



THE DIOCESE OF
SHEFFIELD

**A Service of Welcome for
the Licensing of**

**Revd Helena Roulston
as Associate Priest
of St Mark's Broomhill and Broomhall,
and the Three Spires Mission Area**

**by the Rt Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders
Bishop of Doncaster**

**22 April 2026
7.00pm
at St Mark's Church
Broomfield Road, S10 2SE**

A Service of Welcome

Thank you for coming to celebrate and mark this important moment in the life of this community as Helena begins her ministry as associate priest, with a focus on ministry with teens, students and young adults, in the parish of St Mark Broomhill and Broomhall within the Three Spires Mission Area, in Hallam Deanery.

In the Diocese of Sheffield, we are committed to the flourishing of the whole people of God; both lay and ordained. For this reason, during this service, members of the congregation will, together with their new minister, recommit themselves afresh to God's service in this place.

In the act of licensing, the bishop will publicly share the 'cure of souls' with the new minister which signifies the spiritual care of all God's people in this place. As God calls his church to be 'Lights for Christ' in the world today, attention will also be given to local concerns, the wellbeing of the people and our daily need for peace, healing and reconciliation.

We invite you to take a moment to reflect with thanksgiving on all that has gone before, for faithfulness in the past and for trust for all that lies ahead.

You may like to use this prayer:

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit to be the light and life of your Church,
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

2025 Prayer Community

At the heart of the diocesan strategy is Renewed, a firm intention to base all our planning on reliance on God, expressed particularly through prayer and worship. To that end, we are building a virtual prayer community, committed to praying daily for the growth and flourishing of the diocese. We hope that you will join this and stir up others in the churches where you serve to do the same. More information and a link to sign up can be found here: or by scanning this QR to take you to the page:



Revd Helena Roulston

Helena grew up initially in Sanderstead, South Croydon and then on the Wirral. Her parents are an active interchurch couple and the family are members of the Association of Interchurch Families. Growing up, Helena and her sister Sarah had responsibilities in both the local Anglican and Roman Catholic churches. The commitment of her parents had a big influence on Helena's journey and future path to ordination.

Helena studied Theology at the University of Nottingham where her interest in ecumenism led her to study the Eucharist as a sacrament of unity in a divided church for her final year dissertation.

Helena's first full time job was as Associate Chaplain (lay) at Digby Stuart College, Roehampton University. It was working here that gave Helena a love for working with students and young people. As Associate Chaplain Helena organised and facilitated student trips to Lourdes, France with the HCPT trust and student retreats alongside the chaplaincy team. With colleagues and students, she also dug up some unused land on campus for community allotments which planted the seed for the now thriving SU program Growhampton.

From Roehampton, Helena moved back to the Wirral to take up the role of Young People and Community Development Minister at St. Mary's Church, Eastham. In this role, Helena worked with local community organisations to form Transition Town Bromborough and Eastham, set up a community youth group and trained as a licenced Zumba instructor. Helena used Zumba classes as energetic and engaging community outreach.

In 2012 Helena began ordination training at Westcott House, Cambridge. Here she studied an MA in Christian Theology with a thesis on how exercise can be used as a spiritual discipline to deepen ones connection with God, self and others.

Helena was ordained deacon in Chester cathedral in 2014. In 2015 she was ordained priest and married her now husband Phillip (not in the same service!). Helena served her curacy at St. Chad's Church, Over in Winsford. In the diocese she served as one of two young vocations advisors and on the diocesan sports advisory group. During curacy Helena brought together Zumba instructors and

clergy in organising two successful charity Zumbathon's in Chester cathedral.

Helena and Phillip moved to Sheffield in 2018 for Helena to take up her role as Co-ordinating Chaplain in Sheffield Hallam University's Multifaith Chaplaincy. Here Helena continued to use Zumba as outreach, this time to students and staff. As Chaplain, Helena offered pastoral support to students and staff and provided guidance on faith and belief to the university.

Helena and Phillip live in Norton Lees with their son Benjie. As you may have guessed, Helena enjoys exercise in most forms (although now no longer a Zumba instructor!). She also loves being in nature and appreciates Sheffield as the outdoor and green city. Helena is excited to start this new role at St. Mark's and is looking forward to getting to know the young people of the Parish as well as the wider Church family at St. Mark's.

