

Lincoln Cathedral



CHORAL EVENSONG

**with the Investiture and installation
of**

**The Reverend Canon Nick Brown
Precentor of Lincoln**

and the Investiture and Installation of Canons

Friday 18th December 2020
5.30 pm

Welcome to Lincoln Cathedral

We are delighted to welcome you to Lincoln Cathedral for the investiture of the Reverend Canon Nick Brown Precentor of Lincoln, and for the making of two Chapter members as new lay canons. A particular welcome to family, friends and congregation who have come to support those being invested and installed today.

Earlier this afternoon the Precentor and canons designate made the Declaration of Assent and swore the Oaths of Allegiance, and the Bishop of Lincoln collated them as canons of the cathedral. We gather now for their investiture and installation.

Much of this afternoon's service is sung by the choir and follows a set pattern which is offered daily in the cathedral. Its essence is praise: words, inspired by God, used to worship him and lift our minds and hearts. The singing of psalms and the reading from the Old Testament unite us with our spiritual ancestors, the Jews, and with Jesus Christ, who himself used them to praise God. Our meditation on the word of God leads us to Jesus who is the Word made flesh, and so the *Magnificat* - a song of praise first sung by Mary, the mother of Jesus - acts as a pivot, pointing us to the new relationship with God which is brought about in the birth of Christ. The remainder of the service celebrates that 'new covenant' and, in the intercessions, commits us to the life of service to which Christians are called. If the service is new to you, we hope that in the prayerful combination of words, music and silence you will find space for meaningful reflection.

As is our recent custom, all services are now being live streamed on the cathedral facebook page.

A hearing loop is in operation in the cathedral. Where applicable, please adjust your hearing aid to 'T' if you wish to make use of this.

A retiring collection will be taken. If you are a UK taxpayer you can enhance the value of your contribution substantially by taking a few moments to complete the Gift Aid Envelope which you should have found on your seat, and sealing your contribution inside, or use the contactless donation points with the Gift Aid QR code beside them. This will enable us to reclaim a further 25% of your gift from the Inland Revenue. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The College of Canons

Since Lincoln Cathedral was founded in 1072, it has always been the seat (*cathedra*) of the bishop and a centre of worship and mission for the diocese. The work of the College of Canons is to support and carry out the bishop's apostolic ministry throughout the diocese and beyond.

Lincoln Cathedral has fifty-three canonries. In mediaeval times each was paid a *prebend*, or salary, consisting usually of the income from a manor or holding of land. Each canon is still known by the name of his or her prebend, which is written on a tablet above the seat, together with the Latin title of the psalm which should be recited daily "if nothing hinders". This means that between the whole College of Canons the entire psalter is recited daily. The bishop says Psalm 1.

Normally four canons of the cathedral are residentiary, looking after the Cathedral's worship, education programme, visitors and building. The other forty-nine are either clergy or lay people who hold leading positions in the church, mostly but not exclusively in the diocese.

The four residentiaries at Lincoln are the Dean, Precentor, Chancellor and Subdean. Together with a priest of the diocese, the chairman of the finance committee and three lay persons, all chosen for their expertise, they form the Chapter, which is the Cathedral's governing body.

The College of Canons exists to give counsel to the bishop and to the Chapter on any matter concerning the cathedral as the seat of the bishop. It receives and considers the annual report and audited accounts of the cathedral and discusses such matters concerning the cathedral as may be raised by its members. In the event of a vacancy in the See of Lincoln the College of Canons is responsible for electing the new bishop.

Precentor of Lincoln

The Reverend Canon Nick Brown
Prebendary of Carlton cum Thurlby

As a Residentiary Canon of the Cathedral, the Precentor takes overall responsibility on behalf of Chapter for the organisation and development of the worship and musical life of the Cathedral. The post holder is one of the two residentiary posts funded by the Church Commissioners for whole-time ministry in the Cathedral. As a Residentiary Canon, the Precentor is a member of the Cathedral Chapter, sharing fully the responsibility for all aspects of the Cathedral's life.

He is already a familiar face to many in the Cathedral as a non-residentiary canon and holds strategic oversight for safeguarding on behalf of Chapter.

