

**THE CATHEDRAL
AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH
OF ST PETER IN YORK**



**Evensong with the Admission and Installation
of Lay Canons Eve Poole and Jonathan Britton
to the College of Canons**

**Saturday 20 January 2024
at 5.30 pm**

THE COLLEGE OF CANONS OF YORK MINSTER

The College of Canons consists of thirty-six Honorary Canons, who are clergy and lay people drawn principally from the parish churches of the Diocese of York, and eight *ex officio* members who include the four Suffragan Bishops and three Archdeacons appointed to the Diocese of York.

The principal function of the College is to be ‘the voice of the diocese’ in the life of the Minster, helping the Chapter of York (the Minster’s governing body) to develop closer working relationships with the parishes of the diocese. Members of the College also act as ambassadors for the Minster’s mission and ministry, and bring lively faith, rich and diverse expertise and life experience, and valuable wisdom and advice to discussions about the Minster’s role as a cathedral church.

The College also has a statutory role to perform on behalf of the diocese pursuant to the Appointment of Bishops Act 1533 each time a new Archbishop of York is appointed, when it is required to ‘elect’ the candidate chosen by the Monarch.

The new members who are joining the College of Canons today are:

- Dr Eve Poole – an academic and writer specialising in leadership, Eve is Interim CEO at the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland. Previous leadership roles include Interim CEO of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Third Church Estates Commissioner for England with a particular brief for cathedral governance, and the first female Chairman of the Board of Governors at Gordonstoun School. Eve received an OBE in the 2023 New Years Honours for services to education and gender equality.
- Jonathan Britton – Chief Executive Officer and Accounting Officer of the Wonder (Wolds) Learning Partnership Multi Academy Trust, Jonathan’s previous leadership roles include Executive Headteacher at Woldgate School which he led from Requiring Improvement to Good, and recognition by the Department for Education as one of the ‘top 100’ most improved schools in the country. Jonathan was also appointed as a National Leader of Education in 2018 by the Minister of State for Schools to lead school improvement work at a primary school and a secondary school both in special measures.

Eve and Jonathan were both appointed as Non-Executive Trustees of the Chapter of York, the Minster’s governing body (Registered Charity Number 1201499) in October 2023. Today, they are additionally being appointed to canonical office as Lay Canons in the Minster’s College of Canons.

COLLATION, ADMISSION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME to this service of Evensong with Collation, Admission and Installation, the ceremonial sequence that formally appoints new members to the Minster's College of Canons. Today, two new Honorary Lay Canons will be Collated, Admitted and Installed to the College.

Before the service, the Canons-Elect make a Declaration of Assent before the Archbishop and prescribed Oaths are sworn. The Oaths are sworn on **the York Gospels**, brought to York in about 1018 from Canterbury where they were written in about the year 1000. The book has been in the possession of the Chapter ever since and has been used since the Middle Ages for the swearing-in of members of the Cathedral's Chapter and College of Canons. The Oaths are written in various medieval hands in the flysheets, and the text of the Oaths has remained the same since the Reformation.

In the **Collation**, the Archbishop of York confers an Honorary Canonry on each new Canon, presents them with their Deed of Collation and hands a Mandate to the Dean, formally instructing him to proceed with the new Canons' Admission and Installation to the Minster's College of Canons.

The **Admission** was historically conducted as a meeting of the College of Canons in the Minster's Chapter House. Following an ancient liturgical formula, the Dean vests the new Canons with lay canon gowns bearing the York Minster canonical 'Cross Keys' badge, presents them with Book and Bread (representing spiritual and bodily sustenance) and formally receives them with the Kiss of Charity as fellow members of the College of Canons of York Minster.

In the **Installation**, the Dean formally places the new Canons in their assigned stalls in the **Quire**, the traditional place of worship in the Cathedral, inducting them into their office as members of the College of Canons. The service of Evensong then follows, emphasising that the work of the College is rooted in the Minster's primary purpose – the daily offering of worship to Almighty God.

The service is sung by the Choir of York Minster under the direction of Robert Sharpe, Director of Music.

During the service, the organ is played by Benjamin Morris, Assistant Director of Music.

Photography, audio and video recordings are not permitted during the service.

The congregation is asked to make sure that all mobile telephones are switched off.

At 5.25 pm, the Dean of York welcomes the congregation and gives notices.

ORDER OF SERVICE

At 5.30 pm, a bell is rung in the South Quire Aisle. The Precentor and Choir sing:

OPRAISE the Lord, all ye his hosts:
ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesu Christ,
who by thy glorious resurrection hast sanctified a day of rest for thy people,
grant that we dying unto sin and rising again to newness of life
may worthily offer up our prayers and praises to thy honour and glory,
who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost,
one God, world without end. Amen.

Thou art worthy at all times to be hymned with holy voices,
Son of God, giver of life:
therefore the world glorifies thee.
Amen.

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the Introit:

Today I rise, today I soar in splendour.
As the day keeps unveiling all her grandeur.
Let the chains of yesterday break away;
Today is here, I will not cling to yesterday.

