

The  
Induction of  
Rev Malcolm Duncan



As  
Senior Pastor  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2010 6.30pm  
Gold Hill Baptist Church

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNG WORSHIP

1.

Everlasting God,  
the years go by but you're unchanging;  
in this fragile world  
you are the only firm foundation.

Always loving, always true,  
always merciful and good. so good.

Yesterday, today and forever  
you are the same, you never change.  
Yesterday, today and forever,  
you are faithful and we will trust in you.

Uncreated one,  
you have no end and no beginning,  
earthly powers fade,  
but there is no end to your kingdom.

Always loving, always true,  
always merciful and good, so good.

Yahweh, God unchanging.  
Yahweh, firm foundation.  
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2.

The greatest day in history  
Death is beaten, you have rescued me  
Sing it out - Jesus is alive  
The empty cross, the empty grave  
Life eternal, you have won the day  
Celebrate - Jesus is alive, He's alive!

And oh happy day, happy day  
You washed my sin away  
Oh happy day, happy day  
I'll never be the same  
Forever I am changed

When I stand in that place  
Free at last, meeting face to face  
I am yours, Jesus you are mine  
Endless joy, perfect peace  
Every pain finally will cease  
Celebrate, Jesus is alive, He's alive!

Oh what a glorious day  
What a glorious way  
That you have saved me  
And oh what a glorious day  
What a glorious way...  
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3.

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All:  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross, as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied  
for every sin on him was laid:  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home:  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.  
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# 1. INTRODUCTION & TELLING THE STORY

Duncan Stott

Malcolm and his family

# 2. COMMENDATION

Malcolm will be commended to Gold Hill by Warham, the Chapel and Elim.

# 3. CONFESSION OF FAITH & PROMISING FAITHFULNESS

We welcome the Rev Stephen Copson, representing the Central Baptist Association and the Baptist Union of Great Britain, who will conduct this part of the service. He will direct questions to Malcolm Duncan, his wife Debbie, Gold Hill leaders and members and finally the whole congregation.

## QUESTIONS TO MALCOLM DUNCAN

All Christians are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to follow in his way. Malcolm, as a Christian minister, you are first a disciple of Christ, and so I ask you to affirm afresh your faith and trust in God, a faith which you have already confessed in baptism.

Do you believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and do you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord?  
I do.

Malcolm, you have been called to be the senior pastor of this church, its leaders, staff team and congregation.

Do you accept the charge from Christ to care for his people with all diligence and compassion? Will you care for the weak, bring Christ's healing to the broken-hearted, lift up the downcast, and pray regularly for those committed to your care?  
I will, God's Spirit empowering me.

Will you along with your fellow leaders 'equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ'?

Will you lead and enable God's people in their mission to the world, seeking God's kingdom, proclaiming the gospel in word and deed and seeking to make Christ known in every way?  
I will, the risen Christ inspiring me.

Will you 'make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace'? By your example, will you lead this church in all godly living and devotion to Christ through prayer and the reading of scripture? Will you be diligent in ensuring the God honouring leading of gathered worship here at Gold Hill, the faithful participation in the Lord's table and in the preaching the word of God?

In the name of God who is,  
The Father of all,  
The living Word, and  
The Spirit of unity, I will.

#### QUESTION FOR MALCOLM'S WIFE DEBBIE:

You have heard the promises made by Malcolm today.  
Will you join in that commitment to Christ and his people, promising to support and encourage him in his ministry in this church and community?  
I will.

#### QUESTIONS TO THE LEADERS AT GOLD HILL:

Stephen Copson will address those who will share in leadership with the minister, such as elders, deacons, other staff members and the church council. Please stand.

Do you believe you have been called by God to work together humbly and willingly in serving this church and community?

We do.

Do you promise to honour and respect one another, 'doing nothing from vain conceit, but in humility regarding others as better than yourselves,' and do you promise to work with the members of this church in its calling to seek the kingdom of God?

We will.

#### QUESTIONS TO THE MEMBERS OF GOLD HILL:

Stephen Copson will invite the members of Gold Hill to stand.

My sisters and brothers, a new chapter in the life of this church is opened today.

I invite you now to renew your commitment to Christ and this church, to affirm again the vows of your baptism.

Do you believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and do you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord?

We do.

Do you accept and welcome Malcolm as your senior pastor, and do you promise to honour and support him and his family with your love and prayers, working together with them in your shared calling to witness to Christ in this place?

We do.

Paul, the apostle, says 'You were bought with a price.' Will you serve Jesus Christ as Lord, bearing witness to him and daily taking up your cross to follow him?