For the past eight years Nick has been Rector of Louth and latterly Rural Dean of Louthesk. He has also been a member of the Bishops' Diocesan Council of Trustees. In Louth, he has overseen the life and work of both the civic church of St James, social outreach from the Trinity Centre, and the spiritual lives of churches in the surrounding villages. Before moving to Louth Nick was based in the diocese of Salisbury with a variety of roles in the parish, diocese, and the cathedral. He is married to Lucy and they have two sons, Ben and Ollie.

The Installations

Farendon

Mrs Harvey Dowdy
Cathedral Chapter

The Nottinghamshire churches of Farndon and Balderton formed part of the Bishop of Lincoln's soke or jurisdiction of Newark, which was in his possession at the time of the Domesday Survey in 1086. They were confirmed as a prebend of the Cathedral by the pope in 1163. Farendon was a comparatively wealthy prebend, valued in 1291 at £53 6s 8d. The first recorded prebendary was Master John of Coutances, no doubt a kinsman of Bishop Walter of Coutances, who was installed before 1184. Among his successors were the sonorously-named Cinthius de Pinea de Urbe, successively Bishop of Tripoli and Archbishop of Capua during the thirteenth century; Peter Dalton (a residentiary canon and Treasurer of Lincoln) who at his death in 1402 bequeathed a silver cup to Katherine Swynford, Duchess of Lancaster; and Robert Sanderson, Rector of Boothby Pagnell, who was appointed Bishop of Lincoln in 1660 and played a significant part in the compilation of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

Bedford Minor

Mr Stuart Welch
Cathedral Chapter

Before 1086 Bishop Remigius acquired a hide of land in Bedford from the church of St Paul in that town and this was confirmed as a possession of the canons of Lincoln in 1139. By the end of the thirteenth century, this land had become the endowment of two prebends, known as Bedford Major and Bedford Minor. Among those who have held the latter stall have been Dr Thomas Clifford, one of those commissioned to examine members of the Knights Templar after the suppression of their Order; Simon Grene *alias* Foderby (Precentor of Lincoln 1512-1528) who owned a manuscript copy of Robert Grosseteste's treatise on the Ten Commandments, now in the Cathedral Library; Moses Terry, whose handsome memorial may still be seen in the south choir aisle; and Thomas Trevenen Penrose whose sister-in-law Elizabeth, authoress of the best-selling *Mrs Markham's History of England*, lies buried in the Slype.

Organ music before the service

Played by Jeffrey Makinson, Assistant Director of Music

'O Adonai' from 'O Antiphon Sequence' – Cecilia McDowall

*The choir process to their places and sing the Introit: **O Radiant Dawn: J Macmillan** during which the other processions enter the cathedral:*

The dean welcomes the congregation and invites them to be seated. The service proceeds unannounced.

The Bishop's Commission

The canons designate move to stand before the bishop and are presented to him.

Right Reverend Father, we present to you these persons who have been appointed and collated canons and prebends of this cathedral church. They have taken and subscribed the oaths and declaration required by law, and we ask that they may now be invested and installed.

BISHOP'S CHARGE

The bishop addresses the chancellor and canons designate and delivers his formal charge to them.

The office of a canon carries with it certain responsibilities.

A canon should be a holy person, who prays regularly for God's blessing upon the work of the church in this diocese, and who enters wholeheartedly into the tradition of those who have served God before us through the worship offered in this Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A canon should be a faithful, discreet and well-informed adviser to the bishop; one who confesses Jesus as Lord, whose studies are founded in scripture and disciplined to the discovery and advancement of truth.

A canon should be hospitable, welcoming strangers and the poor, sharing the generous love and modesty that mark a disciple of Christ.

Bishop Will you try, with the help of God, to be such a person?

Canons-designate With the help of God, I will.

Bishop Almighty God,
who has put into your heart
to make these solemn promises,
give you grace to perform the same,
that you, with your brothers and sisters,
may inherit everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

The precentor designate moves to stand before the bishop and is presented to him.

Right Reverend Father, we present to you the Reverend Canon Nick Brown, who has been appointed and collated as precentor of Lincoln. He has taken and subscribed the oaths and declaration required by law, and we ask that he may now be invested and installed.

