

To All Churchwardens

February 2026

Dear Friends,

VISITATIONS 2026

Firstly, thank you for all that you have contributed to the life of the Church over the past year, and for undertaking this significant and valued office. The role of Churchwarden is both historic and vital to the wellbeing of our parishes and I am most grateful for your commitment and dedication in supporting the mission and ministry of our Churches.

This year, I will be hosting the Visitations across both Archdeaconries over 5 dates in June.

I am writing to invite you to attend these Bishop's Visitations.

As you will know, every Churchwarden is required by law to be admitted annually to office by the Bishop (or an Archdeacon). Until you have been formally admitted, you are not legally a Churchwarden. Admission must take place before 31 August 2026.

Prior to admission, you will be required to complete a new Declaration Form. This will be distributed at the Visitation and must be completed and returned before you leave.

If you are no longer serving as Churchwarden, I would be grateful if you could pass this letter to your successor. If no successor has yet been appointed, please would you inform Sarah Hedley in the Diocesan Office, email annualreturns@hereford.anglican.org, that the position of Churchwarden is currently vacant.

You are welcome to attend whichever Visitation is most convenient for you in terms of date and time, wherever it is taking place within the Diocese.

The dates and times arranged are as follows:

Wednesday 3rd June	Pontesbury, St George's	2.00pm
Wednesday 10th June	Church Stretton, St Laurence's	7.00pm
Wednesday 17th June	Hereford Cathedral	11.30am
Wednesday 24th June	Dore Abbey	7.00pm
Tuesday 30th June	Bromyard, St Peter's	3.00pm

Please indicate on the attached Reply Slip which Visitation you will be attending, and email annualreturns@hereford.anglican.org or post it to Sarah Hedley in the Diocesan Office immediately after your election/re-election, and **no later than 27th May 2026**. If you are unable to make any of the dates, please let Sarah know.

With every blessing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read '+ Richard', with a cross symbol to the left of the name.

The Right Reverend Richard Jackson
Bishop of Hereford