



## ADMISSION OF CHURCHWARDENS

With the permission of the Bishop of Southwark, because of the limitations of public gatherings during the Coronavirus-19 pandemic, the parish priest, or in his or her absence, the Area Dean, may admit Churchwardens to their office for 2020/2021.

### THE COMMISSIONING

Will you promote the Gospel of Christ in your parishes, looking to Jesus as our example and guide?

**With the Lord's help, we will.**

Will you work closely with all the people of God in your parishes to build up and empower the whole ministry of Christ's Body, both lay and ordained?

**With the Lord's help, we will.**

Will you discharge your legal responsibilities to the parish and to the Bishop of the Diocese with care and consideration?

**With the Lord's help, we will.**

Will you work closely with the clergy of your parishes, loyally supporting their work and, where necessary, speaking the truth in love?

**With the Lord's help, we will.**

Will you seek to co-operate with other Christian leaders in your parishes in mission and service to the community?

**With the Lord's help, we will.**

Above all, will you seek to walk with Jesus Christ in the coming year, living by his grace and reflecting his love?

**With the Lord's help, we will.**

**Almighty God, you invite us, as leaders in your church, to share with you in this ministry of reconciliation in the world. Bless us now as we offer ourselves to you. Equip us with the gifts we need to be faithful and diligent in our office and service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Swearing of the Oath

**I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully and diligently execute the office of Churchwarden for my parish for the year of my appointment.**

I do therefore admit you to the office of Churchwarden for the new current year in the name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.