The bishop hands the Letters Mandatory to the precentor and canons designate and says

Take this our mandate, which you shall cause to be handed to the Very Reverend Christine Wilson, dean of our Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln; in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The precentor and canons designate bow to the bishop.

The Investiture

The precentor and canons designate stand before the dean, to whom they hand the Letters Mandatory of the acting bishop of Lincoln.

The canons designate say

Madam Dean and members of the Chapter, I present these Letters Mandatory of David our Bishop and ask you to admit, install and induct me into a Prebend and Canonry of this Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln.

The precentor designate says

Madam Dean and members of the Chapter, I present these Letters Mandatory of David our Bishop and ask you to admit, install and induct me as Precentor of Lincoln and of this Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln.

The dean passes the Letters Mandatory to the chapter clerk, who reads them out to the Chapter. The dean responds on behalf of Chapter

We gladly accept these letters from David our Bishop and ask you now to declare that you will accept the constitution, statutes and customs of this Church.

The canons designate make the following declaration

I, N., who am appointed canon and prebend of this Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln, declare that I will faithfully observe the constitution, statutes and customs of this Cathedral Church, and that I will set forward and promote such works as may properly be done in connection with it for the service of God and for the benefit of his church. So help me God.

The precentor designate makes the following declaration

I, Nicholas James Watson Brown, who am appointed precentor of this Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln, declare that I will faithfully observe the constitution, statutes and customs of this Cathedral Church and cause them to be observed by others, that I will keep in this Church due residence according to law and that I will set forward and promote such works as may properly be done in connection with it for the service of God and for the benefit of his church. So help me God.

The dean invests the new canons in turn, saying to each

In the name of God, Amen.

We, Christine Louise Wilson, Dean of this Cathedral Church, and these my brothers and sisters, receive you (*here the Dean takes each new canon by the right hand*) as a brother/sister, and admit you as a Canon and Prebendary of this Cathedral Church.

She puts the New Testament into each new canon's hand, continuing

... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The dean invests the new precentor, saying

In the name of God, Amen.

We, Christine Louise Wilson, Dean of this Cathedral Church, and these my brothers and sisters, receive you (*here the Dean takes him by the right hand*) as a brother, and admit you as a precentor of this Cathedral Church.

She puts the New Testament into his hand, continuing

... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Installation

The new canons and precentor move to St Hugh's choir to be installed.

The dean takes each new canon by the hand and leads them to their prebendal stall.

Dean We install you, *brother/sister*, into the stall assigned to your prebend. The Lord keep watch over your coming in and your going out from this time forth and for evermore.

All **Amen.**

The new canon stands and turns to look at the back of the stall and the dean continues

Look upon the titles of the psalms, which you are to recite every day, if nothing hinders.

The dean says to the new precentor

Nick, you have been called to serve God amongst us here as Precentor of Lincoln. I invite you to accompany me to the stall assigned to that office and dignity in this Cathedral Church.

The Cathedral Foundation says with one voice

**May God give you grace
to serve here as Precentor!**

The precentor is vested in his cope by a member of Chapter and the dean leads him to the precentor's stall. The dean seats him in his stall, saying

We install you, brother, into the stall assigned to the precentor. The Lord keep watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and for evermore.

All **Amen.**

The precentor and the new canons kneel and say, with the dean and the whole congregation, the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Dean O Lord, save your servants
All **who put their trust in you.**

Dean Let the enemy gain no advantage over them
All **nor the wicked approach to hurt them.**

Dean Be to them, O Lord, a strong tower
All **from the face of the enemy.**

Dean O Lord, hear our prayer
All **and let our cry come to you.**

Dean O God, our beginning and our ending,
we praise you that you give us grace and strength
to serve you,
and that you have called your servants
into the fellowship of this Cathedral Foundation.
Grant them such love for you and for your people
that they may take up their cross each day
and follow in the steps of your Son.
May they be so encouraged by their fellowship
and unity with us that they may be a strength to others;
may their prayers combine with ours
to come into your presence,
and may your Holy Spirit lead them day by day
until they come to your everlasting kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Cathedral Foundation procession returns to the nave.

