

Prayers

Members of Cloverfield Community Church lead the congregation in prayer for Matthew, Kirsty, Reuben and Hannah, for the church and for the community. The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:

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.

Deanery Welcome

The Lay Chair welcomes Matthew:

Matthew, I welcome you on behalf of all the people of our Deanery. We look forward to working with you as you serve our communities.

Conclusion

Hymn: Before the throne of God above

Bishop The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess Jesus Christ as Lord,
and to proclaim the word and works of God;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Licensing of the Rev'd Matthew Houghton as Team Vicar in the Thetford Team Ministry and Minister in Charge of Cloverfield Community Church

**10th November 2020 at 7.00 p.m
by video link**

The Bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

Preparation

Bishop O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hymn: Be thou my vision

Bishop That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalm: Psalm 33:1-11

1 Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

2 Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

3 Sing to him a new song; play skilfully, and shout for joy.

4 For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

5 The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

10 The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm for ever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Psalms 33:1-11 NIV

The reading is read by a member of the church family.

Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

Licensing

Bishop Let us keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,

All **for there is one body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling.**

Bishop There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All **one God and Father of us all.**

Bishop Grace was given to each of us according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

All **He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, for the building up of the body of Christ.**

Bishop Until we all attain to the unity of the faith,

All **to the knowledge of the Son of God.**

Bishop No longer shall we be children, but fully mature,

All **measured by the stature of the fullness of Christ.**

The Team Rector addresses the Bishop:

Bishop Graham, Matthew has been called and duly chosen to join in the work of the Kingdom of God in the benefice of Thetford. Therefore, I ask you to license him as a Team Vicar within the Thetford Team Ministry.

Members of the Cloverfield Leadership Team, the representatives of Thetford PCC and the representatives of the Thetford URC address the Bishop:

Bishop Graham, as the representatives of the three partners in our Local Ecumenical Partnership, we ask you to license Matthew as the minister in charge of Cloverfield Community Church.

Matthew makes the declaration of assent, and swears an oath of allegiance to the Queen and an oath of obedience to the Bishop.

The Bishop then licences Matthew as both Team Vicar in the Thetford Team Ministry and as minister in charge of Cloverfield Community Church.

Following the licensing, the Bishop prays the collect:

Bishop Almighty God, give us wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, vision to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, a life to proclaim you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

All **Amen.**