

The Church of England

Guild of Vergers



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.