



*Going Deeper into God * Transforming Communities * Making New Disciples
leading to Spiritual and Numerical Growth*

LICENSING

BY THE BISHOP OF BEDFORD
THE RIGHT REVEREND RICHARD ATKINSON OBE

AND

INSTALLATION

BY THE ARCHDEACON OF BEDFORD
THE VENERABLE DAVE MIDDLEBROOK

OF

THE REVEREND SIMON MOORE
AS INTERIM PRIEST IN CHARGE

AND OF

THE REVEREND LOUISE MOORE
AS INTERIM ASSISTANT CURATE
(TO BE KNOWN AS ASSOCIATE VICAR)

OF

SILSOE, PULLOXHILL AND FLITTON

WEDNESDAY 13TH JULY 2022
AT 7.30 P.M.

Introduction

Welcome to this service, which marks a new sphere of ministry for Simon and Louise and a new chapter in the worship and life of this parish. It is fitting therefore that we come together with the Bishop to offer ourselves afresh to God for the work of the Gospel.

We approach God most appropriately at the beginning of worship in praise and confession. Louise and Simon are then introduced and presented to the Bishop and people. The Declaration of Assent and the Oaths to the Sovereign and Diocesan Bishop are required by law and give us assurance of the trustworthiness of their ministry.

A reading from God's word to us from the Bible is followed by a sermon in which the same word is given relevance for this time and place.

As we pray together for the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, the Bishop institutes Simon and Louise and blesses them together with all who minister here. He then institutes Louise and Simon by praying together with them to the Holy Spirit and sharing with them the Cure of Souls. Following the installation they are welcomed by the community and all are invited to share the Peace.

Because ministry and mission is not the prerogative of two people but the privilege of all the baptised, the following Act of Commitment reflects this collaboration between priests and people. It is meaningful that Louise and Simon are described sometimes as evangelists or teachers or as president during this act of commitment. These titles emphasise the differing gifts that are needed by the people of God in their Christian witness. Because Simon and Louise are described as 'among the people', it emphasises the responsibility of the whole worshipping community to work together for spiritual and numerical growth.

Water, representing our baptism at the start of our Christian journey, is brought forward to Louise and Simon and then poured into the font.
All commit themselves to making new disciples as partners in mission.

The Bible, in which God's word is uniquely revealed to us in Jesus the Word of God, is brought forward to the new Vicar and then placed upon the lectern.
All commit themselves to going deeper into God as partners in mission.

Bread and wine, recalling the Holy Communion, in which Jesus the Bread of Life comes to us, are presented to Simon and Louise and then placed upon the altar. All commit themselves to the transformation of our communities by the presence of Christ in us as Christians together.

Prayers are then led by Louise, Simon and lay people. The service concludes with the blessing by the Bishop of the people and parish.

Order of Service

The Gathering

The Rural Dean welcomes the congregation.

Silence is kept.

Please stand if you are able as the Bishop's procession enters the church.

The Bishop is escorted to his seat by the churchwardens who then return to the door of the church in time for the presentation

Hymn

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,.....

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,.....

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then for ever more!
*Bless the Lord, O my soul,.....
I'll worship Your holy name.
Yes, I'll worship you Holy name.*

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The Greeting

The Bishop greets the people:

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

All

And also with you.

Preface

Bishop

We have come together to worship God
and to celebrate the ministry of the whole
people of God in this place.
God blesses his people with a rich variety of gifts
and it is our duty and our joy to use those gifts to extend
God's kingdom in the world.

Today we welcome *Louise and Simon* to this benefice
and license them at the beginning of their ministry among
us. Together we dedicate ourselves to the service of God
in this community and listen afresh to God's call to each
one of us to go deeper into God, make new disciples and
transform the community.

So, let us first wait humbly upon God, giving thanks for all
that He has done to bring us to this moment.

Silence is kept.

Confession

Mindful of God's blessings, let us now ask forgiveness for
those times we have neglected God's call or failed in our
service of one another and our communities:

Congregation sits.

Rural Dean

Christ came in humility to share our lives;
forgive us when we make it hard for others to share our
worship.

Lord, have mercy.

All

Lord, have mercy.

Rural Dean

Christ came to proclaim good news for all people;

forgive our silence in a world that does not understand good news.

Christ, have mercy.

All

Christ, have mercy.

Rural Dean

Christ came in love to a world of suffering;
forgive our self-centred hoarding of riches we have received.

Lord, have mercy

All

Lord, have mercy.

Bishop

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour,
forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in
the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

All

Amen.

Silence is kept

Bishop

Heavenly Father, we gather in your name with
thankfulness and praise for the continuing ministry of
your Church in this place,

for all who have been raised up in times past
to serve you here, and for your servants Simon and
Louise called by you to this present task.

