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St Devenick's
Church

**The Institution of
Reverend Captain Gerry Bowyer
as Rector**

by

**The Right Reverend Anne Dyer
Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney**

Saturday 15 September 2018



Reverend Captain Gerry Bowyer



Gerry is married to Jo and they have three grown up children and three grandchildren. Jo runs the Caf4é @ Credo coffee shop and she is also a Church Army Evangelist.

Gerry worked in the transport industry before moving into ministry. He worked at St Philip's Church, Tunbridge Wells before moving with the family to Sheffield for three years' full time training with Church Army.

In 2001 the family moved to Aberdeen to work in the diocese. In 2007, while working at St Ninian's in Seaton, Gerry's call to ordination began to emerge and over the next three years was tested, leading to his ordination as Priest in 2010.

Gerry is involved with Police Chaplaincy, he is one of the directors of Aberdeen Street Pastors and planted Caf4é Church four years ago. Gerry enjoys family gatherings, good coffee shops, motorcycling, holidays in the sun, and walks with Jo by the sea and in the country.

Opening Hymn and Procession

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free;
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified;
he sends his Spirit on his church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
this gospel message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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Welcome

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

Amen.

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,
so that, free from sins,
we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept (sit or kneel)

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect

O God, whom it has pleased to redeem the human race through the precious blood of your Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ:

mercifully grant, that we,
who rejoice in the life-giving Cross,
might die to our sins and live for righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Amen.

Epistle Reading: **Philippians 2: 5-11**

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Songs

By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
with the power of his promise in their hearts,
of a holy city built by God's own hand –
a place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise,
we will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward,
till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the power to break the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news,
in every corner of the earth.

We will stand as children of the promise ...

By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the power of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon his name.

We will stand as children of the promise ...

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My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days, I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing,
power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares
to the promise I have in you.*

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The King of love is my delight,
his eyes are fire, his face is light,
The First and Last, the Living One,
his name is Jesus.
And from his mouth there comes a sound
that shakes the earth and splits the ground,
and yet this voice is life to me,
the voice of Jesus.

*And I will sing my songs of love,
calling out across the earth,
the King has come,
the King of love has come.
And troubled minds
can know his peace,
captive hearts can be released,
the King has come,
the King of love has come.*

My Lover's breath is sweetest wine,
I am his prize, and he is mine,
how can a sinner know such joy?
Because of Jesus.
The wounds of love are in his hands,
the price is paid for sinful man,
accepted child, forgiven son,
because of Jesus.

And I will sing my songs of love ...

And my desire is to have you near,
Lord you know that you are welcome here.
Before such love,
before such grace
I will let the walls come down.

And I will sing my songs of love ...

Gospel Reading: John 3: 13-17

When it is announced:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At the end the reader says:

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Address

The Right Reverend Anne Dyer

Presentation

Two members of the Vestry present Gerry to the Bishop with these words:

Right Reverend Mother in God, we present to you the Revd Gerry Bowyer who has been chosen to be Rector of St Devenick's Church.

We believe him to be worthy to serve God and God's people in this office.

Bishop

Let us kneel and offer our prayers to God for all His people, for this congregation, and for Gerry, now called to be Rector.

Please kneel or sit

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Ever-living God, strengthen and sustain Gerry, that with patience and understanding, he may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Bishop calls for the Deed of Licence to be read.

Gerry stands before the Bishop.

Bishop Gerry, at your ordination you solemnly promised to minister the doctrine, sacraments and discipline of Christ; to be faithful in the study of the scriptures and in prayer; in your own life to seek to follow the example of Christ and to maintain and advance the peace and unity of God's people.
Do you now re-affirm these promises?

Gerry I do, with God's help.

Bishop Gerry, do you, in the presence of this congregation commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Gerry I do, with God's help.

Bishop Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Gerry in this ministry?

ALL **We will, with God's help.**

Representatives from the congregation present Gerry with symbols of the ministry in which they share.

A cross is presented.

Gerry, receive this Cross as a sign of the witness and mission of our service in our community.

Amen.

The Bishop presents a cruet of water.

Gerry, receive this water and be with me as one who baptises.

Amen.

Keys are presented.

Gerry, receive these keys, and let the doors of the church be open to all people.

Amen.

A Bible is presented.

Gerry, accept this Bible and be among us as one who proclaims the Word and leads in prayer.

Amen.

A white stole is presented and placed upon Gerry.

Gerry, receive this stole and be among us as pastor and priest.

Amen.

Oil is presented.

Gerry, be among us as a healer and reconciler.

Amen.

Bread and Wine are presented.

Gerry, take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup.

Amen.

An ecumenical representative greets Gerry.

Gerry, I invite you to join with all of us who minister in Christ's name in our community.

Amen.

The Bishop responds.

Gerry, let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours in St Devenick's.

Amen.

Gerry kneels in front of the Bishop.

Bishop

Gerry, accept with joy the service of God as Rector of St Devenick's. Preach the Living Word of God, administer the Sacraments of eternal life, guard and strengthen the flocks now committed to your charge, and share in ministry with this community: and may 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.

Installing of the Rector

The Bishop leads Gerry to the Rector's stall.

Bishop Gerry, the Lord preserve your going out and coming in, from this time forth and for evermore.

Intercessions

The Bishop prays for Gerry and Jo

The Peace

Bishop Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

Offertory Song

During this song the offering will be taken up (information on back page).

King of Kings, Majesty,
God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest friend,
strong Deliverer, beginning and end;
all within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve your majesty.*

Earth and heaven worship you,
love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne;
all within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty, I can but bow ...

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made: it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become the cup of our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, oh blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh
He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.

Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.
On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.
At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."
After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters,
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Invitation

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion

Thanksgiving and Sending Out

Bishop Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious
and his mercy endures for ever.

**Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal *by the new Rector*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
all who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.*

continued overleaf ...

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord...

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord...

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**You are warmly invited to
join us in the church hall for an afternoon tea reception.**

We look forward to celebrating with you!

The offering from today's service will go to the work of the **Scottish Episcopal Institute** (SEI), which provides training and theological education to those preparing for lay and ordained ministries in the Scottish Episcopal Church. The SEI was formally launched in October 2015 and replaced the Theological Institute of the Scottish Episcopal Church. The Institute shapes vibrant, missional ministers for today's world. It also encourages an ethos of ongoing learning for all involved in ministry through its oversight of Continuing Ministerial Development.

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any obligation to contribute to the collection.
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