

1st October, 2020

Dear All,



It's with relief and joy that after months of uncertainty and changing restrictions the ordination services are set to go ahead this weekend in Winchester Cathedral. As a benefice we are blessed to support Matt Bianchi as he is ordained Priest and Sam Chandler as she is ordained Deacon. In 'normal' times we would have been excited to gather with a huge crowd in the Cathedral to cheer them on literally but sadly this time we can't. We can however watch at home and join with those in the Cathedral as we pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire and equip them for all they are called to do as servants of God.

I am aware that ordinarily we might all have had informal conversations with them both as they prepare for their ordinations. In place of this I recorded a zoom conversation with Sam and Matt earlier in the week – do click [here](#) and press play to listen to it.

Below are a few things that will enable you to watch and participate in both services.

Matt's Ordination service is at 7pm on Saturday 3rd October

the link to watch is [here](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qogFKhuIW_s&feature=youtu.be

And the PDF for the order of service is attached

Sam's Ordination service is at 10am on Sunday 4th October

the link to watch is [here](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOHk4SbQ7Pw&feature=youtu.be>

And the PDF for the order of service is attached

I do hope you will enjoy participating in these services in place of worship at All Saints this Sunday and I look forward to seeing you soon,

God bless
Angie