

The Institution of

**The Reverend Mark Adrian Fraser**

by

The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham  
**The Right Reverend Paul Williams**

and

The Induction and Installation  
by the Archdeacon of Nottingham  
**The Venerable Phil Williams**

as Rector

of the Benefice of Wollaton St Leonard  
in the Deanery of Nottingham North

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

4pm

St Leonard's Church Wollaton NG8 2AF

## **About this service**

This is a special service of celebration that marks the beginning of a new phase of ministry both for Mark and for the people of this community. We meet together anticipating God's blessing on the years ahead. At the beginning of any new ministry, a priest is appointed to their new role in a service that gives the community an opportunity to welcome them, and allows priest and people to commit themselves to the ministry ahead and to pray for God's leading in it.

The ministry to which Mark is being appointed is to the local parish and the wider community. The role of the Anglican parish priest is to care for the whole community and also to nurture the faithful. He works with all those in the local community, whether they are people of faith or not. Therefore within this service, the welcome is made by both church people and representatives of the wider community.

In this service, Mark is presented to the Bishop and then presented to the community by the Bishop. The Bishop will remind Mark of the responsibility for the care of the parish which is shared with the Bishop. The Archdeacon will install Mark giving him oversight for the church. Mark is then formally welcomed by representatives of the church and the wider community within the parish.

There will be a retiring collection in support of the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. This fund helps to support clergy at times of unforeseen emergency. Donations can be made using the QR code on the back of the booklet (Gift Aid can automatically be claimed on gifts up to £30) and the yellow envelopes provided. Thank you for your generosity.

The congregation is invited to join in all the texts in **bold**.

## ***About the Reverend Mark Fraser***



Mark was ordained in the Diocese of Manchester in 2005 and after serving a curacy in Bolton arrived at St Luke's, Gamston and Bridgford in 2008. He loves to help people discover the riches of the Bible, to lead worship that draws people into God's presence and to accompany people as they explore faith for the very first time.

Away from ministry Mark loves to cook, to ride his bike, to enjoy a craft beer and play croquet – but not all at the same time! It's a strange coincidence that his brother Duncan is also a vicar....of a church called St Leonard's.

Mark grew up in Surrey, while his wife Catherine is from York. Catherine currently works part-time teaching financial awareness skills in local schools. They have three children, Joel (27) married to Tasha, Cam (24) and Milly (21). As a family they love to play board games, go walking with Rufus the dog and explore new holiday destinations whenever possible. Rufus is looking forward to getting to know Wollaton Park.

Mark and Catherine are excited to be joining St Leonard's, getting to know the church family and wider community and discovering the new adventure that God has in store for us.

## Introduction

A welcome from the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Venerable Phil Williams.

*Please stand to sing as the Bishop's Procession enters*

**HYMN: "All my hope on God is founded"**

1. All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.
2. Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray their trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's pow'r, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tow'r.
3. God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore, from his store,  
new-born worlds rise and adore.
4. Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

## **Greeting**

*Bishop*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**And also with you**

*Please sit*

*The Bishop brings his greetings and introduces the service, and then  
all pray:*

**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 give to your servant Mark the needful gifts of grace;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **The Presentation**

*The Patron, Lord Michael Middleton, leads Mark before the Bishop  
and says*

Bishop, I present to you Mark Adrian Fraser to be admitted to the  
Cure of Souls of this benefice.

## **The Declaration of Assent and Oaths**

*The Parish Priest designate stands before the Bishop*

*Registrar*

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?

*Priest*

I, Mark Adrian Fraser 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 authorised or allowed by Canon.

*Taking a New Testament, Mark faces the people and says*

I 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, Mark says*

I swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham and his successors, in all things lawful and honest; so help me God.

*Please stand to sing as the Declarations are signed*

**SONG: “The Lord's my Shepherd”**

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green,  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
and I will trust in You alone,  
for Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and He anoints my head with oil;  
and my cup - it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

*And I will trust in You alone...*

3. And though I walk the darkest path -  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

*And I will trust in You alone...*

## **The Ministry of the Word**

*Please sit*

### **Bible Reading**

*read by Helen Ashford*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has

made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 3:4b-14 (NRSVA)*

*At the end the reader says*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

## **The Sermon**

*The Venerable Phil Williams, Archdeacon of Nottingham*

*Please stand to sing*  
**SONG: "Cornerstone"**

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.  
My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone,  
weak made strong in the Saviour's love,  
through the storm, he is Lord,  
Lord of all.*

2. When darkness seems to hide his face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
My anchor holds within the veil.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone.....*

3. When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless stand before the throne.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone,  
weak made strong in the Saviour's love,  
through the storm, he is Lord,  
Lord of all. (twice)*

## **The Institution**

*The Parish Priest designate stands before the Bishop*

Dearly beloved in the Lord, the Declaration of Assent, the Oaths of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, and the Oaths of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop having been taken and subscribed before us as the law requires: we propose now in the name of God, and in the presence of this congregation, to license to this Benefice of Wollaton St Leonard, our well-beloved in Christ, Mark, and we ask you to join together with us in prayer to Almighty God, that he would grant to his servant Mark grace to perform his solemn duties aright.

