diocesan
Vision Prayer*

All **Living God,
Jesus calls his followers
to seek first your Kingdom.
Renew us as we make your love known;
Release us to share freely together in mission;
and Rejuvenate us to be fruitful in your service.
Give us courage, wisdom and compassion,
that strengthened
with the grace of the Holy Spirit,
we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield,
both flourish and grow
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

The Blessing

(If you are able and willing please stand)

Bishop God who has called you is faithful.

May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word.

All **Amen.**

May Christ, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All **Amen.**

All May the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.
Amen.

All And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Minister Strengthened for the journey,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn:

As we go now from this moment
As we leave behind our time together
May we walk with one another
May we help each other on the way

As we go now from this moment
As we go into the future together
May we treasure one another
May we realize how precious we are

As we go now from this moment
As we leave behind our time together
May we walk with one another
May we help each other on the way

As we go now from this moment
As we go into the future together
May we treasure one another
May we realise how precious we are
May we realise how precious we are
May we realize how pressures we are

Stephen Fischbacher (b. 1960)

*The Procession happens during the final hymn.
Please remain standing as the Bishop leaves and
then take your seat.*

Voluntary

Toccata by Charles-Marie Widor (1844 - 1937)

*Please stay for refreshments.
The stewards will help to direct.*

Acknowledgements

Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England, New Patterns for Worship and Common Worship: Ordination Services, material from which is included in this service, are copyright © The Archbishops' Council 2000, 2002 & 2007 respectively. Texts specific to Sheffield Diocese have been prepared by the Sheffield Diocesan Worship and Liturgy Committee. *Hymns and songs are reproduced under Church Copyright Licence Number 887387 and OneLicense A632945.*