



THE ORDER FOR ADMISSION TO THE GUILD

The admission should take place during Divine Worship. The Candidate(s) in their robe(s) of office shall be presented to the National or Branch Chaplain (or other appointed Priest) by a National or Branch Officer who will present the candidate(s) by name in an audible voice saying:

[REVEREND Father in God], I present to you _____ of _____ (Name of Church) in the Diocese of _____ to be admitted into FULL/ASSOCIATE Membership of the Church of England Guild of Vergers.

CHAPLAIN: In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CHAPLAIN: Will you support the Aims and Objects of the Church of England Guild of Vergers?

CANDIDATE: **I will**

CHAPLAIN: Will you care for the House of God, for the people who worship and the people who visit there?

CANDIDATE: **I will**

CHAPLAIN: Will you endeavour to follow the example of Christ in your daily life?

CANDIDATE: **I will**

(Here the Chaplain may give each Candidate his/her Badge and Constitution Book)

(Taking the candidate by the hand) the Chaplain continues:

I admit you as a Full/Associate Member of the Church of England Guild of Vergers; may the Lord bless your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

THE VERGERS' PRAYER *(to be said by all Vergers present)*

**Almighty Father,
from whom every family in heaven and earth is named,
who has called us into the fellowship of your Church;
grant, we pray, that in all our churches we may fulfil the duties
and enjoy the privileges of our spiritual home.
And on those who offer themselves for service as vergers in the house of God
bestow the fullness of your grace;
that, united in love to you and to one another,
we may show forth your glory and hasten the coming of your kingdom.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



THE ORDER FOR ADMISSION A BRANCH CHAPLAIN

The Branch Chairman will present the Chaplain Designate by name in an audible voice saying:

[REVEREND Father in God], I present to you _____ of _____ (Name of Church) in the Diocese of _____ to be admitted as Chaplain [and Honorary Associate Member] of the _____ Branch of the Church of England Guild of Vergers.

OFFICIANT: In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(Name), you have been nominated by the members of this Branch to serve as their Chaplain, to lead them in corporate worship, to admit new members to the Guild, to provide spiritual and pastoral support when necessary, and to serve on the Branch Committee.

[Your nomination has been submitted to the Lord Bishop of _____ and his consent and blessing has been freely given in a letter signed by his hand on the _____]

Therefore I ask you:

Will you support the Aims and Objects of the Church of England Guild of Vergers?

CANDIDATE: **I will**

OFFICIANT: Will you care for the members of this Branch as they minister as vergers in the house of God, and all those who support the work of this Branch?

CANDIDATE: **I will**

OFFICIANT: Will you provide pastoral support and endeavour to promote the goodwill and fellowship enjoyed by the members of the Guild?

CANDIDATE: **I will**

(Here the Officiant may give the Candidate his/her Scarf Badge and Constitution Book)

(Taking the new Chaplain by the hand) the Officiant continues:

(Name) I admit you as Chaplain [and Honorary Associate Member] of the _____ Branch of the Church of England Guild of Vergers; may the Lord bless your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

The new Chaplain may continue by admitting new members to the Guild in the usual manner. If there are no new members to be admitted, the new Chaplain may lead all members present in the Vergers' Prayer.