

To: All Churchwardens in the Archdeaconry of Hereford

April 2025

Dear Churchwarden

VISITATIONS 2025

Firstly, thank you for all you have done for the life of the church during the past year and for taking on this important task. If you are no longer to be Churchwarden, please would you pass this letter to your successor. If no one has been appointed, please let Sarah Hedley in the Diocesan Office (Sarah.Hedley@hereford.anglican.org) know that the position of Churchwarden is now vacant.

I write to invite you to attend the annual Visitation. This year, these are back to being Archdeacon's Visitations, so we are reverting to having six occasions across the Hereford Archdeaconry. I shall be giving the charge and be swearing in Churchwardens who attend a Visitation in the Hereford Archdeaconry. The Ven Fiona Gibson will give the charge and swear in those attending Visitations in the Ludlow Archdeaconry.

Every Churchwarden is required by law to be admitted annually to office by the Bishop or the Archdeacon. Until you have been admitted to office, you are not legally a Churchwarden, and you must be admitted before 31st August 2025. Prior to admittance, you will need to complete a new Declaration form which will be given out at the Visitation and is to be completed and returned before departure.

The dates and times which have been arranged are as follows:

Date	Time	Venue
Tue 10/06/2025	2pm	Holmer: St Bartholomew
Wed 11/06/2025	2pm	Colwall: St James the Great
Mon 16/06/2025	7pm	Pembridge: St Mary the Virgin
Wed 18/06/2025	2pm	Llanwarne: St John the Baptist
Tue 24/06/2025	7pm	Wellington: St Margaret of Antioch
Tue 01/07/2025	7pm	Kingstone: St Michael & All Angels

There are also five dates in the Ludlow Archdeaconry. They are:

Date	Time	Venue
Mon 23/06/2025	7pm	Much Wenlock: Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock
Mon 30/06/2025	7pm	Annscroft: Christ Church
Wed 02/07/2025	7pm	Clungunford: St Cuthbert
Tue 08/07/2025	7pm	Cleobury Mortimer: St Mary the Virgin
Wed 09/07/2025	7pm	Bridgnorth: St Mary Magdalene

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.

Please indicate on the attached return slip which Visitation you will be attending, and email or post it to Sarah Hedley in the Diocesan Office immediately after your election/re-election, and **no later than 2nd June 2025**. If you are unable to make any of the dates, please email Sarah at the following email address: annualreturns@hereford.anglican.org

With all good wishes in Christ,



The Ven Derek Chedzey
Archdeacon of Hereford

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