Welcome Service for Rev Gill le Boutillier-Scott and Rev Paul Lau Sunday, 6 September 2020, 10.30 am via Streamyard led by Rev Dr Bonni-Belle Pickard, Co-Superintendent, N Kent Circuit sermon by Rev Helen Hollands, Asst District Chair, SE District

==ORDER OF SERVICE==

Welcome -- BBP

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn -- To God be the glory, StF 94

Prayers - MW 356

Scripture readings

Isaiah 43:1-4a -- Tony Graff – *pre-recorded* Matthew 10:26-31 – Henry Chung (Cantonese) – *pre-recorded* 1 Peter 3:8-17 – Gill Gray – *(live or pre-recorded)*

Sermon – Rev Hollands – pre-recorded

Hymn – Have you heard God's Voice – StF 662

The Presentation, Promises and Welcome – MW 358 Presentation – BBP with Gill and Paul Promises – BBP with Gill and Paul, Gill Gray **Responses** Gill Gray – Sr Steward Helen Hollands -- *pre-recorded* Karen Dudley – The Brent *pre-recorded* Phyllis Lai – MCMC *pre-recorded*

> Gill IBS Paul Lau

Prayers of intercession, Lord's Prayer - MW 361

Hymn – Will You Come and Follow Me? StF 673

Closing Prayer – MW 365

Let us pray.

God of truth, you are worthy of higher praise than we can offer, and of purer worship than we can imagine. By your Holy Spirit, assist us in our prayers and draw us to yourself, so that what is lacking in our thoughts and actions and in our words and music, may be supplied by your overflowing love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Silence

Gracious God, when we do not listen for your word in the words of others, forgive and renew us.

When we do not use the gifts you have bestowed on us, **forgive and renew us.**

When we do not love one another as sisters and brothers in Christ, **forgive and renew us.**

When we do not serve our neighbours in their need, forgive and renew us.

When we do not share the Good News with those around us, **forgive and renew us.**

Silence

God calls us to serve, forgives us in Christ, and renews us by the Spirit. Amen. Thanks be to God

God of all grace, you call your Church to be a holy people to the praise of your name. In the power of your Spirit, fill our hearts with your love and our lives with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hear the Gospel of Christ. Glory to Christ our Saviour

This is the Gospel of Christ **Praise to Christ our Lord** ==

The Presentation, Promises and Welcome The Presiding Minister says to the people:

Sisters and brothers, I present to you the Rev. Gill le Boutillier-Scott and Rev Paul Lau, whom the Conference has appointed to serve in this Circuit.

The Presiding Minister says to the newly – appointed presbyters

Gill and Paul, will you hold before us the story of God's love and mercy, above all, the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and will you be among us as one who preaches the word of God, administers Baptism, presides at the Lord's Supper, teaches the faith, and cares for the flock?

Answer: I will. I ask God to help me, and I invite you all to join with me in proclaiming the Gospel of life and hope.

Through Christ, we have Good News to share.

Will you hold before us God's call to holy living and be among us as one who awakens the careless and strengthens the faithful?

Answer: I will. I ask God to help me, and I invite you all to join with me in commitment to the way of Christ.

May we reveal Christ's way through our words and example.

Will you hold before us God's commitment to human community, to our neighbourhoods and all who live within them, and to the world that God has made?

Answer: I will. I ask God to help me, and I invite you all to join with me in sharing God's all-embracing love.

May we respond to Christ in all we meet.

A Circuit Steward says to the people:

Sisters and brothers, will you welcome Gill and Paul and will you offer him your friendship, support and prayers as we join together in the work to which God has called us?

With God's help, we will.

Welcome given by the circuit to Gill and Paul and family, followed by welcome by Civic and ecumenical representatives.

Gill and Paul respond briefly in their own words and then say: I thank you for your welcome. I will work with you and pray for you.