

A Service of
Welcome and Induction



for Revd Kevin Price
as Minister of
Wellspring Church, Wirksworth
30th September 2017

Welcome

Canon David Truby

Rector, Wirksworth Team Ministry

Gathering Worship

led by Revd Dr Robert Foster

Superintendent Minister, Mid Derbyshire Methodist Circuit

Hymn

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad His wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;
though hid from our sight, His presence we have;
the great congregation His triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

'Salvation to God who sits on the throne!'
let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give Him His right -
all glory and power, all wisdom and might:
all honour and blessing with angels above;
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

Charles Wesley

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Songs of worship

Lord, I come before Your throne of grace;
I find rest in Your presence
and fulness of joy.
In worship and wonder
I behold Your face,
singing what a faithful God have I.

*What a faithful God have I,
what a faithful God.
what a faithful God have I,
faithful in every way.*

Lord of mercy, You have heard my cry;
through the storm You're the beacon,
my song in the night.
In the shelter of Your wings,
hear my heart's reply,
singing what a faithful God have I.

What a faithful God have I...

Lord all sovereign, granting peace from heaven,
let me comfort those who suffer
with the comfort You have given.
I will tell of Your great love for as long as I live,
singing what a faithful God have I.

What a faithful God have I...

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with You:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with You.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with You.*

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should.
where I see no way to go,
You'll be telling me the way, I know.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with You.*

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with You:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with You.*

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with You:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with You.*

*Sydney Carter
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Act of Induction

Led by Revd Mike Fegredo,
Regional Minister, East Midlands Baptist Association

Introduction

Telling the story

On behalf of Wellspring - Revd Jenny Few
Minister - Revd Kevin Price

Confessing faith and promising faithfulness:

The Covenant of Church and Minister

The new minister invites the Wellspring Church congregation to stand. They speak alternately, the congregation using the words in bold type

Today we stand with each other,

recognising the Christ in our midst,

affirming our faith in the God who loves us with a love that transforms us,

and who calls us to work for a transformed world.

Today we stand with each other,

recognising the Christ in each other,

affirming the calling of the Spirit

who has brought us together this day.

Today I bring myself and the gifts I have, and I covenant to serve and encourage this church and community: to respect and care for you, to journey with you, to take responsibility among you, to seek God with you, to listen to God in you, and to work with you to be Christ in this world.

Today we bring ourselves and the gifts we have, and we covenant to serve and encourage this church and community: to respect and care for each other, to take responsibility for the people we are and the people we hope to be in Christ, and to encourage you as our minister as we make this journey together.

What kind of people does Christ call us to be?

**We are called to be a prophetic people,
working for justice, resisting violence
and challenging the abuse of power.**

**We are called to be an inclusive people,
pulling down the walls of prejudice
and welcoming the stranger.**

**We are called to be a sacrificial people,
risking uncertainty, becoming vulnerable,
and reflecting the generosity of God.**

**We are called to be a missionary people,
demonstrating in word and action
the redeeming love of God in the world.**

**We are called to be a worshipping people,
seeking and celebrating the God who journeys with us,
and open to the Spirit in the whole of life.**

God of life, you call us and envision us,
we give ourselves today to each other and to you,
trusting that as you call us
so you covenant to share this journey with us,
to nurture and sustain our life together
and to guide our paths.

Amen.

Recognition

The presiding minister invites all to stand and the congregation to recognise this new ministry:

**Today we stand with you,
recognising the commitment you have made,
offering our encouragement
for the challenges that lie ahead of you,
and sharing in your hope for a new day.**

Induction prayer for the church and minister

Representatives come forward to offer prayer with the laying on of hands.

Declaration and Blessing

Welcome on behalf of the Methodist Church

by Revd Paul Worsnop, Deputy Chair, Nottingham & Derby District

The presiding minister invites all visiting members of the congregation to bless Wellspring Church and their new minister.

**The covenant God
bind you in grace and love,
the faithful God keep you faithful through all things
and the God of hope and peace
sustain you in the way of Jesus,
this day and every day.**

Amen

Song of the Equinox

Standing on the threshold of a new beginning,
joining hands together as we face the light;
leaving space for God, the Holy Spirit's presence,
trusting in his promise for a future bright.

Take us to the places where Your change is wanted.
Show us all the people living deep in need.
Help us to be liberal in all our giving,
as we indiscriminately scatter seed.

Take us to the edges with Your love's compassion.
Take from us the attitudes we call our own.
Free us from believing in our limitations,
take us to the edges of our comfort zone.

We shall be Your servants as we follow in Your footsteps,
confident, courageous, knowing we've been found.
Claiming for the Kingdom all the strength you offer,
understanding that we're all on holy ground.

Take from us the fear of all the old ways changing;
give us each the vision of bonded whole -
so that all the world will see a new revealing,
see the Source of all that beats within our soul.

Then we'll be together in a new creation,
looking for the dawning of a bright new day,
walking hand in hand and taking risks in loving
trusting that in future we will walk Your way.

Let us journey on towards a God-planned future.
Celebrating one-ness, relegating fear;
seeing new horizons 'cross the shining ocean –
realising that the Kingdom's now – and here!

Unpublished song by Paul Heppleston & John Bayes

Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-10

Address: 'Living Stones'

by Revd Tim Edworthy

Minister of Well Street United Church, Buckingham

& Chair of the Baptist Ministers' Fellowship

Prayer

We will be led in a time of creative prayer by the worship
leaders of Wellspring.

Offering and reflection

Wellspring seeks to stay connected to the wider world and
one way of expressing this is to share in a piece of world
music. You are invited to listen and join in if you wish or
maybe read these words quietly and reflect upon our needy
world.

There will be a *retiring offering* to support the work of
Amnesty International.

Paraguayan Kyrie

On the poor, on the poor
show your mercy, O Lord.

On the poor, on the poor
show your mercy, O Lord.

May we know mercy Lord
may we show mercy Lord
for the poor in the world
may we show mercy Lord.

For the poor we do cry;
Lord we cry for the poor.
give us grace so to live
for the poor, for the poor.

May we share with the poor
all their hopes, all their fears;
may we act for the poor
bringing life from their tears.

On our knees we now pray
for your mercy O Lord.
We acknowledge the pain
we inflict on the poor.

Show your mercy, O Lord
on the poor, on the poor.
Show your mercy, O Lord
on the poor, on the poor.

Origin Paraguay

Renewal of the Covenant between Churches Together in Wirksworth and District

Greetings

Will now be received from friends and partners.

Closing hymn

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and ever more,
feed me now and ever more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be Thou still my strength and shield,
be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside:
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

William Williams

The Blessing

Revd Kevin Price

Minister of Wellspring Church



We would like to express our thanks to:

All at St Mary's for kindly allowing our service to be held in this place of worship.

Our sponsoring body, Churches Together in Derbyshire.

All who have worked so hard to prepare for this day, with organisation, music and refreshments.

Friends from near and far for sharing with us in this wonderful day.

Following this service please join us for tea and cake which will be served at Wellspring Church.

*'You will be like a **well**-watered garden,
like a **spring** whose waters never fail'*

Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)