St Mark's, Broomhill and Broomhall

St Mark's is a church in the liberal critical tradition which encourages questions as an important part of our faith. We try to welcome all, embracing our human diversity of gender, sexuality, age, ability, class, colour or language. Helena will be a vital part of the staff team, working alongside the incumbent and colleagues, with a focus on ministry with teens, students and young adults. We were keen to appoint a priest to join the team who is excited by the prospect of exploring what it means to share Jesus' vision of a kingdom which is inclusive, engaging and relevant to contemporary culture.

The Three Spires Mission Area

The Three Spires Mission Area covers the parishes of St Mary Walkley, St John Ranmoor, and St Mark Broomhill. These three churches work separately and together in partnership. They each have their own style, but value eucharistic and parish ministry, the theology of inclusion, and ecological concerns. Helena will be licensed to all three parishes.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

The Gathering

Introit sung by the choir

Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness.
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou Lord, thou Lord only
that makest me dwell in safety.

SS Wesley (1810 - 76)

Beth Keith, Vicar of St Mark's, welcomes the congregation and gives any preliminary information about the service.

The congregation stands as the Bishop enters the Church.

Hymn: Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

Text and Music: Daniel L. Schutte (b. 1947)

Tune: Here I am Lord

The Greeting

The Bishop addresses the people.

Bishop
All

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All

There is one body and one spirit.
There is one hope to which we were called;

All

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.

All

Peace be with you
and also with you.

Please be seated.

The Bishop introduces the service.

Bishop

Welcome in the name of the risen Christ to this service at which the Reverend Helena Roulston is to be licensed as Associate Priest.

God calls his people to follow Christ, and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his kingdom.

To serve this royal priesthood, God has given particular ministries. Helena has been called here as a priest to help lead God's people in this place in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. She is called to share with the bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its wellbeing. She shares with the bishop in the cure of souls, called as a servant and shepherd to tell the story of God's love, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

Priests are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the bishop and their fellow priests, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.

In all this Helena will work with her fellow ministers and the whole people of God, responding to the calling of the diocese to grow a sustainable network of Christ-like, lively and diverse Christian communities in every place, which are effective in making disciples and in seeking to transform our society and God's world.

The Presentation

The Churchwardens stand before the bishop.

Wardens Bishop, on behalf of the parish of St Mark we present to you Helena who has been called and chosen to serve as Associate Priest of St Marks, St Johns, and St Marys. We believe that Helena has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

Bishop I thank you and all those who have prayerfully been involved in the calling of Helena to minister in these parishes.

The new Minister is presented to the bishop and the vicar asks these questions

Vicar Helena, are you willing, in the presence of this congregation, to commit yourself to this new responsibility?

New minister I am.

Vicar People of God, Helena comes to take her place among you. We believe that she is fit to serve God and the Church in this ministry. Is it then your will that she should be admitted to this office?

All **It is!**

Vicar Will you support and uphold Helena in this ministry?

All **We will!**

Bishop Please pray for Helena, for the people of St Mark's, the Three Spires Mission Area, and for the Diocese of Sheffield; and as we rejoice in the presence of our risen Lord among us, pray too that we may be bold in our witness to Christ's saving death and glorious resurrection.

Silence is kept.

The Collect

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 and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servant Helena
the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading: Isaiah 40. 28-31

Read by Victoria Wassall

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,
but those who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Reader Let us wait upon the Lord;
All **in whose word is our hope.**

We keep silence together.

Hymn: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here
Come bow before him now,
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace
No work too hard for him
In faith receive from him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

*Text: David Evans (b. 1957),
Music: David Evans (b. 1957), arr. Norman Warren (b. 1934)
Tune: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord*

Please be seated

Second Reading John 21.1-13

Read by Tessa Chan

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish.

*Reader
All*

Let us wait upon the Lord;
in whose word is our hope.

We keep silence together.

The Sermon: The Bishop of Doncaster

Anthem: The Lord is my shepherd

Sung by the choir.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,
he maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
Yea though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.
For you are with me, you will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

The Licensing

The Bishop reads the Preface to the Assent.

The Declaration of Assent

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 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. Helena, 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?

Helena I, Helena Rosemary Laura Roulston, Clerk in Holy Orders, 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 authorized or allowed by Canon.

