Zooming their way into ministry

Last Sunday, 13 of our soon-to-be curates were licensed online as lay workers.

Lockdown and the present government restrictions have meant that the ordinations to the deaconate that would normally take place at Petertide have been postponed until September.

So the virtual licensing will allow the 13, who have been training for ordination, to start work in the parishes where they will eventually serve as assistant curates.

The service took place via Zoom, with Bishop Nicholas at South Canonry and the 13 candidates in their parishes, and Bishop Karen and Bishop Andrew, Dean Nicholas and the 4 Archdeacons also attending from their homes.

Friends and family joined from a separate link, technology allowing.

Please pray for all of the candidates as they prepare for this unusual start to their ministry:

- Ali Alexander (Salisbury St Thomas and St Edmund)
- Sharon Boyle (Wimborne Minster and the Northern Villages)
- Adrian Burholt (Wellsprings)
- Helen Croud (Bridport)
- Karen Franklin (Canford Magna – The Lantern)
- Katie Jackson (Broughton Gifford, Great Chalfield and Holt St Katharine)
- Gerry Lynch (Devizes St John and St Mary)
- Leila Mather (Charminster, Stinsford and the Chalke Stream Villages)
- Matt Smith (Corfe Mullen)
- Caroline Spindlow (Warminster Christ Church)
- Nick Webb (St Aldhelm)
- Nick Wells (Wimborne Minster and the Northern Villages)
- Helen Williams (Wareham)