

Authorisation of Local Ministers

As the people of God we have each been called by Christ. Through baptism we have been adopted as children of God; filled with his Spirit we have been equipped to be salt and light in the world. We have been gathered into his body, the church, to share in the mission of Christ to reveal the Kingdom of God in the world.

The church has been given gifts so that we may grow new disciples of Christ, to encourage others to deepen their faith and be in loving service to the world. From among us we have discerned that (name) has been called to the ministry of (ministry). Today we authorise them and pray for this ministry.

To the minister to be authorised.

(name) do you believe yourself to be called and equipped for this ministry?

I do.

To the congregation

Do you welcome (name) to this ministry, and do you promise,
by loving and prayerful support to uphold them in their work and witness?

All We do.

To the minister to be authorised. (you may want to give them a symbol of ministry)

Receive this authority for ministry
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord give you courage, wisdom,
strength and love to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and upon all your work done in his name,
now and forevermore.

All Amen.

We keep a few moments of silent prayer

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen

We welcome you as a fellow servant in the Gospel:
may Christ dwell in your heart through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love.