Words Ozioma Ogbaji ♦ Music Lucy Walker (b 1998)

Please stand as the Procession enters the Quire.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

Cross and Lights
A Verger
The Choir of York Minster
The Director of Music

A Verger
Honorary Minor Canons
Canons Emeriti of York
The College of Canons of York
The Chapter of York

The Archbishop's Apparitor
The Registrar of the Diocese of York
The Archbishop of York
The Archbishop's Chaplain

The Canons-Elect and Chapter Clerk wait in the Central Crossing outside the Quire Screen Gates. The members of the Chapter stand before the Archbishop's Throne as the Archbishop takes his seat. Chapter members bow to the Archbishop and then go to their stalls. The Presenting Canons move to join the Canons-Elect and Chapter Clerk in the Central Crossing.

PRECES

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us;
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Music William Smith (c 1603–1645)

Please sit.

¶ THE COLLATION

GREETING BY THE ARCHBISHOP

Led by the Apparitor, the Archbishop and the Diocesan Registrar move to the well of the Quire.

Led by the Chapter Clerk, the Presenting Canons escort the Canons-Elect into the Quire from the Central Crossing and stand before the Archbishop.

The Presenting Canons present the Canons-Elect to the Archbishop on behalf of the Chapter of York:

ARCHBISHOP STEPHEN,
we present to you
Catherine Eve Poole,
and Jonathan Britton
lately appointed with your prior approval as Non-Executive Trustees of the Chapter of York, the governing body of this Cathedral Church, to be Collated respectively to the Canonries and Prebends of Newthorpe and Strensall, the prescribed Declarations of Assent and Oaths having already been made before you.

The Archbishop says:

Thank you for your presentation.

Eve and Jonathan,
I greet you in the name of the Lord. May your help come from the Lord, who has made heaven and earth.

ALMIGHTY God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

The Archbishop reads the Deeds of Collation.

The Archbishop presents each Canon with their Deed of Collation and blesses them.

Eve and Jonathan, receive authority to perform the ministry now entrusted to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

MAY the Lord look on you in mercy,
stir into flame the gift that is in you,
guide you and go with you,
inspire you to know his will and strengthen you to do it.

AND the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you, now and always.

Amen.

The Dean moves to stand before the Archbishop. The Archbishop presents the Mandates to the Dean and says:

Eve and Jonathan, have been collated respectively to the Canonries and Prebends of Newthorpe and Strensall.

I deliver to you these Mandates requiring the Chapter of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York to induct and admit Eve and Jonathan to the full possession of these canonical appointments in the Cathedral.

Led by the Diocesan Registrar, the Archbishop returns to his Throne.

¶ THE ADMISSION

Historically, the Admissions of new Canons took place in the Minster's Chapter House, in the presence of the Minster's College of Canons, the Dean taking their place as the head of the Foundation in the Dean's stall.

The Members of the College of Canons all stand.

The Apparitor and Chapter Clerk move to stand before the Dean.

The Dean says:

I CALL upon the Apparitor to certify that this gathering of the College of Canons has been convened in accordance with the prescribed due process.

The Apparitor says:

MR Dean and Canons of this Cathedral Church, the prescribed Citation having been duly executed according to the tenure thereof, I do hereby certify that the College of Canons of this Cathedral Church may this day proceed to the Admission of Catherine Eve Poole, as Canon and Prebendary of Newthorpe, and Jonathan Britton, as Canon and Prebendary of Strensall, to the College of Canons and to their Installation and Induction therein as charged and commanded by the Mandates received from the Lord Archbishop of York.

The Dean says:

IN the name of God. Amen.

I DOMINIC MATTHEW JESSE BARRINGTON, Clerk in Holy Orders, Dean of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York, Chair of this College – and the Members and Canons of this College now present – receive and admit you – Eve and Jonathan – in the prescribed manner.

The Dean vests each new Canon with their lay canon gown, saying:

TO the College of Canons of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York, to which you Eve and Jonathan, have been Collated in the prescribed manner, do we admit and invest you, together with all and singular the Rights Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, by the delivery of Book and Bread

The Dean gives the Book and the Bread (representing spiritual and bodily sustenance) to each new Canon.

and we receive you our Sister and Brother and fellow member of the College of Canons of the said Church by the Kiss of Charity.

The Dean greets each new Canon with the Kiss of Charity.

W^E decree you severally the Stall in the Chapter House, the Stall in the Quire and the place and voice in the College of Canons of the said Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York belonging respectively to the Canonries and Prebends of Newthorpe and Strensall as assigned to you, together with all and singular the Rights, Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, and we decree proper Testimonials on this behalf to be made.

Please stand for the Installation.

¶ THE INSTALLATION

Led by the Apparitor and Chapter Clerk, the Dean and the new Canons move to the return stalls at the western end of the Quire.

