

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN REGISTRY CANON B43 GUIDANCE : ILLUSTRATIVE TABLE

Approval(s) must be in writing, can be revoked at any time or renewed or refused at the end of a specified time period. The timespan of any invitation must be specified in the approval. Any invitation must be recorded in the minutes of the PCC, Chapter or BMO and any relevant approval should be retained on file. Consultation may be with a standing committee; approval would be by the main body concerned.

When seeking approval from the Bishop, to take part in another denomination's services, please set out the name of the inviting church and its denomination; the parish it is in; the date and time of a single occasion invitation or details of the period and frequency of other proposals; the duties to be performed; the reason for the invitation and whether the approval of the incumbent of the relevant parish has been obtained.

TABLE ONE: Consultations and approvals required before giving invitations to those of other denominations pertaining to the forms and practice of the Church of England, in a Church of England church.

Who may be invited:	<p>(a) Members of Designated Churches: <u>if the person is baptised</u>, they may be invited to say or sing Morning or Evening Prayer; read the Holy Scriptures; preach; lead intercessions or prayers; assist in distribution of holy sacrament; (perform duties in services of Confirmation and Ordination <i>but only if invited to do so by the Bishop</i>; <u>assist</u> at Baptism or Solemnisation of Matrimony/or service of prayer and dedication after marriage; conduct a funeral service;</p> <p>(b) Unbaptised Members of Designated Churches <u>and</u> Members of Undesignated Churches: may be invited to read the Holy Scriptures; lead intercessions or prayers;</p> <p>(c) Members of the Salvation Army: may be invited to preach.</p>					
Checks for all invitations:	<p>(i) For a member of a designated church: check that (i) the church is designated; (ii) the person concerned is baptised (unless the invitation is purely to read a lesson, lead intercessions or prayer; or where the person is a Salvation Army member and the invitation is to preach or perform other permissible duties);</p> <p>(ii) For all situations <u>including</u> members of designated churches: check that (a) the person is a member of their church and is in good standing; (b) that all relevant safeguarding checks have been carried out to the level applied by the Church of England; (c) that the person is authorised to perform the relevant duty in their own church.</p> <p>Record this information.</p>					
Who gives invitation:	Relating to a Parish – invitation must be given by Incumbent or Minister in Charge		Relating to a Cathedral – invitation must be by Chapter		Relating to a Bishop’s Mission Initiative - invitation must be by Leader(s)	
Activity	Single Occasion	Number of Occasions/specified period/infinite period	Single Occasion	Number of Occasions/specified period/infinite period	Single Occasion	Number of Occasions/specified period/infinite period
Read Scripture, lead intercessions at services of Holy Communion, to lead prayers in other services	No consultation or approval required	Incumbent must <u>consult</u> PCC	No consultation or approval required	No consultation or approval required	No consultation or approval required	No consultation or approval required
To say or sing Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, the Litany, officiate at	PCC or Standing Committee must first be <u>consulted</u>	<u>Approval</u> of PCC must be obtained	No further consultation or approval required	No further consultation or approval required	PCC Standing Committee must be consulted	No further consultation or approval required

a Service of the Word, and regarding invitations to preach at any Service			beyond initial consultation with PCC Standing Committee	beyond obtaining approval of the PCC		beyond obtaining approval of the PCC
To assist in the distribution of Holy Communion	PCC Standing Committee should first be <u>consulted</u>	<u>Approval</u> of PCC must be obtained	No further consultation or approval required beyond initial consultation with PCC Standing Committee	No consultation or approval required	No further consultation or approval required beyond initial consultation with PCC Standing Committee	No consultation or approval required
To <u>assist</u> at Baptism or the Solemnisation of Matrimony or a service of prayer and dedication after civil marriage	<p>Invitations may be made only at the request of those concerned <i>N.B.: A member of another church cannot baptise into the Church of England. However, a member of another church can use a Church of England church for a service of baptism, in accordance with the rites of that other church.</i> <i>Only marriages according to the rites of the Church of England can be solemnised in Church of England churches and chapels (unless a Sharing Agreement exists; the building can be used for marriages according to the rites of that other denomination).</i></p>					
To conduct a funeral in a place of worship in a parish or a cathedral church	Invitations may be made only at the request of those concerned But no consultation or approval required	Invitations may be made only at the request of those concerned and for a member of another church to conduct a funeral The approval of the Bishop must be obtained	Invitations may be made only at the request of those concerned But no consultation or approval required	Invitations may be made only at the request of those concerned and for a member of another church to conduct a funeral The approval of the Bishop must be obtained	Invitations may be made only at the request of those concerned But no consultation or approval required	Invitations may be made only at the request of those concerned and for a member of another church to conduct a funeral The approval of the Bishop must be obtained
To perform specified duties in a service of Confirmation or Ordination (<u>invitation by Bishop only in all cases</u>)	Invitation can only be made by Bishop after consultation with the Incumbent of the parish	Invitation can only be made by Bishop after consultation with the Incumbent of the parish	Invitation can only be made by Bishop after consultation with the chapter of the cathedral	Invitation can only be made by Bishop after consultation with the chapter of the cathedral	Invitation can only be made by Bishop after consultation with the Incumbent of the parish	Invitation can only be made by Bishop after consultation with the Incumbent of the parish

