

Lockdown Licensing for New Team Rector - Thursday 19 November 2020 at St Michael's Church, Aldbourne



From left to right: Team Vicar & Rural Field Officer Rhona Floate, Archdeacon Sue Groom, Bishop Andrew, Team Rector Beth Hutton, Church Warden Paul Trickey.

With social distancing and Covid regulations limiting attendance to just six people in the building, the Bishop of Ramsbury, Andrew Rumsey presided over the service and preached. He was assisted by Archdeacon of Wilts, Sue Groom. During the service, symbols of the work of a priest – water for baptism, a bible, chalice and paten – were presented and placed on the altar. Later Beth received the key to one of the six churches and rang a hand-bell cast in Aldbourne to indicate the start of her ministry as Team Rector. A churchwarden (Paul Trickey) and one of the clergy (Rhona Floate) also took part. Behind the scenes, Dave Robinson was in charge of sound and broadcasting, enabling others to witness it from home, via the live stream to [our Facebook page @WhittonTeamNews](#). The recording can be seen there.