The Dean places each new Canon in turn in their assigned stall, and says:

I DOMINIC MATTHEW JESSE BARRINGTON, Clerk in Holy Orders, Dean of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York, Chair of this College – receive you as a fellow member of the College of Canons: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

IN the name of God. **Amen.** I install you, Eve, into the stall assigned by custom to the Canonry and Prebend of Newthorpe, Jonathan into the stall assigned by custom to the Canonry and Prebend of Strensall, founded in this Cathedral Church, with all and singular the Rights, Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging. The Lord give you wisdom, fidelity, courtesy and love in your heart and in your deeds. **Amen.**

The Dean returns to the well of the Quire and signs the following declaration:

“This Schedule was read in the Quire of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York on the Twentieth day of January in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Four
By the undersigned, Dean of York”

Those who have taken part in the Installation return to their seats and the Evensong liturgy resumes.

Please sit for the singing of the psalm but stand for the Gloria.

PSALM 104

Praise the Lord, O my soul ♦ O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious; thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment ♦ and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters ♦ and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

He maketh his angels spirits ♦ and his ministers a flaming fire.

He laid the foundations of the earth ♦ that it never should move at any time.

Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment ♦ the waters stand in the hills.

At thy rebuke they flee ♦ at the voice of thy thunder they are afraid.

They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath ♦ even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.

Thou hast set them their bounds which they shall not pass ♦ neither turn again to cover the earth.

He sendeth the springs into the rivers ♦ which run among the hills.

All beasts of the field drink thereof ♦ and the wild asses quench their thirst.

Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitation ♦ and sing among the branches.

He watereth the hills from above ♦ the earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.

He bringeth forth grass for the cattle ♦ and green herb for the service of men;

That he may bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man ♦ and oil to make him a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen man's heart.

The trees of the Lord also are full of sap ♦ even the cedars of Libanus which he hath planted;

Wherein the birds make their nests ♦ and the fir-trees are a dwelling for the stork.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats ♦ and so are the stony rocks for the conies.

He appointed the moon for certain seasons ♦ and the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou makest darkness that it may be night ♦ wherein all the beasts of the forest do move.

The lions roaring after their prey ♦ do seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, and they get them away together ♦ and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour ♦ until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works ♦ in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea also ♦ wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦ whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

These wait all upon thee ♦ that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

When thou givest it them they gather it ♦ and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.

When thou hidest thy face they are troubled ♦ when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.

When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made ♦ and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever ♦ the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

The earth shall tremble at the look of him ♦ if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live ♦ I will praise my God while I have my being.

And so shall my words please him ♦ my joy shall be in the Lord.

As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end ♦ praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

Please stand.

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.

Please sit.

FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

God said to Jacob, 'Arise, go up to Bethel, and settle there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.' So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, 'Put away the foreign gods that are among you, and purify yourselves, and change your clothes; then come, let us go up to Bethel, that I may make an altar there to the God who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.' So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak that was near Shechem.

As they journeyed, a terror from God fell upon the cities all around them, so that no one pursued them. Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him, and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel, because it was there that God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother. And Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak below Bethel. So it was called Allon-bacuth.

God appeared to Jacob again when he came from Paddan-aram, and he blessed him. God said to him, 'Your name is Jacob; no longer shall you be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name.' So he was called Israel. God said to him, 'I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall spring from you. The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you.' Then God went up from him at the place where he had spoken with him. Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured out a drink-offering on it, and poured oil on it. So Jacob called the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

Here ends the First Lesson.

GENESIS 35.1-15

Please stand.

MAGNIFICAT

MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud, in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy : hath holpen his servant Israel.

As he promised to our forefathers : Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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 Luke 1. 46–55

Music THE SECOND SERVICE, Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

Please sit.

SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

ACTS 10. 44–end

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation : which thou hast prepared before the face
of all people,

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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 Luke 2. 29–32

Music THE SECOND SERVICE, Kenneth Leighton

Please remain standing.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

IBELIEVE in God
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

THE LESSER LITANY, RESPONSES AND COLLECTS

The Precentor and Choir sing:

THE Lord be with you ♦ and with thy spirit.

LET us pray.

Please kneel or sit.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us ♦ And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King ♦ And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness ♦ And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people ♦ And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord ♦ Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us ♦ And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

ALmighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music William Smith

Please sit for the anthem sung by the Choir.

ANTHEM

Praise our Lord, all ye Gentiles; praise him, all ye people: because his mercy is confirmed upon us, and his truth remaineth for ever. Amen.

Words Psalm 117 translated by Richard Verstegan,
The Primer or Office of the Blessed Virgin Marie (1599)

Music William Byrd (c 1540–1623)

Please remain seated or kneel.

THE PRAYERS

We conclude our prayers for the needs of the world, the church and ourselves with the words of the Grace:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

Please stand.

HYMN



1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.’
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down, and drink, and live.’
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s Light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.’
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

Words NEH 376, Horatius Bonar (1808–1889)

Tune KINGSFOLD, NEH 376, adapted from an English folk song
by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Please remain standing.

¶ THE DISMISSAL

The Archbishop concludes the service with the final blessing, saying:

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King,
and all nations, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Please remain standing as the processions leave.

Please remain in your place until a steward invites you to move.

VOLUNTARY

Allegro maestoso (Sonata in G)

Sir Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

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