

# The Church of England Guild of Vergers

## 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 a Branch or National Chairman (or their nominated Officer) by a current member of the Guild, with the Branch or National Chaplain (or a nominated Priest), who will present the candidate(s) by name in an audible voice saying:***

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.

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

*Candidate* **I will**

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

*Candidate* **I will**

*Chairman* Will you endeavour to follow the example of Christ in your daily life?

*Candidate* **I will**

*Here the Chairman may give each Candidate their Badge and Constitution & Statutes Books*

*Taking the candidate by the hand the Chairman continues*

*Chairman* I admit you as a Full/Associate Member of the Church of England Guild of Vergers.

*Here the Chaplain Blesses the New Member(s)*

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

*Chaplain* As a 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.**