

A Service to Mark the Beginning of a New Ministry

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE ECCLESTON TEAM

St James with St Matthew, Eccleston Park

9:30am Morning Worship or Holy Communion

St John, Ravenhead

8:30am BCP Holy Communion (monthly)

11am Service of the Word or Holy Communion

St Luke, Eccleston

9:30am Morning Worship or Holy Communion

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST MARK'S, NORTH ROAD

11am Service of the Word or Holy Communion

**The Licensing of
The Rev. Andrew Baldock**
as Team Rector of the Eccleston Team
and Priest-in-Charge of St Mark's Church,
St Helens North Road

by The Rt. Rev. Ruth Worsley
The Bishop of Wigan

**and Induction & Installation by
The Venerable Pete Spiers**
The Archdeacon of Knowsley and Sefton

Wednesday 21 October 2026, 7pm
at St Luke's Church, Eccleston

Rev. Andrew Baldock

Team Rector of The Eccleston Team

St James with St Matthew, Eccleston Park

St John the Evangelist, Ravenhead

St Luke, Eccleston

and Priest-in-Charge of

St Mark, North Road

Please remain to join us for refreshments in the church hall to welcome Andrew and his family to their new home and ministry.

Andrew's first Sunday service will be a joint service of the churches of The Eccleston Team and St Mark, North Road. The service will take place at **St Mark's Church, North Road,** on Sunday 25 October at 11am. All are welcome.

There will be no services in The Eccleston Team on that day – our normal patterns of worship will resume on Sunday 1 November.

Thank you for coming today to support Andrew and his family, and for your ongoing support for our churches and their ministries.

Minister By God's grace, I will equip those who gather here to grow as disciples of Christ.

All By God's grace, we will be Christ's people at work in the world.

The new minister opens wide the door

The Bishop then offers a blessing on the local community:

Lord, look with love upon these parishes,
reach out with compassion to those in need,
extend your care for all in this community
and strengthen them by your blessing.
Amen.

The new minister then turns to the congregation and says:

Minister Go in the power of Christ

All We have a gospel to proclaim!

Minister Go in the peace of Christ

All Thanks be to God.

Introduction

The arrival of a new incumbent in a parish is always an important event. For them, it is a new sphere of work; for the members of the Church and the people of the parishes, it is a new chapter in the worship and life of the whole community.

To mark this new beginning, priest and people come together with the Bishop to offer themselves afresh to God for the work of the Gospel. This service is both a legal ceremony and an Act of Worship, which reminds priest and people of their shared responsibility for the proclamation of the Gospel and the service of God's People.

The legal preliminaries include an Oath of Allegiance to the Crown, and Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop, and the Declaration of Assent. This declaration assures the congregation that their priest believes, speaks and acts in a way a Christian minister should, so that they can trust their ministry.

The Institution denotes the admission of the Priest to the spiritual care and leadership of the parish. The Induction gives the Priest the legal charge of the church buildings and property, and the right to receive the income of the benefice. The Installation places the priest in the midst of a worshipping, praying and witnessing community.

This is both a joyful and solemn occasion. Please spend time before the service to think about its meaning and to pray. In your prayers remember Andrew and his family. Remember also, our Bishops and all who share with them in the work of this diocese and your own commitment to Christ, as a member of his body, the Church.

Everyone present has a part to play in the proceedings. Please answer firmly in every **Amen** and whenever **All** are asked to declare their commitment.

Biography

Andrew trained for mission and ministry at Northumbria Bible College and at Cranmer Hall, Durham University. He was ordained at Durham Cathedral in July 2000 and has previously served at churches in County Armagh, Northamptonshire, Ayrshire, Oxfordshire, Cheshire and County Durham.

Andrew has a particular passion for expository, verse-by-verse preaching and is a member of The Master's Fellowship and GAFCON. He is committed to solid Bible teaching as being fundamental to a discipleship that leads in turn to real church growth.

Prior to ordination, Andrew was a CID officer in the Metropolitan Police where he headed up a Vulnerable Persons Unit in NW London, overseeing the investigation of over a thousand cases each year.

Andrew is married to Gilly, a media relations consultant, and together they enjoy spending time with their adult children and grandchildren, travelling and having good coffee and cake.

Andrew used to be something of a sportsman but now enjoys armchair viewing of cricket and any sport involving an oval shaped ball, but particularly the NFL (Patriots) and NRL (Parramatta). He has followed Wigan all his adult life, but is hoping to be able to get his head around transitioning allegiance to the Saints!

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fire and 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 mine 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.

