

The Church of England

Guild of Vergers



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 their 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.**