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Induction - Rev Cath James



On **Sunday 19th March** Cath was inducted as our Minister of the Word for Children, Youth & Young Adults by Rev Paul Blacker on the behalf of the Presbytery of Port Philip West.



Ian welcomed everyone to the service offering a brief explanation of our Lenten path and the symbols that we are using

to reflect on Passion Narrative from Matthew's gospel. Following the Prayer of Confession we shared our [remembrance of baptism practice](#) with Raffa and Sofia joining Ian in sprinkling the congregation with water.



Bible readings were offered by Oli Turner and Bridie Turner from the Student Household.



Rev Alister Pate, minister of Preston High Street and Northcote United Church congregations and also chair of the Joint Nominating Committee for the CYYA ministry position, [offered the reflection](#). He explored the story of the calling of David from the viewpoint of each of the characters. He reminded us of other stories in which the least expected is chosen. He concluded reminding us that *'God calls each of us to respond in faith to bring our unique gifts to bear on God's project of love and liberation for the whole world and that is something that all people, old and young and everyone in between, can base an entire life on, a life of meaning and purpose, a life of love and connection, a life fundamentally lived in the trust of the God who called David and who calls each one of us here. The God who loves each of us individually and by name.'*



Later Paul led us through the [Service of Induction](#). Signs of ministry were presented by Raffa Hallinan (the Bible), Sofia Hallinan (water for baptism), Steph Gesling and Joshua Whitty (bread). Joel Hallinan offered these words *'We are the people of God. We bring the holy Bible, and water, and bread and wine as signs of the ministry to which you were ordained'*. Symbols of ministry were then presented with Matilda McClintock saying *'We have come*



representing the Congregation

of Brunswick and the children, youth and young adult ministries for which you will have oversight. It is your duty to care for the people entrusted to you'. Clementine and Harriet Loynd (rainbow for the Sunday Morning Program), Matilda (Werewolves card game for YUCY-youth group) and Briain Dixon (cross for the Student Household).





Following the Declaration of Induction members of the Presbytery and the congregation were invited to make a commitment to support Cath in her ministry. Kate Scull, Congregation chairperson, formally greeted Cath on our behalf.



The Ministry Team were invited to commit to supporting each other and working together in their ministries. Representatives from our neighbouring congregations, both ecumenical and Uniting Church, were invited to greet Cath.



Cath then offered her response. In doing so she returned to her profile for Ministry and in particular the characteristics of her ministry. She spoke of growing up in the Uniting Church with a sense of being loved and wanting to know more about what the sense of community and church meant, asking lots of questions and having opportunities to live out her faith. With us she wants to *'deepen the faith of those who gather for worship, reflect theologically with those who are curious and have a lot of fun doing creative things together in love and service'*. In addition she commented on the ministry of relationships and pastoral care which she is already finding fulfilling.



We joyfully sang Jesus is waiting. Prayers of the People were offered by Hugh Brown, Clare Keogh and Colleen Coath. We concluding singing with great enthusiasm Lead me on and Masithi Amen. Many thanks to our musicians led by Shawn Whelan - Harriet Loynd, Clementine Loynd, Natalie Sims, Sam Coath, Hudson Coath, Elaine Potter.



Afternoon Tea was provided in the hall. Thank you to everyone who provided food and special thanks to Claire Foley and Mack for their work in the kitchen. It was a wonderful afternoon.

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[Read the Order of Service.](#) [Watch on YouTube.](#)