The congregation turns to face the door

At the door the Bishop places the hand of the new minister upon the handle of the door and says:

The cure of souls is a ministry alongside all who live or work in this community. The church must be open to God's world and to all who seek him.

Andrew, you are called to help the people who are refreshed here by their worship and fellowship to live out their faith in this community, so that God's love may be known.

Bishop May the Lord Jesus Christ, who promised that he would be with his Church until the end of time, guide your steps and fill your words with power.

All Amen.

Bishop May the Spirit of the Lord be upon you, enabling you as you go through the world to bring the Good News to all and to heal the brokenhearted.

All Amen.

The Bishop blesses the congregation

Bishop And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit
come down upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

*All stand to sing the hymn at the beginning of which choir,
readers and other ministers leave in procession. The Bishop and
new minister move to the principal door of the church.*

Recessional Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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 'til I want no more,

Feed me 'til I want no more.

[Continues]

A Greeting from Andrew & Gilly

To my sisters and brothers in Christ at the Eccleston Team and St Mark's, North Road,

Gilly and I are filled with joy as we prepare to join you, as I take up the post of Team Rector of the Eccleston Team and Priest-in-Charge of St Mark's North Road.

We look forward with eager hearts to serving the saints in all of our churches, as well as the people of the wider parishes, walking alongside you in faith and fellowship, as we share together the tremendous Good News that salvation is available through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We hold a deep hope for the future of all of our churches and the communities they serve, trusting that future to God's Grace and Mercy with hope and expectation.

May He guide our shared journey and bless all that lies ahead and, above all else, may God be glorified in all that we seek to do together in His great and Holy Name.

With warmest Christian greetings,

Andrew & Gilly



The Beginning of a New Ministry

The Gathering

The congregation stands

Processional Hymn

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

The King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation

All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near;

Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under thy wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord who hath fearfully, wondrously made thee
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling,
Hath stayed thee.
What need or grief ever hath failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily defend thee:
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend thee. *[Continues]*

All **hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve You with joy for ever. Amen.**

Source: Michael Perry, *Church Family worship* © 1986 Hodder (altered)

Then the Lord's Prayer is said,

Minister As disciples of Jesus in the Diocese of Liverpool we
pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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 congregation stands for the Blessing

Blessing

Bishop May God, who in Christ has shown us his truth and
love, make you messengers of the Gospel and
witnesses to the divine love before all the world.

All **Amen.**

Bless those who teach,
that they may increase our understanding
and be open to Your Word for them.

Jesus, Lord of Your Church,

All in Your mercy hear us.

Bless those who minister healing,
that they may bring wholeness to others
and know Your healing themselves.

Jesus, Lord of Your Church,

All in Your mercy hear us.

Bless those through whom You speak,
that they may proclaim Your Word in power,
yet open their ears to Your gentle whisper.

Jesus, Lord of Your Church,

All in Your mercy hear us.

Bless those who work in Your world today,
that in the complexity of their daily lives
they may live for You,
fulfil Your purposes,
and seek Your kingdom.

Jesus, Lord of Your Church,

All in Your mercy hear us.

Bless those who feel they have no gifts or value
and those who are powerless in this world's eyes,
that they may share their experience
of the work of Your Spirit.

Jesus, Lord of Your Church,

Praise to the Lord,
who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
Biddeth them cease, turnerth their fury to peace
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord,
Who when darkness of sin is abounding;
Who when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding;
Sheddeth his light, chaseth the horrors of night,
Saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again!
Glady for aye we adore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, Anon

The congregations sits

The Bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

The churchwardens stand before the Bishop and say

Bishop, on behalf of the parishes of Eccleston,
Ravenhead and St Helens North Road, we welcome
you as our Shepherd in God.

Bishop Thank you for your welcome. May God in all things be
glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be worship and

praise. I have come to give authority to a priest to care for the people of these parishes through making Christ known in word and deed. Let him now be presented.

Presentation

Rev. Dan Leathers, on behalf of the Patrons, presents the minister to the Bishop, saying

Patron Bishop, I present to you Rev. Andrew Robert Baldock who has been appointed as Team Rector of the Eccleston Team, and Priest-in-Charge of the parish of St Mark, St Helens North Road; asking that he may be instituted to that office and ministry.

Bishop Thank you for your presentation. Andrew comes to take his place as your Team Rector and Priest-in-Charge. He has been duly nominated and no one has objected to him taking up this office. I therefore invite Archdeacon Pete to commend Andrew to us.

