

Lord, hear your people  
*All* **and answer our prayers.**

God who loves us, help [*headteacher*], the teaching staff, and all who work and assist in the school, to ensure that all pupils reach their potential.

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*All* **and answer our prayers.**

God who knows us, through the shared values of church and school, may we learn and share together, and continue to grow in love and understanding.

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God who is with us, give wisdom and guidance to those who go from here to new places of education, work and living.

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Generous God,  
who pours out gifts on all creation,  
equip us for the work to which you call us,  
and give us happy hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

## ¶ *Conclusion*

### *Hymn*

### **The Blessing**

The Lord be to you a light to encourage you in your ministry, a light to enlighten your mind, and a light to shine on your path; and the blessing ...

### **Ending**

Go in the peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

# Church School Headteacher Commissioning Service

## ¶ *Preparation*

### *Hymn*

### **The Greeting**

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*The minister introduces the headteacher and addresses the congregation in these or other appropriate words.*

Christian friends, the Church is one body under the headship of Jesus Christ. Through his Holy Spirit, God gives gifts to members of that body to exercise leadership among his people. God gives gifts to every member of the Church.

We give thanks today for the calling of [*headteacher name*], as a leader in [*school name*], and pray for *him/her* and for each person here today, that we may receive and use the gifts God is giving us for the common good and for his glory.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, light of the minds that know you, and joy of the hearts that serve you; grant to [*headteacher name*], and to all your people, in leadership and in service, the desire to know you more, the gifts needed for the tasks entrusted to us, and care for those we work with; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## ¶ *The Commissioning*

*The headteacher stands. The minister says*

[*headteacher name*], you have been appointed as the new Headteacher of [*school name*]. The school plays an important part in our community, and has a significant role in sharing the values of the gospel, and showing Christian care. You have a central part in this, and, to do your job well, you will need the help and support of the school leadership team, staff, parents, governors, church and the wider community.

Will you seek to uphold Christian values, attitudes and beliefs in your role as headteacher?

**With the help of God I will.**

*The governors stand. The minister asks them*

Governors, in your roles in the school, will you support the Headteacher and help *him/her* in ensuring that all pupils receive an excellent education in mind, body, and spirit?

**With the help of God we will.**

*The school staff stand. The minister asks them*

Colleagues, will you commit yourselves to maintaining the Christian ethos of the school and to assisting and affirming your Headteacher in *his/her* role?

**With the help of God we will.**

*The pupils stand. The Minister asks them*

Pupils, will you do your best to help your new Headteacher, and show your support for the values of the school

**With the help of God we will.**

*The parents stand. The minister asks them*

Parents, will you commit yourselves to working in partnership with the school by supporting its Christian ethos?

**With the help of God we will.**

*The rest of the congregation stands. The minister asks them*

As members of the Church in this place, will you support and encourage the Headteacher and all who have a part to play in the life of the school?

**With the help of God we will.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who has given us the desire to fulfil these tasks, give us also the power to do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

**Hymn**

## ¶ *The Ministry of the Word*

**Reading(s)**

**Sermon / Address**

## ¶ *Presentation and Prayers*

**Presentation of symbols**

*A governor gives the keys of the school to the headteacher.*

These keys symbolise your responsibility and our trust.

*A representative of the school staff gives a Bible to the headteacher.*

The Bible is an inspiration and a guide to life.

*A representative of the local community gives a map to the headteacher.*

This map shows both the school and the local community.

*A member of the church gives a prayer book to the headteacher.*

Regular prayer is the foundation for spiritual growth.

*A pupil lights a candle .*

Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world.'

**Prayers**

Let us pray for our headteacher, for our community, and for ourselves.

God who made us, give [*headteacher*] your special gifts of leadership, wisdom, patience and care, for the well-being of your children, and the glory of your name.