

**Induction of Rev Trevor Neill  
as Ministry Team Leader  
at Selsdon Baptist Church  
Saturday 18 August 2018 3.00pm**



**Welcome and opening worship** – Rev David Rogers (Moderator)

**Song:** Lord I come before your throne of grace (What a faithful God)

**Prayer**

**Greeting and Introduction** – Rev Phil Barnard (LBA Regional Minister)

**Telling the Story**

Theresa Nichols SBC Church Secretary and Rev Trevor Neill:  
Trevor's calling to Selsdon Baptist Church as Ministry Team Leader.  
Commendation of Trevor by Prof Duncan Lawson on behalf of Trevor's  
former church, Yardley Wood Baptist Church

**Songs:** Faithful One  
Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise

**Confessing Faith and Promising Faithfulness: The Covenant of Church  
and Minister** – Trevor Neill

***SBC members of the congregation stand and respond using the words in  
bold.***

Today we stand with each other,  
**recognising the Christ in our midst,**  
affirming our faith in the God who loves us with a love that  
transforms us,  
**and who calls us to work for a transformed world.**

Today we stand with each other,  
**recognising the Christ in each other,**  
affirming the calling of the Spirit  
**who has brought us together this day.**

Today I bring myself and the gifts I have, and I covenant to serve and  
encourage this church and community: to respect and care for you, to  
take responsibility among you, to journey with you, to seek God with  
you, to listen to God in you, and to work with you to be Christ in this  
world.

**Today we bring ourselves and the gifts we have,  
and we covenant to serve and encourage  
this church and community:  
to respect and care for each other,**

**to take responsibility for the people we are  
and the people we hope to be in Christ,  
and to encourage you as our minister  
as we make this journey together.**

What kind of people does Christ call us to be?

**We are called to be a prophetic people,  
working for justice, resisting violence  
and challenging the abuse of power.**

**We are called to be an inclusive people,  
pulling down the walls of prejudice  
and welcoming the stranger.**

**We are called to be a sacrificial people,  
risking uncertainty, becoming vulnerable,  
and reflecting the generosity of God.**

**We are called to be a missionary people,  
demonstrating in word and action  
the redeeming love of God in the world.**

**We are called to be a worshipping people,  
seeking and celebrating the God who journeys with us,  
and open to the Spirit in the whole of life.**

God of life,  
you call us and envision us,  
we give ourselves today  
to each other and to you,  
trusting that as you call us  
so you covenant  
to share this journey with us,  
to nurture and sustain our life together  
and to guide our paths. **Amen.**

**Recognition** –Phil Barnard

*The presiding minister invites **all** to stand*

As friends and representatives of the wider church and community,  
we have heard this church and minister  
affirm their faith and make a covenant  
with each other and with God.  
If you will recognise and support this new relationship,  
then say with me:

**Today we stand with you,  
recognising the commitment you have made,  
offering our encouragement  
for the challenges that lie ahead of you,  
and sharing in your hope for a new day.**

**Induction prayer for the church and minister** – Phil Barnard  
*Followed by prayer with laying on of hands for Trevor.*

**Declaration and Blessing** – Phil Barnard  
***Visiting members of the congregation***, as representatives of  
the wider church, say together the blessing below:

**The covenant God  
bind you in grace and love,  
the faithful God  
keep you faithful through all things  
and the God of hope and peace  
sustain you in the way of Jesus,  
this day and every day. Amen**

**Song:** Holy Overshadowing.

**Reading:** Isaiah 43:14-21 - Ms Jess Thomas

**Sermon:** Rev Tim Fergusson

**Song:** Be Thou my Vision

**Blessing** – Trevor Neill

*Please join us in the halls upstairs for light refreshments and  
informal greetings.*