The Oath of Allegiance

Facing the congregation in the nave, Helena holds the New Testament in her right hand and says:

I, Helena Rosemary Laura Roulston, Clerk, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III, his heirs and successors according to law, so help me God.

The Oath of Canonical Obedience

Facing the Bishop, Helena says:

I, Helena Rosemary Laura Roulston, Clerk, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Sheffield and his successors, in all things lawful and honest, so help me God.

The legal documents are signed.

The Bishop reads the legal instrument and then delivers it to the minister with these words:

Bishop Helena, receive this charge, which is both yours and mine; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Bishop stands and blesses the new Minister.

Bishop God of mercy,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and equipped for his service,
stir up in you the gifts of his Holy Spirit
and make you worthy of your calling;
and may you always bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

The Installation

Bishop I have been pleased to admit Helena as Associate Priest of this benefice. You may now proceed to install her in her customary place.

The Vicar leads the new minister to their seat.

Vicar Helena, I place you to sit by my side and alongside our colleagues. You do not sit above or below, but between those who serve in this place. May God be with you in your worship, in your work and in your home; and may the joy of the Lord be your strength for ever.

We sit or kneel for prayer.

The Prayers

Led by the new Minister

Helena There are varieties of gifts:
All **but the same Spirit.**

All There are varieties of service:
but the same Lord.

All There are different kinds of working:
but the same God is at work in all.

*The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession follow,
and may include this response:*

Helena Jesus, Lord of the Church,
All **in your mercy hear us.**

The Lord's Prayer

Helena Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom
in the words our Saviour taught us:

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.**

The Welcome by the Community

The new minister then stands in an open space.

Bishop I present to you Helena your new minister.

The congregation greets their new minister with applause.

The Vicar invites representatives of the Church and communities to come forward and offer their welcome.

A Call to Shared Ministry

The bishop addresses the whole congregation.

Bishop Friends, the ministry of God's people is a shared ministry. It is a ministry shared by the Father with Jesus Christ and shared by Jesus Christ with his Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit. I invite you now to dedicate yourselves in partnership with Helena to the care and service of the people in this place. Together we will proclaim the gospel of Christ in word and sacrament.

Helena I give thanks to God for his faithfulness;
for all the blessings I will receive as his minister,
for the joy of serving his people,
for the lessons we will learn, for hopes to be fulfilled,
and for all that will be accomplished through his grace.

All **We give thanks to God for his faithfulness;
for all the blessings we will receive
through your ministry,
for the joy of serving with you
in the ministry we share,
for lessons we will learn, for hopes to be fulfilled,
and for all that will be accomplished
through his grace.
Amen.**

The Peace

If you are able and willing, please stand

Bishop

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us,
and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

All

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Hymn: Christ be our light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered
today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making your kingdom come.

*Text and music: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)
Tune: Christ be our light*

The Notices

The new minister gives the notices for the coming week

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Calling

If you are able and willing, please stand

The paschal candle or another large candle may be lit.

Bishop In baptism Jesus calls us out of darkness
into his marvellous light
so that we may shine as lights for Christ
in the world today.

Friends,
Will you continue to receive the light of Christ
and grow into friendship with him
as he comes to you in the Scriptures,
in the Sacraments, in prayer,
and in the fellowship of his Church?

All **With the help of God, we will**

Will you continue to walk in the light of Christ,
seeking to follow him at home and at work,
in rest and in activity?

All **With the help of God, we will**

Will you continue to reflect the light of Christ
to those around you by serving those in need,
proclaiming the name of Christ in your communities,
working for justice and peace,
and seeking to sustain and renew creation?

All **With the help of God, we will**

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **We will shine as lights for Christ in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

May God, who in baptism has enlightened you with his
grace, continually stir up his gifts within you.

Helena leads us as we say together the Diocesan Vision Prayer

All **Living God,**
Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.
Renew us as we make your love known;
release us to share freely together in mission;
and rejuvenate us to be fruitful in your service.
Give us courage, wisdom and compassion,
that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit,
we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield,
both flourish and grow
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Sending Out

The Blessing

Bishop God who has called you is faithful.

May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word.

All **Amen.**

May Christ, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Helena Strengthened for the journey,
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Ein feste burg ist unser Gott
BWV 720 J S Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain standing as the Bishop leaves and then take your seat. Refreshments will be served in the lounge after the service.

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