

# The Church of England Guild of Vergers

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## Order for Admission of a Branch Chaplain



**The admission should take place during Divine Worship. The Branch Chaplain designate shall be presented to a Branch or National Chairman (or their nominated Officer) by another Officer of the Branch, with the 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 as Chaplain and Honorary Associate Member to the of \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of the Church of England Guild of Vergers.

*Chairman* \_\_\_\_\_ 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:

*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 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**

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

*Taking the candidate by the hand the Chairman continues*

*Chairman* I admit you as a Chaplain and Honorary Associate Member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of the Church of England Guild of Vergers.

*Here the Priest Blesses the New Chaplain*

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

*Priest* As the Chaplain to this Branch and 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.