*The Priest kneels before the Bishop  
Silence is kept*

*The Registrar reads the licence*

*The Bishop then gives the licence to the priest saying  
Receive the 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 Bishop blesses the new Parish Priest*

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.**

## **The Induction and Installation**

*Bishop*

Having admitted Mark to the Cure of Souls in this Benefice, I charge and require you, Archdeacon, to induct and install him into this church and benefice.

*All stand and turn as the Churchwardens lead the Archdeacon and Mark to the main door of the Church.*

*The Archdeacon says*

By virtue of this mandate, I induct you, Mark, into the real, actual and corporeal possession of this church and benefice with all the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities for ministry. The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, now and always.

**Amen.**

*The Priest then rings the bell to signify the beginning of his ministry in the parish and benefice.*

*The Archdeacon leads Mark to his stall and places him in it.*

*Archdeacon*

By this act, Mark, I install you as the parish priest in the congregation of Christ in this benefice. May you fulfil well the ministry you have received from the Lord. See that you lead your people in the way of holiness and faithful service of God our Father, after the pattern of our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **The Welcome**

*The Bishop presents the new Parish Priest to the congregation*

*Bishop*

I present to you Mark as your new Parish Priest. Remember that you share with him in the ministry to which he has been called; for as St Peter wrote to all Christians: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.

*The Lay Chair of the Deanery introduces the welcomes to the new Parish Priest, including greetings from representatives of the local community, followed by the churchwardens on behalf of the parish.*

*The new Parish Priest acknowledges the welcomes and announces the forthcoming services.*

*Please stand*

**SONG: "Goodness of God"**

I love you, Lord.  
For your mercy never fails us  
All my days, I've been held in your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head,  
I will sing of the goodness of God.  
All my life you have been faithful.  
All my life you have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able,  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice.  
You have led me through the fire.  
In darkest night, you are close like no other.  
I've known you as a Father, I've known you as a Friend;  
I have lived in the goodness of God.  
All my life you have been faithful.  
All my life you have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able,  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

*Your goodness is running after,  
it's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after,*

*it's running after me.  
With my life laid down,  
I'm surrendered now,  
I give you everything.  
Your goodness is running after,  
it's running after me.*

All my life you have been faithful.  
All my life you have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able,  
I will sing of the goodness of God.  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

## **The Intercessions**

*Mark leads the people in prayer. The following response is used*  
Lord in your mercy:       **Hear our prayer**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

## Renewing our Vision

*Associate Archdeacon, Rev'd Canon Dr Richard Kellett*

Working alongside Mark, let us commit ourselves afresh in our ministry and mission to this Parish of Wollaton and beyond.

We believe there is nothing better anyone can do with their life than become a follower of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father. We believe that the good news of Jesus Christ brings transformation and new life, healing and wholeness. The Church is uniquely placed in every community to bring God's living hope to all who live in the city, towns and villages of Nottinghamshire and beyond.

Therefore, we commit ourselves to serving together in Growing Disciples of Christ with Compassion, Confidence and Courage.

*Associate Archdeacon invites all present to stand, and asks;*  
My brothers and sisters, will you pray for, support, encourage and nurture Mark and each other, in your service of Jesus Christ?  
**All: With the help of God, we will.**

*All say together:*

**In the power of the Holy Spirit  
may we know the joy of the Lord,  
growing disciples of Christ  
with compassion, confidence and courage  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Blessing and Dismissal

*Bishop*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN: “Lord, for the years”**

*Please stand*

*During this hymn the Bishop’s Procession moves to the main door of the Church*

1. Lord, for the years  
your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us,  
cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us,  
pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years,  
we bring our thanks today.
  
2. Lord, for that word,  
the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts  
and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains,  
rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word,  
receive your people's praise.
  
3. Lord, for our land,  
in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure,  
wealth and care:  
for young and old,  
for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land,  
be pleased to hear our prayer.
  
4. Lord, for our world;  
when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength,  
and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless,  
lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world,  
we pray that Christ may reign.
  
5. Lord, for ourselves;

in living pow'r remake us,  
self on the cross  
and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us,  
for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives,  
to live for Christ alone.

*Parish Priest*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*Please do stay for refreshments which will be served in the  
Community Centre, Bramcote Lane, following the service*

With particular thanks to Philip Miles, organ scholar at St Mary's in the Lace  
Market, and all who have contributed in so many ways to this service.

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**Upcoming Services:**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am Holy Communion BCP**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10am Informal Worship**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 4pm Holy Communion CW**

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