Guide and strengthen all your faithful people
that we may give ourselves in love and service
to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

The Presentation

Bishop

I now invite the Churchwardens to bring forward Simon
and Louise for presentation

*Simon and Louise (waiting at the porch), are led by the Archdeacon and the
churchwardens to the Bishop, escorted by a representative of their previous sphere
of ministry. (The Churchwardens then return to their places)*

Archdeacon Right Reverend Father in God,
I present to you Simon and Louise Moore
who, after prayerful consideration and due
consultation, have been chosen to serve as Priest in
Charge and Associate Vicar in this benefice,
and I present them to be licensed.

Ann Griffiths, Reader from the parish of Sutton St Helens

Right Reverend Father in God, I, Ann Griffiths, who has
shared Simon and Louise's ministry at Sutton St Helens,
warmly commend them to you and to the people of this
parish.

Bishop I thank you for your presentation and
commendation.

The Bishop addresses Simon and Louise

Simon and Louise, I greet you in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ and welcome you to this Diocese.

The Bishop addresses Simon and Louise:

Simon and Louise you have been chosen as Priest in
Charge and Associate Vicar for the Benefice of Silsoe,
Pulloxhill, and Flitton.
Do you believe that God has truly called you to this
ministry?

Simon and Louise respond together

We believe that God has called us, and, with his help,
We will serve faithfully in this ministry.

Please stand if you are able

The Bishop addresses the people of the benefice.

Bishop People of God, is it your will that Simon and Louise
should serve with you in this benefice?

All **It is.**

Bishop Will you support and uphold them in this ministry?

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

The representative returns to their seat.

The congregation sits

The Declaration of Assent and the Oaths

The Bishop gives a word of explanation regarding the legal terminology used and the practical outworking of a joint ministry.

Bishop In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
I shall now Licence Simon Quentin Moore, Clerk in Holy Orders as Priest in Charge of this benefice and Licence Margaret Louise Moore, Clerk in Holy Orders, as Assistant Curate of this Benefice but first let the Declaration of Assent be made and subscribed, and the Oaths be taken according to law.

Simon and Louise, supported by the Archdeacon, stand before the Bishop.

The Bishop addresses Simon and Louise:

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?

Simon and Louise affirm, saying:

I, Simon Quentin Moore
I, Margaret Louise Moore
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.

Taking a Bible, they turn to the people and say:

I, Simon Quentin Moore
I, Margaret Louise Moore
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.

Holding the Bible, they turn to the Bishop and say:

I, Simon Quentin Moore
I, Margaret Louise Moore
do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and Canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of St. Albans and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God

Simon and Louise sign the Declarations.

The Collect

Please stand if you are able

Bishop The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

Silence is kept.

The following collect is said by the Bishop.

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that through your Son
you have called us into the fellowship
of your universal church:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people
that each in their vocation and ministry
may be an instrument of love
and give to your servants Louise and Simon now to be

Licensed the needful gifts of grace,
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

All

Amen.

Simon and Louise move to seats near the front of the church and all sit.

Reading - Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Reader This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Hymn

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth
Pouring out the oil of love, as my worship to You
In surrender I must give my every part
Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a king?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart*

You deserve my every breath, for You've paid the great cost
Giving up Your life to death, even death on the cross
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin
Opened up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a king?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part
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Sermon

A sermon will be given by the Rt. Revd. Richard Atkinson, The Bishop of Bedford

The Licensing

The Bishop invites the congregation to observe a period of silent prayer

The Bishop then kneels besides Simon and Louise and silence is kept as we listen and pray.

The following is sung.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soilèd 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

Words: Latin, ninth century

Trans: John Cosin, 1627

Simon and Louise remain kneeling before the Bishop, holding the seal of the Licences in their hands.

The Bishop reads the Licences and hands them to Simon and Louise.

Bishop Simon and Louise, 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.

Louise and Simon Amen.

The Anointing

The Bishop anoints the hands of Simon and Louise.

May God, who anointed the Christ with the Holy Spirit
at his baptism, anoint and empower you in your new
ministry.

The Blessing of the Incumbents and Ministry Team

Colleagues join Simon and Louise and stand before the Bishop.

Bishop Almighty God,
who for the salvation of the world
gives his people many gifts and ministries,
stir up in you the gifts of his grace,
sustain you in your own ministry in this place;
and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

The Installation

Bishop

Archdeacon, we have licensed Simon and Louise as Priest in Charge and Assistant Curate for this benefice. We now direct you to install them into formal possession of the Parish.

Simon and Louise are then taken to chairs at the front of the church by the Archdeacon and sit down.

Archdeacon

I install you as Priest in Charge and Assistant Curate for this benefice.
God the Holy Trinity,
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side
and guide you in truth and peace.

All

Amen

The Welcome

Simon and Louise then stand and face the people.

Bishop

I present to you, your new Priest in Charge and Associate Vicar

Louise and Simon are welcomed with applause.