We will.

## QUESTIONS TO THE WHOLE CONGREGATION:

Stephen Copson will invite the whole congregation to stand.

As representatives of the wider church and community, will you offer your support at this new beginning in the life of church and minister, and will you join in praying for them all? We will.

## 4. INDUCTION PRAYER & PROPHETIC WORDS

A representative group of leaders and other supporters will gather round Malcolm & Debbie and pray for them and Gold Hill Baptist Church.

There will be an opportunity to bring scriptures or words of prophecy at this point.

## 5. DECLARATION & BLESSING

Stephen Copson will then say, Malcolm Duncan, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the name of the Central Baptist Association and the Baptist Union of Great Britain and on behalf of this church, I declare you inducted to the pastorate of this church and congregation.

As you lead the people of God and care for them, as you serve and pray for this community, may the Lord richly bless and sustain you.

The whole congregation says:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you  
and give you peace. Amen.

## SUNG WORSHIP

O precious sight, my Savior stands,  
Dying for me with outstretched hands.

O precious sight, I love to gaze,  
Remembering salvation's day,  
Remembering salvation's day.  
Though my eyes linger on this scene,  
May passing time and years not steal  
The power with which it impacts me,  
The freshness of its mystery,  
The freshness of its mystery.

May I never lose the wonder,  
The wonder of the cross.  
May I see it like the first time  
Standing as a sinner lost,  
Undone by mercy and left speechless,  
Watching wide eyed at the cost.  
May I never lose the wonder,  
The wonder of the cross.

Behold the God-man crucified,  
The perfect sinless sacrifice.  
As blood ran down those nails and wood,  
History was split in two, yes,  
History was split in two.  
Behold the empty wooden tree,  
His body gone, alive and free.  
We sing with everlasting joy,  
For sin and death have been destroyed, yes,  
Sin and death have been destroyed.

Words and Music by Vicky Beeching

PRAYER – led by either Ian and Pauline Cole, Lloyd Cook, or, Adrian Lowe.

READING & MESSAGE - Rev Dr Steve Brady.

## SUNG WORSHIP

And can it be, that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
for me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!  
who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first born seraph tries  
to sound the depth of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
let angel-minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above  
(so free, so infinite his grace!)  
Emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread,  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;  
Alive in him, my living head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my  
OWN.

Charles Wesley

CLOSING PRAYER - Rev Malcolm Duncan.

Thank you for coming to this induction.  
Please record your presence by signing one of the cards with your name and perhaps a  
little thought for Malcolm, his family and the church.  
You will find them placed strategically throughout our premises.

This service will be followed by light refreshments  
which will be served in the extension;  
do stay if you possibly can.



Please continue to pray for Malcolm  
as he commences his ministry here at Gold Hill.  
He will be preaching at both our morning  
services tomorrow (9.00 & 10.30am).

Do continue to remember our whole church in your prayers as together  
We seek to be a shining light in Chalfont St Peter and beyond.  
We want people to know that God is not some remote historical deity,  
but a dynamic, loving, personal Saviour and Lord.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL, ESPECIALLY THOSE BEHIND THE SCENES,  
WHO HAVE HELPED TO MAKE THIS SUCH A TERRIFIC SERVICE.



WE WOULD ALSO WISH TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE  
PARTICIPATED IN THIS INDUCTION SERVICE:

Rev Malcolm and Mrs Debbie Duncan,  
Matthew, Anna, Benjamin and Riodhna.

Rev Stephen Copson - Secretary of the Central Baptist Association.

Rev Dr Steve Brady - Principal of Moorlands College.

Mr Gordon Scutt - Chair of Trustees of Warham Trust.

Dr Philip & Mrs Jocelyn Haynes and Mr Ian & Mrs Gill Rogers -  
Elders of The Chapel at Mortimer West End.

Rev Adrian Lowe - Senior Pastor of Amblecote Christian Centre and Director of The Net.

Rev Ian and Mrs Pauline Coles - Director of the National Prayer Centre.

Rev Mark Ryan - Senior Pastor of Birmingham Christian Centre.

Mr Lloyd Cook - CEO of Saltbox.

Mr Duncan Stott - Elder, Overseas Mission, Gold Hill Baptist Church.

Mr John Newman - Elder, Administration and Finance, Gold Hill Baptist Church.

Rev Keith King - Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care & Counselling, Gold Hill Baptist Church.

And of course - Our terrific worship group!

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We want to ... "Know God, to know ourselves in God and to make him known"