

Ordination of Susan Myatt
Saturday 10 September 2016
11am Tamworth Baptist Church

Don't panic. I'm with you.

There's no need to fear for I'm your God.

I'll give you strength. I'll help you.

I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you.

Isaiah 41:10

Please remain seated throughout the service. We have a number of people here today who need to be able to see the BSL signer.

The service will be in both English and BSL

Feel free to sing, or sign, or both, through the worship.

Tamworth Signs for Worship will be sign-singing a few songs before the service

Who's who?

- Rev Graham Criddle - minister at Tamworth Baptist Church
- Rev Adrian Argile - one of the regional ministers at the Heart of England Baptist Association (HEBA) and so has a role of supporting the local churches in this area
- Sue Silcock - a leader at Tamworth Baptist Church and a personal friend of Susan
- Rev Glen Marshall - principal of Northern Baptist College where Susan has been training for the last 4 years
- Martin Young - senior minister at Rising Brook Baptist Church, where Susan has been working throughout her training and where she will continue as part time minister
- Pat Callaghan - reader for Liverpool Diocese Deaf Churches
- Rev Cathy Nightingale - chaplain among the deaf for Manchester Diocese
- Liz Dipple - centre and community director at Rising Brook Baptist Church
- Malcolm Johnson - deaf leader at Lichfield Diocese
- Rev Hannah Lewis - chaplain with the deaf community for Liverpool Diocese

Welcome

Rev Graham Criddle

Worship

AMAZING GRACE! how sweet the sound (SoF 1702)
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone,
I've been set free,
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

*John Newton (1725–1807),
John P. Rees (1828–1900), Edwin O. Excell (1851–1921)
Arr. & add. chorus: Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio
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MY JESUS, MY SAVIOUR,

(SoF 935)

Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the
Promise I have in You.*

Darlene Zschech.

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(SoF 40)

BE STILL, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David J. Evans.

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Introduction

Rev Adrian Argile

Sisters and brothers, we meet together in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to ordain Susan Myatt to the office and work of a Christian minister.

We believe God has called Susan to serve as a pastor and today we acknowledge and celebrate that call, setting her apart with prayer for the service and purposes of God.

All God's people are called to ministry. All who are baptised into Jesus Christ and have received the Holy Spirit are called to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, and one another, in the fellowship of the Church and in all that they do.

God gives gifts to all, so that, like a body, all may share in the purposes of Christ for the world which God has made and for which Jesus Christ has died.

All are called to be disciples. All are called to be servants of God in Christ Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Yet God calls some to servant leadership in the Church and these are to be honoured among us. None may take this office upon themselves. Today we acknowledge our dependence upon God and seek to do his will.

We have sought God's guidance and prayerfully tested the calling of Susan within the local and the wider church. Now we gather in the name of Jesus Christ to ordain Susan as a Christian minister and to seek God's blessing through the power and graces of the Holy Spirit.

Telling the Story

Adrian to Susan:

Christian ministry is a sharing in the ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit and in response to the call of God. Susan, you are already a disciple of Jesus Christ, do you now acknowledge this further call on your life? Do you willingly and joyfully submit yourself as God's servant and as a minister in God's Church?

"I do, for God has called me."

Susan, come and tell us of the work of grace in your life and of God's calling of you to ministry.

Susan responds.

Adrian to Sue Silcock:

Sue, you represent the church of which Susan was a member when she heard and responded to this call of Jesus Christ. Can you confirm that the members of the church recognised God at work in this?

"I can. Susan was received into the membership of Tamworth Baptist Church."

Sue shares the 'Tamworth' story

Adrian shares 'HEBA' commendation:

The Ministerial Recognition Group of the Association met with Susan to hear God's call to set aside Susan for ministry amongst the churches of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. We tested this call to ministry through question, commendation and prayer and we gladly commend Susan for ordination today.

Adrian to Rev Glen Marshall

Glen, you represent Northern Baptist College, where Susan was prepared for Christian ministry. Do you now recommend her for ordination to ministry in the Church of Jesus Christ?

“Susan has prepared for Christian ministry through a life of study, prayer and service. She has studied the scriptures and the faith of the Christian Church, and has applied herself to the practice of ministry. Sharing in the Church’s fellowship and witness, she has been equipped for Christian ministry as a pastor, and we now commend her to the churches.”

Adrian to Martin Young:

Martin, you represent Rising Brook Church can you confirm that Susan is called to Christian ministry and that you have invited her to exercise that ministry amongst you?

“I can. We the members of Rising Brook Baptist Church have invited Susan to minister through the fellowship. We have worshipped together, shared our hopes for the future, and believe that God is calling us to journey together.”

Adrian shares wider calling:

In addition to ministering at Rising Brook, Susan has also been invited to develop ministry amongst the deaf throughout the Baptist family across the country. This is a development role and new to the Baptist Union and we look forward to walking with Susan in seeing God’s Kingdom grow.

Psalm 150: (Deaf version) Praise God!
(everyone to say/sign together)

Pat Callaghan

Alleluia!
Praise the holy God.
Praise the Almighty God.
Praise God for everything he has done.
Praise God with big signs.

Praise God with lively dancing.
Praise God with hands that clap.
Praise God with waving flags.
Praise God with flashing lights.
Praise God with stamping feet.
Everyone come and praise the Lord.
Alleluia!

@Hannah Lewis 2003

Readings

Psalm 139:1-6 & 13-18

Rev Cathy Nightingale

LORD, when you look at me you know all about me.
You know when I sit down.
And you know when I get up.
You understand what I am thinking about
(even when you are) far away.

You see when I go (somewhere).
And you see when I stay (at home).
You remember everything that I do!
For example, before I say a word,
LORD, you know all about it.