The Archdeacon gives his commendation

Silence is kept

Bishop God our Father, Lord of all the world,
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, mission and ministry
each may be an instrument of Your love,
and give to Your servant Andrew now to be
instituted the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,



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The congregation sits

Prayers are led by the New Minister

The congregation may sit or kneel

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

We pray for the use of God's gifts to His Church,
saying:-

Jesus, Lord of Your Church,

All in Your mercy hear us.

God our Father, You give us gifts
that we may work together
in the service of Your Son:
Bless those who lead,
that they may be firm in faith,
yet humble before You.

Jesus, Lord of Your Church,

All in Your mercy hear us.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord
Be thou my great Father and I thy dear Son
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower;
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Be thou mine inheritance, now and always
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won!
Great Heart of mine own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne
& versified by Eleanor Hull
Tune: SLANE**

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who is alive and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of The Word The Reading

John 21: 15 – 19

At the end, the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Rt. Rev. Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Wigan

The congregation stands

Hymn In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS FOUND

He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stills, when strivings cease,
My Comforter, my All in all;
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

[Continues]

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave, He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
*No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

No power of hell...*

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The congregation sits

the benefice of the Eccleston Team, and Priest-in-Charge of the benefice of St Helens North Road.
Receive him with affection as your pastor, and pray that he may be faithful and happy in the charge now committed to him.

The congregation sits

The Greetings

Welcome by representatives

Rev. Dan Leathers (representing The Area Dean) and the Deanery Synod Lay Chair welcome the new minister with suitable words.

The Area Dean's representative then introduces representatives of the church, Liverpool Cathedral and the community who also greet the new minister.

The minister gives any essential notices and offers his thanks for the welcome

The congregation stands

Offertory Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

BE THOU MY VISION, O LORD OF MY HEART

Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence, my light.

[Continues]

The Induction & Installation

The congregation stands

Bishop Archdeacon, I have instituted Andrew to the care of these benefices. I ask you to induct and install him, in the presence of the Churchwardens and this congregation, and to support him in his ministry here.

The Archdeacon lays the hand of the minister on the keys of the Church, and says

By virtue of the authority given me, I induct you into the real, actual and corporeal possession of the Church and benefice of The Eccleston Team and the Church and benefice of St Mark's, St Helens North Road, with all their rights, responsibilities and opportunities for ministry.

The Lord defend your going out and your coming in from this time forward and for evermore.

The Archdeacon leads the minister to his stall, where he is seated and the Archdeacon says

I install you as Team Rector of the benefice of The Eccleston Team and Priest-in-Charge of the benefice of St Helens North Road. Pray for your people, lead them in worship and service, and encourage them in their witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Archdeacon presents the minister to the congregation, saying

I present to you Andrew Robert Baldock, now duly Instituted, Inducted and Installed as Team Rector of

Licensing

Bishop Andrew, you are to be instituted as Team Rector of the Eccleston Team and Priest-in-Charge of St Mark's, St Helens North Road. Do you believe that you are truly called to this ministry?

Minister I believe that God has called me.

Declaration of Assent and Oath of Obedience

The Bishop introduces the Declaration of Assent, and then says:

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. In the declaration you are about to make, will you 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?

Minister I, Andrew Robert Baldock, do so 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 which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

Taking a Bible, the minister faces the people and says

I, Andrew Robert Baldock, swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, his heirs and successors according to law. So help me God.

Turning to the Bishop, the minister says

I, Andrew Robert Baldock, swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Liverpool and successors, in all things lawful and honest. So help me God.

The minister signs the declarations in the Chancel.

Sharing of the Cure of Souls

The minister kneels before the Bishop, who reads the Licence and gives it to the minister.

Bishop Receive this cure of souls, which is both yours and mine; in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The minister is joined by other licensed ministers of the Ministry Team and the PCC.

They all stand before the Bishop.

Bishop: Andrew has now been instituted for a new ministry. You are to enable the people here to use their own gifts in the service of the Gospel, to help them discover the longing of their own spirit. You are called to ensure that you also grow in grace, learning from your people, making time for study, for quiet reflection and for prayer, for you are called to be available, to be humble and to be human.

In your work, mission and ministry, and in collaboration with your colleagues care alike for young and old, weak and strong, poor and rich; share their joy and their sadness.

Together all of you are called to proclaim the glorious freedom of the children of God, to preach the Gospel of peace and hope, to pray earnestly not only for the people in your care but for the whole community. You are to minister God's healing and reconciliation wherever there is pain or conflict whether within or beyond the Church.

The Bishop blesses the minister and her colleagues

The Lord give you courage, wisdom, strength and love to work together to do His will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you all and your work done in His Name, now and for evermore. **Amen.**

The Bishop invites the Archdeacon to install the new priest.