

St Simon Zelotes



A SERVICE OF LICENSING ONLINE

Commissioning the Rev'd Joe Ammoun as Associate Vicar

Sunday 18 May 2025

10.00am

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Introit
Jubilate Deo

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.
Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting:
And his truth endureth from generation to generation
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.

Words: Psalm 100. Music: Benjamin Britten; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Welcome

Hymn
Rejoice, the Lord is King!

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart...

3 His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n.

Lift up your heart...

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet.

Lift up your heart...

Charles Wesley (1707-1788); CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Licensing of Joe Ammoun as Associate Vicar

Introduction

Vicar Mike Neville

Bishop Rob Munro

Presentation

The Vicar, Church Wardens and Associate Vicar stand before the Bishop

Vicar & Church Wardens: Bishop, we present Joe to be licensed as Associate Vicar for the parish of St Simon Zelotes, Upper Chelsea.

Bishop: I thank all those who have been involved in the appointment of Joe to this parish as Associate Vicar.

Joe, do you believe, so far as you know your own heart, that God has called you to serve Christ and his people here?

Associate Vicar: I believe that God has so called me.

Bishop: Will you commit yourself to the mission and ministry of the people in this place to further the kingdom of God among them?

Associate Vicar: With the help of God, I will.

Licensing Prayer

All: God our Father, Lord of all the world, we thank you that through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church: hear our prayer for your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love: and grant to your servant, Joe, the needful gifts of grace for the task you have set before him; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



Affirmation of loyalty to the faith

Bishop: the Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic Creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer and the ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. Joe, do you continue to affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in your care?

Associate Vicar: I, Joseph Richard Ammoun, do continue so to affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic Creeds, and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the Sacraments I will use only the forms of service authorised or allowed by Canon.

Promises

Bishop: Will you be faithful in calling and caring for the People of God?

Associate Vicar: By the grace of God, I will.

Bishop: Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

Associate Vicar: By the grace of God, I will.

Bishop: Will you endeavour to fashion your life according to the way of Christ?

Associate Vicar: By the grace of God, I will.

Bishop: Will you promote unity, peace and love in the Church and in the world, and especially among those whom you serve?

Associate Vicar: By the grace of God, I will.

Bishop: Will you encourage others in the exercise of their gifts to the glory of God?

Associate Vicar: By the grace of God, I will.



Bishop: My brothers and sisters it is the duty of every Christian to witness to the crucified and risen Christ. Will you now affirm this ministry in your midst and do all you can to support your brother in his calling?

All: We will.

Bishop: Will you continually pray for him?

All: We will.

Bishop: Will you uphold and encourage Joe in his ministry?

All: We will.

Licensing of Joe as Associate Vicar

The Associate Vicar kneels before the Bishop and the Bishop lays his hands upon him

Bishop: Joe, receive this licence as Associate Vicar of St Simon Zelotes, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Licensing Blessing

Bishop: The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen



Children leave for Sunday School and crèche during the hymn

Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim

1 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.

3 Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the pow'r of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

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

4 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.

5 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.

Edward Joseph Burns (b.1938); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

⁸ Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy.
When the LORD returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.

⁹ Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Second Reading: 1 Timothy 4:11-16

¹ Command and teach these things. ¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. ¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

¹⁵ Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. ¹⁶ Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Lord's Prayer

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect for the fourth Sunday after Easter

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Collects



Anthem

How beautiful upon the mountains

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace;
that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth!

Words: Isaiah 52:7

Music: John Stainer: CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Intercessions

Notices



Hymn

Lord thy word abideth

1 Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

2 When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth
and our way protecteth.

3 Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

4 O that we, discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Sermon

1 Timothy 4:11-16
"Be diligent and persevere"
Bishop Rob Munro



Hymn
Go forth and tell

We take a collection during this hymn. People give in a variety of ways.
Some may not be in a position to give. Please pass the plate on if that
is appropriate for you. If you are a taxpayer, please use one of the Gift Aid
envelopes in your pew, completing the information on the front.
You can also give using the card reader located at the back of the church.

1 Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news
to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus,
Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world
his worthy praise may sing.

2 Go forth and tell!
God's love embraces all;
he will in grace
respond to all who call;
how shall they call
if they have never heard
the gracious invitation
of his word?

5 Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength
which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till the nations
his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King,
for evermore.

3 Go forth and tell!
where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want,
the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord
concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours
which cares for humankind.

4 Go forth and tell!
the doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts -
let no-one be denied;
live out your life
as Christ our Lord shall choose,
your ransomed pow'rs
for his sole glory use.

James Edward Seddon (1915-1983); CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Final from *Symphonie 1* - Louis Vierne

Notices

Confirmation service - Sunday 18 May

We will hold a Confirmation service on Sunday 18 May at 6.30pm. Bishop Rob will be confirming members of our congregations, and members of other churches, who wish to affirm the faith declared and promises made on their behalf at baptism.

Stories of hope - 20-22 May

On Thursday 22 May, Philip Grundy, a member of our church family, is being interviewed on how he came to find hope in the face of emptiness. The interview forms part of a series of evening events called 'Stories of hope through life's trials' that a church called St Helen's Bishopsgate is hosting that week. The evenings are aimed at those unsure of the Christian faith but intrigued by how it has changed people's experience of life's biggest trials. For more information about Philip's interview evening, and the other evenings, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ymrtw5e5>.

Women's breakfast - Saturday 7 June 10am-11.30am

On Saturday 7 June we will be hosting a Women's Breakfast in the church building. It will be an opportunity for women from both congregations to come together to encourage one another. There will be coffee and pastries, a short talk from the Bible by Lizzie Ling, who works with women at St Ebbe's, Oxford, and some discussion time. Babies in arms are very welcome but unfortunately we cannot provide childcare. For more details, and to signal an interest in coming, please get in touch with Liv Jani on ojkjani@gmail.com.

St Simon's Weekend Away 26-28 September 2025

We are delighted to announce dates for the next church weekend away. All are welcome to join us at a new venue, De Vere Horsley Estate in Surrey, for a weekend of fellowship, relaxation, and meeting with God. The Revd Dr Tim Ward (Lecturer at Oak Hill College) will be our speaker. The brochure, containing the sign-up form, is now available at the back of the church or on the St Simon Zelotes website at <https://tinyurl.com/44ehkv4u>.

Christianity Explored

One life, what's it all about? Starting on **Monday 2 June**, our four Christianity Explored sessions are an opportunity to discuss any questions about Christianity and to read the gospel of Mark. Whether you're unsure, intrigued, or would like to re-visit the essence of Christian faith, this course is for you. The course will be hosted by church members Philip and Faye Grundy at their house in Wandsworth. The evenings will run from 8-9pm, with tea and coffee from 7.45. To indicate interest, please get in touch with Philip or Faye at philipjgrundy@icloud.com or Grundyfaye@gmail.com.