The Deanery Lay Chair welcomes Louise and Simon on behalf of the deanery. Representatives of the schools and community and local Christians, welcome Simon and Louise with these, or similar words:

Simon Sadler

As Deputy Lord Lieutenant and in the name of the County of Bedfordshire, I welcome you.

Carol McCalls

As Chairman of a Parish Council and in the name of the villages of Silsoe, Pulloxhill and Flitton, I welcome you

Sarah Boyle As one of the Head Teachers and in the name of the three schools, Silsoe VC Lower School and Greenfield and Pulloxhill Academy, I welcome you.

David Younger As Deanery Lay Chair and in the name of the Deanery of Ampthill and Shefford, I welcome you.

John Kirkham In the name of the congregation and parishioners of Silsoe, Flitton and Pulloxhill, I welcome you.

The Peace

Please stand if you are able

Bishop 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.

All The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Simon and Louise say

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

All are invited to share the peace by waving hands

The congregation sits.

Simon and Louise may give the Notices.

The Choir sing 'For the Beauty of the Earth' by John Rutter

An Act of Commitment by the new Priests and People

The Bishop addresses Simon and Louise 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.

Louise and Simon stand at the front of the church.

A flagon of water is held in front of Simon and Louise.

Heather Wilcox Simon and Louise be among us as evangelists who rejoice to bring new Christians to Baptism and to share with them the Living Water, Jesus Christ himself.

The lay person pours the water into the font, as Simon and Louise say together:

Will you share with us 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 held in front of Simon and Louise.

John Parks Be among us as teachers who study the Scriptures, proclaim the Word and teach the faith.

The lay person places the Bible upon the lectern, as Simon and Louise say together:

Will you share with us 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.**

A lay person holds Bread and Wine in front Simon and Louise

Alan Aldridge Be among us as Presidents at the Eucharist, presiding among us when we celebrate the Lord's death and resurrection.

The lay person places the bread and wine upon the altar, as Simon and Louise say together:

Will you share regularly with us 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.**

Simon and Louise We pledge ourselves to care for the community that gathers here, to share with them the Word of God and the work of ministry, to celebrate with them the sacraments of the new covenant, and to encourage them in their discipleship.

All **We pledge ourselves to pray and care for our community, to share with all the Word of God and the work of ministry, to celebrate with all the sacraments of the New Covenant and to encourage all in their discipleship. Together we pledge to make this a place where Christian people are equipped for their life and witness in God's world. Amen.**

Prayers of Dedication and Intercession

Louise Generous God, we thank you for the gift of faith by which we are called to love and serve you and one another. We give thanks for the life of this benefice, and for the witness of those who have worshipped before us in this place. We ask for your blessing on us now as we look to the future with hope.

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Deborah Drawbridge Sustainer God, we pray for all those who have been given responsibility for the ordering of our parish life and we give thanks for the ministry of our churchwardens and PCC members. As we welcome Simon and Louise as our vicars, help us to grow together in love and trust, and guide us in using our gifts so that our community of faith may flourish and live life in all its

fullness. Enable us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to build on our heritage of faith in this place, so that we may grow in Christian wisdom and your love may reach many more people in this community.
Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Deanery Representative

Living God, we pray for the people we are called to serve and we bring before you the needs of this church. We pray for the leaders of our community that they may act with integrity and be given the spirit of wisdom and compassion so that your kingdom may come in ways which enrich our common life. We ask for your blessing on our homes, on all those who live and work here.
Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Joanne Kevan

Creator God, we pray for our places of learning, for our nurseries, schools and colleges, that our young people may learn to see you in the beauty of the world around them and discover your creative spirit in their work and their play. May those who learn and those who teach discover their true value and potential and may we serve one another after Christ's example.
Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer**

Simon

Tender God, as we step out afresh to live your love and serve Christ in the world, we ask that your guiding hand would hold us fast and lead us confidently through all that life has to offer: Bless us as we seek to make new disciples. Inspire us as we worship and ponder your word, so that we might go deeper into God. Encourage us so that our lives might transform the community.

All **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, Amen.**

Louise Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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 Blessing of the congregation

Please stand if you are able

Bishop God the Father draw you deeper into his love;
God the Son empower you to serve the world;
God the Holy Spirit strengthen you to proclaim the
Gospel;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

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

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my armour, and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O pow'r of my pow'r

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always
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 sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all

Irish (trans. Mary Byrne and Eleanor Hull)

The Bishop, preceded by the ministers, move to the church door.

The Blessing of the parish

The Bishop blesses the parish at the church door:

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we
commit you.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you
peace, both now and evermore.

All

Amen

There will be a retiring collection at the end of the service for the support of ordination candidates in training. Please place your gifts in the plates provided at the back of the church.

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Gift Aid envelopes are available for UK tax payers. Please give generously.

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Please take your printed Order of Service home with you.

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Please join us at Silsoe Village Hall for refreshments and a chance to meet and talk to Simon and Louise

