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PICTURED after his induction and institution this week to the newly united parishes of Bampton and Clanfield, is the Rev. Derek Frost pictured with his wife, and right, the Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev. Kenneth Load.



# AN HISTORIC INDUCTION

HISTORY WAS made at Bampton on Tuesday of last week when the Rev. D. C. Frost was instituted and inducted to the newly formed United Benefice of Bampton with Clanfield, the first such parish to be formed.

The ceremony was performed at St. Mary's Church by the Lord Bishop of Oxford and the Ven. Rev. C. Witton-Davies, Archbishop of Oxford.

The church was packed with people from the five churches in the benefice — Aston, Bampton, Clanfield, Lew and Shifford, with relatives of the Rev. D. Frost and friends from his old parish of Woodley. It was a "community" occasion in all aspects and representatives of parish councils and all organisations in the five villages were also present.

The impressive service was extremely colourful, beginning with a procession by the choir followed by a procession of visiting clergy and by Patrons of the benefice — Miss Sneath representing the Diocesan Board of

Patronage, Dr. A. C. Phillips, rep. the President and Fellows of St. John's College, Oxford; Canon F. G. Rice, rep. the Dean and Chapter of Exeter; and Mr. B. Babington Smith.

This procession was followed by the Incumbent Designate, the Rev. D. Frost, the Rural Dean, Rev. J. M. Hines, the past Lay chairman of the Deanery Synod, Mr. B. Stubbing the Archdeacon, the nine churchwardens of the five churches, the Bishop and the Bishop's Chaplain.

After the institution and induction a service of communion was held when the Bishop was as-

sisted by the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean, the Rev. D. Frost, Rev. J. Eastman, the Vicar of Woodley, Reading, where the Rev. Frost had served as curate, and the Rev. F. Ebbitt, Vicar of Stanford-in-the-Vale where the Rev. Frost's home village.

Afterwards the congregation of some 400 was invited to refreshments at Weald Manor by the kind invitation of Major and Mrs Robert Colville.

Organisation of the evening was directed and supervised by Rev. J. Fletcher-Campbell, who acted as Priest-in-charge of the five churches for the past year.

## CLANFIELD BASED

The Rev. Derek Charles Frost who at 28 is the youngest Vicar in the Deanery, is living with his wife Ann, at the Vicarage in Clanfield. He is anxious to get to know everyone in his large and spread-out parish and hopes that people who do not attend the five churches will make themselves known to him. He is particularly anxious to welcome as many people to his churches as possible.

Those involved in the ceremony were: Churchwardens of the Parish — Mr. T. Brice and Mr. T. Rouse, Bampton; Mr. J.

Fox-Russell and Mr. F. Farmer, Clanfield; Mr. W. Salter and Mr. P. Hook, Aston; Mr. D. Harris and Mrs. B. Cooper, Shifford; Capt. C. Radclyffe, Lew.

Sidesmen on duty — Mr. S. Pickard and Mr. T. Welch, Aston; Mr. Holmes, Shifford; Mr. D. Rouse, Lew; Mr. P. Horne and Mr. J. Newman, Clanfield.

Brig. R. Crowdy of Bampton acted as co-ordinator.

Cross bearers were — Choir procession, Mr. A. M. Keef of Cote; Clergy's procession, Mr. Andrew Horne of Clanfield; Verger for Patrons, Mr. G.

Wiltshire of Aston; Bishop's procession, Mr. George Gascoigne of Bampton.

Bread and wine taken to altar by Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Pullen and their daughters Nicola and Philippa.

Server, Mr. Peter Mat-

## AN APOLOGY

In our photograph of the Rev. and Mrs. Frost in last week's edition, we inadvertently referred to Bishop Kenneth Load. This should of course have read Bishop Kenneth Woollcombe, and we apologise sincerely for the error.



