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The next Bishop of Blackburn will be JULIAN HENDERSON

Our new Bishop-elect and his wife, Heather, were greeted by prolonged applause from the cathedral and diocesan staff as they walked into our cathedral on Friday 1st March – just 90 minutes after the official announcement of his appointment had been made from Downing Street.



They were welcomed at the West door by **The Dean, Bishops John of Burnley and Geoff of Lancaster, and our two Archdeacons.**

Julian Henderson is currently Archdeacon of Dorking in Surrey. He was born in 1954 and educated at Keble College, Oxford. He is currently chair of the Church of England General Synod Business Committee, and supports The Limpsfield Trust which works to provide **fun activity holidays** for young people from across the UK from all backgrounds.



Bishop John welcomed Archdeacon and Mrs Henderson on behalf of us all, and then Archdeacon Henderson spoke briefly, to say how humbled he was to be nominated as the next Bishop of Blackburn.

In 2010 the Archdeacon was one of 4000 delegates representing 198 countries at the Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelisation in Cape Town, which was *'the most representative gathering of Christian leaders in the 2000 year history of the Christian movement.'* (Christianity Today). He heard powerful stories about evangelisation and the importance of placing God at the centre of people's lives, not only speaking about faith, but acting out our faith in the Works we do as Christians.

Archdeacon and Mrs Henderson have two grown-up children, **Susannah, 27** and **Jamie 25**. He enjoys gardening, DIY, walking, reading, tennis and cycling.



After the Dean had welcomed the Venerable and Mrs Henderson, Bishop Geoff prayed for them both, supported by the praying hands of clergy and members of the staff. This was indeed most moving.

Bishop John then invited us all to gather around the Bishop-elect and Mrs Henderson – and a spirit of joy, which our new Bishop had so evidently brought with him, pervaded the whole assembly.



When will our new Bishop be enthroned? Well, he has to be consecrated as a bishop first, and this might not happen until October. **So we may expect to welcome our new Bishop around November.**

Watch this space!

