

The Church of Scotland

Presbytery of Orkney

Induction of Revd David Locke to Moncur Memorial Church, Stronsay

1.30pm Monday 6th September 2021

Welcome and call to worship

Hymn 120 God, we praise you. God, we bless you.

Opening Prayers *Rev Julia Meason*

Old Testament reading Isaiah 42: 10-13 *read by Mike Erdman*

New Testament reading John 21:1-19 *read by Shirley Whiteman*

Sermon *by Ms Chris Howard (lay reader)*

Hymn 251 'Here I am, Lord'

The Narrative *Margaret Sutherland (Depute Presbytery Clerk)*

Induction *Moderator of presbytery Rev John Butterfield*

The Signing of the Formula at the table

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Declaration

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the King and Head of the Church,
And by authority of this Presbytery,
I induct you to the reviewable charge of Stronsay
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

HYMN 532 Lord, You have come to the seashore

Questions to the Congregation

Do you, the people of this congregation in receiving David Locke whom you have called to be your minister, offer him your welcome and promise him your encouragement and support?

We do.

Do you each now agree to share with your minister the responsibility to follow and serve Jesus Christ in this parish?

We do.

And will you give of your time, talents, and money for the work of the Church in the world?

We will.

May the Lord give you joy as together as the people of God you seek and serve his kingdom in this parish.

The Charge to the Minister and The Congregation

The Charge to the Minister

We, your brothers and sisters of the Presbytery of Orkney, rejoice with you that through the love and mercy of God you have been called to minister in this place.

I now charge you in the name of the Church to seek to be worthy of your calling. With a humble spirit and grateful heart, work for the building up of the body of Christ. Together with the people to whom you are bound, share in the ministry of the reconciliation of all things in Christ Jesus.

Care for the people in your charge. As you exercise your own gifts, encourage them to seek out and to use their own particular gifts. As you pray continually for them, gratefully receive the love and strength they also offer you.

Seek to exhort and teach as one who is also under the authority of the Word of God.

Through sermon and sacrament, bring God's people to maturity of faith, and send them out to live and serve the Lord, strong in the Spirit, to the glory of God the Father. Reach out to those who have not yet come to faith; honour what is worthy in their lives, love them as God's scattered children; and seek to bring them safely home.

Do not neglect the gift you have been given. Be a faithful student of the Holy Scriptures, that what you read you may believe, what you believe you may teach, and what you teach you may practise. Pray with perseverance; renew your mind; refresh your body; open your eyes to be filled with the fullness of God. May you be diligent in your work for the church.

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

The Charge to the Congregation

Today a new ministry has begun, not simply of the one who has made these solemn vows, but of you also who are members of Christ in this place.

You have been welcomed in Christ. Each of you has received gifts by which you may share in the ministry of the Church. Renew these gifts by their exercise in Christ's ministry to the world, and as you use them in the building up of the body of Christ in love, unity, and peace. Gather in the house of God, minister and people together. Wait expectantly for the living Word. Seek in the sacraments the presence of Christ among you. Make offering of what you have and are; and receive the blessing of God.

As you welcome your new minister, make this community of Christ a place of true welcome for those who seek or for those who are in need of any kind. Find ways of making the Word declared in worship known publicly through what you say and do.

Uphold and encourage your minister with your friendship and your prayers, asking for him and for yourselves that the Holy Spirit may be poured out richly upon you, that you may all know do the will of God.

May you be flexible and understanding of the fact that your new minister is part time so there will be times when he is not available for work in the parish.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:5-6)

Prayers *(Revd Iain MacDonald)*

Hymn 198 Let us build a house where love can dwell.

Benediction

Presbytery processes out of the church to close the meeting while organ music is played in the church