

## **Taking part in today's induction service**

### Market Harborough Church members:

Margaret Nash, Church Secretary  
Rob Brannen, Member of the Recruitment Team  
Sheila Allen, Long standing church member  
Lesley Johnson, Member of the Pastoral Team  
Liz Mills Chair of Jubilee Foodbank  
Jenny Young, Member of the Steering Group  
Colin Freer, Property Manager  
Richard Bradbeer, Pulpit Supply Secretary

### Churches Together in Market Harborough:

Maureen Douglas, Co-Chair

### Congregational Churches:

Yvonne Campbell, General Secretary Congregational Federation

Rev Sara Iles

Rev Caroline Stott, Minister Lapford Congregational Church, CF President Elect

Rev Susan Durham, Minister Lanark EU Congregational Church

Members of Eyemouth Congregational Church

## **Bringing greetings in the hall**

Rev Peter Johnston, Devana Church of Scotland  
Nigel Redford

## **Musician**

Martin Warsop

# **Induction of Rev Ruairidh MacRae at the Congregational Church Market Harborough Saturday 22nd February 2025**



## Welcome and Call to Worship

Presiding: Yvonne Campbell

### Praise Praise to the Lord (MP564)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear; brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
shelters thee under his wings, and so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been  
granted in what He ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work,  
and defend thee!  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
gladly for aye we adore him.

Joachim Neander Tr Catherine Winkworth

Prayer: Yvonne Campbell

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6 Rob Brannen

### Praise I'll go in the strength of the Lord (MP862)

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,  
in paths He has marked for my feet;  
I'll follow the light of his word,  
nor shrink from the dangers I meet.  
His presence my steps shall attend,  
his fullness my wants shall supply;  
on Him, till my journey shall end,  
my unwavering faith will rely.

*I'll go, (I'll go,) I'll go in the strength,  
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.  
I'll go, (I'll go,) I'll go in the strength,  
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.*

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,  
to work he appoints me to do;  
in joy which his smile doth afford  
my soul shall its vigour renew.  
His wisdom shall guard me from harm,  
his power my sufficiency prove;  
I'll trust his omnipotent arm,  
and prove his unchangeable love. [Refrain]

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,  
to conflicts which faith will require;  
his grace, as my shield and reward,  
my courage and zeal shall inspire.  
Since he gives the word of command  
to meet and encounter the foe,  
with his sword of truth in my hand  
to suffer and triumph I'll go. [Refrain]

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**Blessing**

**Rev Ruairidh MacRae**

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 died,  
the wrath 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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<b>Address</b>	Rev Sara Iles
<b>Charge to the Minister &amp; Congregation</b>	Rev Caroline Stott
<b>Prayer</b>	Rev Susan Durham

## **Praise Ancient of Days (MP976)**

Blessing and honour, glory and power  
be unto the Ancient of Days.  
From every nation, all of creation  
bow before the Ancient of Days.

*Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare your glory,  
every knee shall bow at your throne in worship.  
You will be exalted, O God,  
and your kingdom shall not pass away,  
O Ancient of Days.*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:  
sing unto the Ancient of Days;  
for none can compare to Your matchless worth:  
sing unto the Ancient of Days.

*Every tongue in heaven and earth...*

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Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-13 Sheila Allen

## **Praise Master, speak (MP459)**

Master, speak! Thy servant heareth,  
waiting for Thy gracious word,  
longing for Thy voice that cheereth,  
Master, let it now be heard.  
I am listening, Lord, for thee;  
what hast Thou to say to me?

Speak to me by name, O Master,  
let me know it is to me;  
speak, that I may follow faster,  
with a step more firm and free,  
where the Shepherd leads the flock,  
in the shadow of the rock!

Master, speak! though least and lowest,  
let me not unheard depart;  
Master, speak! for O Thou knowest  
all the yearning of my heart,  
knowest all its truest need;  
speak, and make me blest indeed.

Master, speak! and make me ready,  
when Thy voice is truly heard,  
with obedience glad and steady,  
still to follow every word.

I am listening, Lord, for Thee:  
Master, speak, O speak to me!

Frances Ridley Havergal

### **Act of Induction**

Statement of Intent

Yvonne Campbell

Statement on behalf of the Church

Margaret Nash

Statement by the Minister

Roo MacRae

Questions to the Minister

Yvonne Campbell

Questions to the Members

Questions to the wider Church

Invite nominated members of MHCC to lay Hands  
Lesley Johnson, Liz Mills, Jenny Young

Prayer of Induction: Yvonne Campbell

Declaration of Induction

### **Right Hand of Fellowship from**

Church representatives:

Margaret Nash, Colin Freer, Richard Bradbeer

Congregational Federation representatives:

Yvonne Campbell, Caroline Stott

Churches Together in Harborough:

Maureen Douglas

Members of Eyemouth Congregational Church

The whole congregation joins in Aaronic blessing

***The Lord bless you and keep you***

***The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you***

***The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.***

### **Praise In Christ alone (MP1072)**

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 strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand