

The Church of England Guild of Vergers

Order for Admission of a Branch Chaplain



The admission should take place during Divine Worship. The Branch Chaplain designate shall be presented to the National Chaplain or a Branch or National Chairman (or their nominated Officer).

The Branch Chairman 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.

Admitter _____ 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:

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

Candidate **I will**

Admitter 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**

Admitter Will you provide pastoral support and endeavour to promote the goodwill and fellowship enjoyed by the members of the Guild?

Candidate **I will**

Here they may give the Candidate their Scarf Badge and Constitution & Statutes Books

Taking the candidate by the hand they continue

Admitter 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.