You are all round me, in front (of me) and behind (me).
You have put your hand upon me.
What you know (about me) is wonderful.
I cannot understand it.
It is so high that I cannot climb up to it.

But you, you made every part of me.
You made me grow in my mother's womb.
I praise you for the mysterious and wonderful way that you made me.
I know very well that everything that you made is wonderful.
(Nothing) hid my body from you when I was growing in a secret place.
This happened deep in the earth.
Your eyes saw my body growing.
Before I had lived one day,
you wrote in your book how long I should live for!
You have so many ideas, God.
They are so difficult for me to understand.
If I could count them all,
there would be more than the grains of sand (by the side of the sea).
I would have to live (as long) as you to count them all!

Mark 1:14-20

Liz Dipple

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee and told people the Good News from God. He said, "The right time is now here. God's kingdom is very near. Change your hearts and lives, and believe the Good News!"

Jesus was walking by Lake Galilee. He saw Simon and his brother Andrew. These two men were fishermen, and they were throwing a net into the lake to catch fish. Jesus said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you a different kind of fishermen. You will bring in people, not fish." So they immediately left their nets and followed Jesus.

Jesus continued walking by Lake Galilee. He saw two more brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in their boat, preparing their nets to catch fish. Their father Zebedee and the men who worked for him were in the boat with the brothers. When Jesus saw the brothers, he told them to come. They left their father and followed Jesus.

Confessing Faith and Promising Faithfulness Rev Adrian Argile

We have heard how the call to Christian ministry has been heard by Susan and confirmed by those charged with testing it. Susan will now make promises to exercise that ministry with faithfulness and love.

The Ordination Vows

Do you believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and do you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord?

“I do. This is the God in whom I trust”

Do you believe that you are called by God to a life of ministry and the work of a pastor?

“I believe that God has called me.

Will you proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through word and deed, making disciples and seeking the coming kingdom of God?

“As a disciple of Jesus Christ, I will call others to follow Him.”

Do you accept the scriptures as revealing the salvation of God in Jesus Christ? Will you live a life of holiness and prayer and open yourself to the ministry of the Holy Spirit who will lead us into all truth?

“As a disciple of Jesus Christ, I will search the word of God and be open to the Spirit’s leading.”

Will you serve and pastor the people of God with gentle nurture and faithful teaching? Will you set before them the whole counsel of God as you proclaim Christ, the living Word? Will you be faithful in worship and prayer, and, through word and sacrament, will you

celebrate the grace of God, seeking to pattern yourself and those you serve after the likeness of Jesus Christ?

“As a disciple of Jesus Christ, I will minister in His way.”

Will you ‘make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace’? Will you represent the wider Church of Jesus Christ in the places where you serve, and watching over them in humility and patience, will you care for the people of God, serving, and not lording it over them? Will you welcome the stranger and build up the body of Christ until we all come ‘to maturity, measured by nothing less than the full stature of Christ?’

“Abiding in the love of God, and relying on His grace, I will.”

Will you pray for the coming kingdom of God? Will you, under God, build up the body of Christ, seek peace, work for justice, minister forgiveness and always walk in the way of love?

“As a disciple of Jesus Christ and with the help of God’s Spirit, I will.”

Jesus challenged his disciples to leave self behind, take up a cross and follow him. Will you follow Christ wherever he leads you, remaining faithful to your Lord until he comes or calls you to your heavenly rest?

“With the Lord’s help, I will.”

May the God of grace keep you steadfast in the vows you have made, living and serving in the power of the Holy Spirit as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Are you in whole-hearted agreement with the Declaration of Principle of the Baptist Union of Great Britain?

“I am.”

Ordination Prayer with the Laying on of Hands

There will be 2 groups: hearing and deaf.

Declaration

Rev Adrian Argile

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we declare you, Susan Myatt, to be ordained a pastor in the church of Jesus Christ and commissioned for ministry within the Baptist Union of Great Britain. Seek the kingdom of God, be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life may bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

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 the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Worship

KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY,

(SoF 1404)

God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End:
All within me falls at Your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve Your majesty.*

Earth and heaven worship You,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner near to Your throne:
All within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty...

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signed by Malcolm Johnson
(SoF 2231)

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL;
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord....

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord....

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending;
Ten thousand years and then forever more!

Bless the Lord....

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Led by Rev Hannah Lewis (no music, just sign or say)

*All over my body I feel rhythm,
All over my body I feel rhythm,
All over my body I feel rhythm,
There must be a God somewhere*

When the world is still, I feel rhythm
When the world is still, I feel rhythm
When the world is still, I feel rhythm
There must be a God somewhere

All over my body...

When I'm feeling lonely, I feel rhythm
When I'm feeling lonely, I feel rhythm
When I'm feeling lonely, I feel rhythm
There must be a God somewhere

All over my body...

When I think of Jesus, I feel rhythm
When I think of Jesus, I feel rhythm
When I think of Jesus, I feel rhythm
There must be a God somewhere

All over my body...

*Adapted from African American Spiritual
'Over my head I hear music in
the air' by Hannah Lewis. 2006.*

Explanation about finger printing activity
Activity led by Rachel Allen

Rev Susan Myatt

Blessing

Rev Graham Criddle

Declaration of Principle of the Baptist Union of Great Britain
(this is referred to in the service)

The basis of this Union is:

1. That our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, is the sole and absolute authority in all matters pertaining to faith and practice, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and that each church has liberty, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to interpret and administer his laws.
2. That Christian baptism is the immersion in water into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, of those who have professed repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who 'died for our sins according to the Scriptures; was buried, and rose again on the third day'.
3. That it is the duty of every disciple to bear personal witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to take part in the evangelization of the world.

*Thank you to all who have come today,
have taken part or have helped in any way.*

*Thank you to all who have supported Susan
through her training.*