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ORDINATION



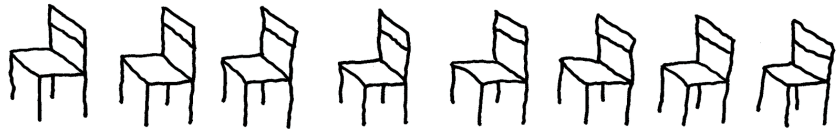
THE ORDINANDS HAVE
TOILED AT THEIR BOOKS
FOR MANY YEARS



THEY HAVE PREPARED
THEIR RECENTLY PURCHASED
VESTMENTS



THEY HAVE RECEIVED
A BLESSING FROM
THE BISHOP



NOW, AT LAST, THEY ARE FULLY QUALIFIED TO SERVE THE CHURCH

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THE CURATE, THE DEACON, THE DISCIPLE & THE PRIEST

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by already (remembering that I joined the family at STBCC in June 2020, as my ordination was delayed to September 2020 due to the pandemic restrictions in place at the time).

As was briefly explained in the recent edition of the Commoner, one's first ordination is to the Diaconate (to serve as a deacon) then after a year, there's a second ordination to the priesthood, so I am up for a second helping if you like.

As one of two leading treble singers, from the age of twelve, I always stood next to the Vicar for services in Church, so I guess it is not surprising that something about the aroma of priesthood went deeply up my nostril and found a niche in my heart.

For me priesthood is kind of akin to my discipleship in which I constantly seek to make myself available to all that God wants to do through and with me and I am so excited that God's plan is unfolding for me.

Do I expect to be different? Well, I don't think this is exactly like the former TV show 'Stars in their eyes' in which contestants disappear through a cloud of smoke and then emerge, totally transformed like the star they represent.

True though, I will disappear soon as we set off to our pre-ordination retreat shortly, after which we will appear at All Saints Church, Kingston upon Thames, where our ordination will take place on Saturday 3rd July. I also believe that I am being transformed more and more into Christ so in that sense, I think I am a different person and responding to God's call to priesthood is like Isaiah saying, "...Here am I, send me!" (Isaiah 6:8). I pray that we all find joy in responding to God's call for our individual lives and to serve Him faithfully wherever He sends us or whatever He appoints us to do.

I doubt there can be any better joy and deep satisfaction [ILM].

WORSHIP IN JULY

St Barnabas, a church for all including you, so we hope there will be something for you in our July Worship offering:

- Sunday 04 July: Songs on the Common, 10am
Holy Communion, 11am
- Sunday 11 July: All Age Worship & Baptism, 11am
- Wednesday 14 July: Taize Communion, 8pm
- Sunday 18 July: Holy Communion, 11am
- Sunday 25 July: BCP Communion, 9.30am
Morning Worship, 11am

Daily Prayers: Monday to Thursday, 12pm

Children & Young People:

- Film Bible Study, Sunday 11 July @10am
The Grid, Sunday 18 July @11am
Bible Cinema, Sunday 25 July @11am

THE WEEK IN PICTURES



Last Sunday, we were delighted to welcome back James and Rachael for the baptism of their baby daughter Florence. Behind their masks you might recognise James & Rachael, they were part of the Sunday school leaders (*'we built a marshmallow spaghetti tower with James & Rachael'* my daughter reminded me) and for several years, James was head chef for the Glassdoor nightshelter whilst Rachael also volunteered. It was a pleasure to have them back to welcome Florence into the family of God.



They may not have been able to meet for this last year, but the **Thursday Fellowship** returned to the vicarage garden for their ever popular Garden Party and it was a glorious afternoon!

ORDINATIONS

It has been a busy week for our Parish Assistants with Amanda being ordained priest on Wednesday 23rd June and Susan being ordained deacon on Saturday 26th June. Amanda will continue her curacy in the parish of St Michael & All Angels in Penkridge, while Susan will start her curacy in the parish of Herne Hill. Here are a few pictures from their ordinations.



PRIESTHOOD

Our own curate, Revd Ian Luke-Macauley, will be ordained priest on Saturday 3rd July at 11am in All Saints, Kingston.

We will not be able to attend the service in person but it will be live-streamed and we will email out the link on Friday.

You will also be able to congratulate Ian in person and celebrate with him on Sunday morning. Ian is warmly inviting us to join him from 10.30am outside St Barnabas, **before the service** for some coffee and pastries and/or **after the 11am service** for a congratulatory drink.

Our monthly Family Service will be outdoor for **Songs on the Common**. Meet on the Common opposite the church *at the later time of 10.00am*. Meanwhile Bishop Anthony Poggo will be the preacher at our 11.00am Holy Communion.

PRAYERS

Lord, we pray for Ian as he prepares to be ordained priest. We thank you for his calling, may he feel empowered by your Spirit and find his trust and faith in you strengthened. We pray for Vicky his wife, and Denzil and Dionne his children, as they continue to support him on his journey.

We thank you for the baptism of Florence last Sunday, may she grow knowing your loving presence.



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