



**THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
NORTHERN SYNOD
and South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area**

**Welcomes you to
THE INDUCTION OF
THE REV JULIAN R SANDERS M.A.
to the Pastorate of St George's URC Morpeth,
Widdrington URC and Great Bavington URC
Saturday 31 August, 3:00pm**

**Presiding Minister
Rev David Herbert,
Moderator of Northern Synod of
the United Reformed Church**

The Preparation

The congregation stands as the Bible is brought into the church and placed open upon the pulpit

Introit – **Come all you people,
come and praise your maker
Come now and worship the Lord**

Greeting

Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 6:23-24

Scripture Sentences

Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the first-born of all creation;

for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created.

He is the head of the body, the church;

he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,

or in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

Colossians 1:15-16,18a-b,19a

Hymn: 'Let us build a house where love can dwell'

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*(Chorus) All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

(Chorus)

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

(Chorus)

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

(Chorus)

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loves and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

(Chorus)

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Prayer of Praise

Teresa Benkhaleb- House

We praise you, God, the Creator:
**through your love and power
all things came to be and continue in their being.**
We praise you, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh:
**through your death and resurrection
we are reconciled to the Father and born into a new and living
hope.**
We praise you, Holy Spirit, the Giver of life:
**through wind and fire the Church was born,
and by your gifts the body of Christ is built up.**
With the whole Church on earth
and in heaven we praise you:
one God for ever. Amen

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Rev David Herbert

Gracious God, you call us to be the body of Christ,
yet we often fail in our vocation.
While Christ proclaimed truth, we obscure it.
Though Christ prayed for the unity of all, we remain divided.
While Christ touched the sick and blessed the poor,
we shrink from the demands of justice.
Forgive us. Conform us to Christ.
May all that we do arise from our unity in him,
and may his Spirit renew us,
so that the world might come to believe. **Amen.**

In repentance and in faith, receive the promise of
Grace and the assurance of pardon.
Here are words you may trust,
Words that merit full acceptance:
'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.'
To all who turn to him he says, 'Your sins are forgiven.'
He also says: 'Follow me.'
Thanks be to God.

The Lord's Prayer

Statement

Rev David Herbert

The Ministry of the Word

Readings from Scripture

Old Testament: Numbers 27:18-23, Nicola Bell

Joshua 1:7-9

Graham Bell

Gospel:

Luke 5:1-11

Kathleen Bailey

Sermon

Rev David Herbert

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 stilled, when striving cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

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:
till on that cross as Jesus dies
the love 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;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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The Induction

Presentation of the Candidate

Moderator, I present to you Julian Richard Sanders, for induction into the pastorate of St George's URC Morpeth, Widdrington URC and Great Bavington URC

Statement by the minister-elect

Narrative of the Call

We now hear a statement on behalf of the Synod, outlining the steps which led to this call. We shall hear how the congregations of St George's URC Morpeth, Widdrington URC and Great Bavington URC called Julian Sanders to be their minister.

Statement concerning the Nature, Faith and Order of the United Reformed Church

With the whole Christian Church
the United Reformed Church believes in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**The living God, the only God,
ever to be praised.**

The life of faith to which we are called
is the Spirit's gift,
continually received
through the Word, the Sacraments
and our Christian life together.

**We acknowledge the gift
and answer the call,
giving thanks for the means of grace.**

The highest authority
for what we believe and do
is God's Word in the Bible,
alive for his people today
through the help of the Spirit.

**We respond to this Word,
whose servants we are
with all God's people
through the years.**

We accept with thanksgiving to God
the witness to the catholic faith
in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds.
We acknowledge the declarations
made in our own tradition
by Congregationalists, Presbyterians
and Churches of Christ
in which they stated the faith
and sought to make its implications clear.

**Faith alive and active:
gift of an eternal source,
renewed for every generation.**

We conduct our life together
according to the Basis of Union
in which we give expression to our faith
in forms which we believe contain
the essential elements of the Church's life,
both catholic and reformed;
but we affirm our right and readiness,
if the need arises,
to change the Basis of Union
and to make new statements of faith
in ever new obedience to the Living Christ.

**Our crucified and risen Lord,
who leads us in our faith
and brings it to perfection.**

Held together in the Body of Christ
through the freedom of the Spirit,
we rejoice in the diversity of the Spirit's gifts
and uphold the rights of personal conviction.
For the sake of faith and fellowship

it shall be for the church to decide
where differences of conviction
hurt our unity and peace.

**We commit ourselves
to speak the truth in love
and grow together
in the peace of Christ.**

We believe that
Christ gives his Church a government
distinct from the government of the state.
In things that affect obedience to God
the Church is not subordinate to the state,
but must serve the Lord Jesus Christ,
its only Ruler and Head.
Civil authorities are called
to serve God's will of justice and peace for all humankind,
and to respect the rights of conscience and belief.

**While we ourselves
are servants in the world
as citizens of God's eternal kingdom.**

We affirm our intention
to go on praying and working,
with all our fellow Christians,
for the visible unity of the Church
in the way Christ chooses,
so that people and nations
may be led to love and serve God
and praise him more and more for ever.

**Source, Guide, and Goal
of all that is:
to God be eternal glory. Amen**

Affirmations

All stand as the presiding minister asks the minister-elect to affirm his faith.

The presiding minister asks the congregation:

Do you confess again your faith in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

We do.

Do you receive Julian as from God, as a minister of
Word and Sacraments of the United Reformed Church?

We do.

Will you pray for Julian in this ministry,
giving him due honour, support and encouragement?

We will.

*The presiding minister asks members of the local churches where
the minister is to serve:*

Members of St George's, Widdrington and Great Bavington do you
receive Julian as from God, to serve among you and to lead you in
your ministry?

We do.

Members of the wider South East Northumberland Ecumenical
Area,

Do you receive Julian as from God to minister among you?

We do.

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.

Chorus 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 food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

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.

Induction Prayer

The congregation stands for the induction prayer.

Declaration of Induction

Welcome

Giving of Gifts

Prayers of Intercession

Rev Marie Atwood

Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness R&S 531

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy.
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord at the end of the day.

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Dismissal and Blessing

Rev Julian Sanders

Participants

Rev David Herbert	Moderator of Northern Synod, United Reformed Church
Rev Julian Sanders	Minister to be inducted
Rev Marie Atwood	President of SENEA (South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area)
Teresa Benkhaleb- House	Secretary of St George's URC
Kathleen Bailey	Elder at Widdrington URC
Nicola Bell	Secretary of Great Bavington URC
Graham Bell	Elder at Great Bavington URC
Rev Kay Alberg	Interim Moderator