

On Easter Eve, 26 March at Reading Minster church, in a most memorable service, the Rt Revd Andrew Proud, Bishop of Reading, baptised and confirmed Jessica-May and Mollie, with candidates from different parishes, ages and ethnic backgrounds.



Bishop Andrew has a reputation for engaging most warmly with those he encounters and he brought his inimitable approach to this occasion. He chatted individually as well as collectively to the candidates, getting to know them before the service. The candidates were introduced to the ritual of the service with Bishop Andrew reassuring and reminding them of the significance of the step they were taking.



Martin was chosen to read the Gospel, Luke 24. 1 – 12

Clergy then presented their candidates for baptism and afterwards for confirmation.

The impact on all - including the congregation, of the ceremonial, the processions, the splendid robes and the beautiful candlelit church on this most significant point in the church's calendar, will long be remembered.