

DIPLOMA COURSE ENROLMENT FORM

**NB: PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM ARE COMPLETED.  
CATHEDRAL VERGERS, AMEND "INCUMBENT" AND "CHURCHWARDEN" AS NECESSARY**

ONCE COMPLETED, THIS ENROLMENT FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:

**MRS Susan Ansell, Dip GV - 11 Roberts Way, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7FN**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ WISH TO ENROL ON THE **FOUNDATION UNIT** OF THE  
GUILD OF VERGERS' DIPLOMA COURSE. I UNDERSTAND THAT A FEE OF £50.00 IS PAYABLE. I HAVE OBTAINED MY  
INCUMBENT'S AGREEMENT TO UNDERTAKE THIS STUDY.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

**FULL NAME & TITE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **POSTCODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE N°:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MEMBER OF THE** \_\_\_\_\_ **BRANCH**

**FULL/PART TIME VERGER OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PREVIOUS POST AS VERGER (WITH DATES):** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ **THE INCUMBENT OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

DO HEREBY SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THE PCC/DEAN & CHAPTER OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*(a) Has contributed £ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the cost of the Course

\*(b) Is unable to contribute towards the cost of the Course (\*Please delete as necessary)

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO 'THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUILD OF VERGERS'  
RECEIPTS WILL NORMALLY BE SENT WITH EACH UNIT WHEN ISSUED

The Church of England  
Guild of Vergers



**The Diploma Course**  
*Distance Learning for Vergers*



*Leading the way since 1932*

*Presidents: The Archbishops of Canterbury and York*

The Guild's Distance Learning Course is a four-year home-study system open to Full Members of the Guild, supported by local tutors/mentors chosen by individual students. It is evaluated by a Board of Assessors, consisting of both internal and external staff. The administration of the course is provided by the Training Registrar with the whole scheme monitored by the Training Committee, with the Training Officer as Chairman. The sections of the course, each designed to take a year to complete, are set out below. The Application Form is on the reverse of this leaflet. If you wish to speak to somebody before enrolling on the course, both the Training Officer and Training Registrar are happy to discuss the course with members before they sign-up.

Please contact them via E-Mail: [CEGVTrainOff@gmail.com](mailto:CEGVTrainOff@gmail.com) or [CEGVTrainReg@gmail.com](mailto:CEGVTrainReg@gmail.com).

Part of the requirement to complete your diploma is attendance of the Annual Training Conference and Retreat prior to completion. First time attendees are encouraged to apply for a substantial bursary. The cost of the Conference should not be a hindrance to attending. For more information please contact the National Chaplain at [CEGVNatChap@gmail.com](mailto:CEGVNatChap@gmail.com).

### THE COURSE IS DIVIDED INTO TWO MAIN SECTIONS:

- ◆ The **FOUNDATION UNIT**, on successful completion of which Students are awarded a Foundation Certificate. They can then choose to move on to the second part:
- ◆ The **PASTOR, HISTORIAN, AND ADMINISTRATOR UNITS**, on successful completion of which the Diploma of the Guild is awarded.

Graduates are then entitled to wear the Guild academic hood, which is usually presented at the Guild Congregation during the Annual Training Conference, and to use the post-nominal letters Dip. GV.

### 1 FOUNDATION UNIT

The **FOUNDATION UNIT** consists of sixteen assignments, covering preparation for worship, care of the building, records and archives, care of the churchyard, and care of the people of God.

On successful completion of the Unit, the Guild's Foundation Certificate is awarded. Some students cease study at this point but many choose to continue to the Diploma stage.

WHY NOT JOIN TODAY ?

### 2a PASTOR UNIT

The **PASTOR UNIT** consists of ten assignments, covering the pastoral situations in which vergers may find themselves, biblical material to read and reflect on, and an exploration of their own spirituality.

### 2b HISTORIAN UNIT

The **HISTORIAN UNIT** consists of eighteen assignments covering the history of church building and architecture, the history of worship, the lineage of the Eucharistic liturgy, and the purpose of a congregation.

It is anticipated that this unit will be the most heavily illustrated volume that the student will produce.

### 2c ADMINISTRATOR UNIT

The **ADMINISTRATOR UNIT** consists of sixteen assignments covering communications, forms and registers, the structure of the Church of England and where it fits into the worldwide Church, and the role and importance of people in the life of the Church.