

Induction of Rev Ernest Cross 1932



The parish church of East Knoyle was crowded on Saturday evening with the parishioners and visiting clergy who came to join in the service of the induction of the Rev Ernest Cross as rector.

The Right Rev the Lord Bishop of Salisbury attended to perform the ceremony, accompanied by the Venerable Archdeacon of Sarum. The solemn ceremony of the presentation of the Rector-designate to the Bishop and the Bishop's charge was followed by the declarations and the signing of the Deed of Institution by the Bishop.

With due solemnity, the Rector-designate, accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon, proceeded to the church door, unlocked it, and then tolled the bell.

In the course of his address, the Bishop said that the induction made a special appeal to the parishioners because probably very few of them had ever seen the solemn ceremony before. To him, who had instituted many incumbents, it made a special appeal also because he had been so closely associated with their new Rector since he had come to Wiltshire.

He delivered him to the parish with the confidence, hope and knowledge that he was capable of preaching that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand. He had given up his part of the secretariat work in order to get nearer to the curing of human souls. It was all part of the work of the Kingdom of God, but he was quite right in having a charge.

In their new Rector, they had someone they could trust. He hoped that this was going to send a new pulse of life through the parish and that it was going to have a new lease of life. He was quite sure that there was not going to be any trouble in the parish, but if at any time the Rector did anything with which they did not agree, that would be the real test of their loyalty to the church.

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