



The Head of School Commissioning Service for
Mrs Lauren Stallard of Malborough with South Huish
C of E Primary School
and
Mr Henry Everitt of Salcombe C of E Primary School

Father Daniel: Welcome in the name of Christ. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Father Daniel: We are gathered here on this special day to welcome Mrs Lauren Stallard and Mr Henry Everitt, as our new Heads of Schools into our school community.

All: We welcome you.

Hymn - When your Father made the world

When your Father made the world, before that world was old,
in his eyes what he had made was lovely to behold,
help your people to care for your world.

*The world is a garden you made,
and you are the one who planted the seed,
the world is a garden you made,
a life for our food, life for our joy,
life we could kill with our selfish greed.*

And the world that he had made, the seas, the rocks, the air,
all the creatures and the plants, he gave into our care.
Help your people to care for your world.

The world is a garden....

When you walked in Galilee, you said your Father knows
when each tiny sparrow dies, each fragile lily grows.
Help your people to care for your world.

The world is a garden....

And the children of the earth, like sheep within your fold,
should have food enough to eat, and shelter from the cold.
Help your people to care for your world.

*The world is a garden you made,
and you are the one who planted the seed,
the world is a garden you made,
a life for our food, life for our joy,
life we could kill with our selfish greed.*

Father Daniel: We join to welcome Mrs Stallard and Mr Everitt to the school and to acknowledge their Christian Ministry of Headship. Each group, when asked for your commitment, please respond with: We will with the help of God.

Mrs Stallard as the Head of School of Malborough with South Huish Primary School you have a special responsibility to ensure that everyone in your school is valued and recognised as being a child of God, uniquely gifted by Him.

You are responsible for ensuring the school is rooted in Christian values, principals and beliefs; that worship and Religious Education are central to the whole life of the school; and that the Christian faith influences the whole school curriculum and its ethos.

Do you commit yourself to this work? **Mrs Stallard: I will, with the help of God.**

Mr Everitt as the Head of School at Salcombe Primary School you have a special responsibility to ensure that everyone in your school is valued and recognised as being a child of God, uniquely gifted by Him.

You are responsible for ensuring the school is rooted in Christian values, principals and beliefs; that worship and Religious Education are central to the whole life of the school; and that the Christian faith influences the whole school curriculum and its ethos.

Do you commit yourself to this work? **Mr Everitt: I will, with the help of God.**

Father Daniel: Parents, you are your children's first educators and partners with the school in their education. Do you commit yourselves to working with both the Heads of School, staff and governors of Malborough with South Huish and Salcombe Primary Schools by supporting them in their work? **Parents: We will, with the help of God.**

Father Daniel: Children, will you promise to do your best to help your new Head of School and the staff at your school? **Children: We will, with the help of God.**

Father Daniel: Governors, as those who have appointed these new Heads of School, do you commit yourselves to supporting them in ensuring that all pupils receive an education in the context of the Christian faith? **Governors: We will, with the help of God.**

Father Daniel: Staff, do you commit yourselves to the education and nurture of pupils in a Christian environment and to working with and supporting your new Head of School? **Staff: We will, with the help of God.**

Father Daniel: As members of this congregation and as members of the local community, will you support the Headteacher, staff and governors as they seek to educate the children of our school in the context of the Christian Faith? **ALL: We will, with the help of God.**

Father Daniel: Mrs Stallard and Mr Everitt, you are entrusted with the leadership and management of a school and the nurture of its pupils is a solemn trust. We pray that God will strengthen you by His grace to faithfully fulfil this task.

Father Daniel: Receive these Bibles to mark your new headship. It is God's Word and the foundation of all true wisdom. Use it to guide and inspire you.

A representative from the school: Receive these keys to which symbolises responsibility and trust. They are also symbolic of the role of Head of School has in unlocking the potential for the staff and pupils of the school.

Chair of Governors: Receive these prayer books symbolising that regular prayer is the foundation for spiritual growth

Father Daniel: Lord give to Mrs Stallard and Mr Everitt your special gifts of love, joy, wisdom, grace and understanding that they may serve your children with gladness to the honour of your Holy Name.

Prayer read by the pupils of both Malborough and Salcombe Primary Schools

Lighting of the candles

Mrs Stallard and Mr Everitt come forward and receive the lit candles from Father Daniel.

Father Daniel: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Mrs Stallard now that you belong to Malborough with South Huish Primary School, may you kindle the light of Jesus in your heart.

Father Daniel: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Mr Everitt now that you belong to Salcombe Primary School, may you kindle the light of Jesus in your heart.

Hymn – Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
they came with me and the dance went on.
Dance, then, wherever you may be....

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a cross to die.
Dance, then, wherever you may be....

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you live in me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he*

Blessing from Father Daniel and dismissal

**Please stay after the service and join us for refreshments, organised
by the Malborough PTFA.**

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