Office of Evensong

PRECES

The cantor and choir sing the introductory verses to the setting by Rose

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Sit

PSALMODY

Psalm 26

These ancient songs are the Jewish hymn book, and, as such, would have been used by Jesus and his disciples. Our use of them continues an ancient tradition which links us with the continuing prayer of Jesus himself.

1. Be thou my judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently:
my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.
2. Examine me, O Lord, and prove me:
try out my reins and my heart.
3. For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes:
and I will walk in thy truth.
4. I have not dwelt with vain persons:
neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.
5. I have hated the congregation of the wicked:
and will not sit among the ungodly.
6. I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord:
and so will I go to thine altar.
7. That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving:
and tell of all thy wondrous works.
8. Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house:
and the place where thine honour dwelleth.
9. O shut not up my soul with the sinners:
nor my life with the blood-thirsty.
10. In whose hands is wickedness:
and their right hand is full of gifts.
11. But as for me, I will walk innocently:
O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.
12. My foot standeth right:
I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

Stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ZEPHANIAH 3: 1-13

Advent antiphon:

*O Adonai and leader of the house of Israel
who appearedst in the Bush to Moses in a flame of fire
and gavest him the law of Sinai:
Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.*

Stand

MAGNIFICAT

The choir sings the Song of Mary (Luke 1: 46-55) to the setting by Noble in B minor

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Sit

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 18: 1-20

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

The choir sings the Song of Simeon (Luke 2: 29-32) to the setting by Noble in B minor

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

Dean

I believe in God

All

**the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

sung to the setting by Rose

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Kneel or sit

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, shew thy mercy upon us
and grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness
and make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people
and bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord
**because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The cantor sings the Collect of the Day

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient
to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

and the Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace
which the world cannot give;
that both, our hearts may be set
to obey thy commandments,
and also that, by thee,
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

and the Collect for Aid Against All Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sit

ANTHEM

Balfour Gardiner H - Evening Hymn (Te lucis ante terminum)

*Thee, Lord, before the close of day, maker of all things, Thee we pray
For Thy dear loving kindness' sake to guard and guide us in Thy way.*

*Banish the dreams that terrify, and night's fantastic company:
Keep us from Satan's tyranny: defend us from unchastity.*

*Protect us, Father, God ador'd, Thou too, co-equal Son and Lord,
Thou, Holy Ghost, our Advocate, whose reign can know nor bound nor date. Amen*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by the dean.

*The prayers conclude with petitions for the bishop and parishes of the diocese of
Lincoln, and for present and past members of the Cathedral Foundation.*

After the prayers of intercession all say together

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

HYMN

*The Cathedral Foundation procession moves to the Chapter House for the reception
of the precentor and new canons into the College of Canons.*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Adonai, Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*Words: Cologne 1710, based on the Ancient
Advent antiphons,
tr. Thomas Alexander Lacey (1853-1931) and others
Tune: Veni Emmanuel*

*Please sit while the proceedings in the Chapter House are shown on the screens,
then stand as the bishop pronounces God's blessing.*

Stand

BLESSING

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord
All **who has made heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord
All **now and for ever.**

Bishop Almighty God,
who for the salvation of the world gives his people
many gifts and ministries
for the advancement of his glory,
stir up in each of you the gifts of his grace,
and sustain each one of you in your own ministry;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Litanies – Jehan Alain

A Place and Voice in the College

In the Chapter House, the new canons stand before the dean.

Dean God has reconciled us to himself through Christ
and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

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

Dean Let us greet one another joyfully in the name of Christ.

*The new canons receive the hand of the dean and of each other canon in turn,
during which the choir sings **Ubi Caritas** by Maurice Duruflé.*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Where charity and love are, God is there.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur. Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. And may we love each other
Amen. with a sincere heart. Amen.

The dean seats each new canon in the College, saying

We receive you, *brother/sister*,
to a place and voice in the College of Canons.

The dean returns to her seat. The new canons kneel before the dean in turn and, placing their hands between hers, say

Madam Dean, I promise obedience to you as dean.

When the new canons have returned to their seats, the College stands for the closing prayers.

Dean Let us pray.

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings
with your most gracious favour,
and further us with your continual help,
that in all our works, begun,
continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

College **Amen.**

Dean The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore.

All **Amen.**

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