TABLE TWO: Consultations and approvals required before accepting invitations from a church of a designated denomination to take part in their services

Check first that the Church is designated; that the person issuing the invitation has authority within their church to issue the invitation and what the intended duties will be since *an Anglican cleric may not take part in rites contrary to or indicative of a departure from the doctrine of the Church of England in any essential matter. See Code, para 55.*

Who gives invitation:	Invitation will be by the Incumbent or Minister in Charge/Cathedral Chapter/Leader(s) of a BMO	
Activity	Single Occasion	Number of Occasions/specified period/infinite period
To take part in a service of another church (reading a lesson, leading prayers, leading worship, preaching, officiating and assisting at Funerals, assisting at Baptisms and Weddings, assisting with the distribution of communion)	Obtain the permission of the Incumbent of the parish in which the service is to take place. The Incumbent of that parish may give permission without further consultation or approval. <i>N.B.: An Anglican cleric is not permitted to take the whole of a marriage service according to the forms and practices of another church.</i>	Obtain the permission of the Incumbent of the parish in which the service is to take place. The Incumbent of that parish must first obtain approval of the PCC before giving permission. <i>N.B.: An Anglican cleric is not permitted to take the whole of a marriage service according to the forms and practices of another church.</i>
Duties in a service of Confirmation, Ordination or Consecration	Obtain approval of the Bishop of their (own) Diocese. The Bishop must first obtain approval of the Archbishop of the Province.	Obtain approval of the Bishop of their (own) Diocese. The Bishop must first obtain approval of the Archbishop of the Province.
To preside at Holy Communion	Obtain approval of the Bishop of their (own) Diocese, and obtain the permission of the Incumbent of the parish in which the service is to take place. The Bishop must be satisfied that there are special circumstances to justify acceptance of the invitation and that the rite and elements to be used are not contrary to the Church of England.	Obtain approval of the Bishop of their (own) Diocese and obtain the permission of the Incumbent of the parish in which the service is to take place. The Bishop must be satisfied that there are special circumstances to justify acceptance of the invitation and that the rite and elements to be used are not contrary to the Church of England.

TABLE THREE: Consultations and approvals required by a parish, cathedral church or mission initiative before giving invitations for Joint Worship in a Church of England church

Who gives invitation:	Relating to a Parish – invitation must be given by Incumbent or Minister in Charge		Relating to a Cathedral – invitation must be by Chapter		Relating to a Bishop’s Mission Initiative - invitation must be by Leader(s)	
Activity	Single Occasion	Number of Occasions/specified period/infinite period	Single Occasion	Number of Occasions/specified period/infinite period	Single Occasion	Number of Occasions/specified period/infinite period
Joint worship	Approval of PCC must be obtained	Approval of PCC and the Bishop must be obtained	No consultation or approval required	Approval of the Bishop must be obtained	No consultation or approval required	Approval of the Bishop must be obtained

TABLE FOUR: Consultations and approvals required before giving invitations allowing the use of a Church of England building, for worship in accordance with the rites of another church

You should consider factors such as costs for heating and lighting, access and areas that may or may not be used; insurance and public liability; safeguarding; car parking; responsibility for clearing up etc. Cost may not be relevant if the invitation is a gesture of goodwill.

The Ecumenical Relations Measures do not make provisions beyond the theological aspects. They do not authorise things that require a Faculty. The parties being allowed to use the building should not be given any impression that they are being given rights, nor that any legal relationship is being created. No lease or licence for the use of a Church should ever be created without a Faculty. Payment related directly to the actual cost of heating or lighting or electricity is acceptable. But no proposal for payment for occupation or use of a building should be considered without a Faculty.

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Activity	Single Occasion	Number of Occasions/specified period/infinite period	Single Occasion	Number of Occasions/specified period/infinite period	Single Occasion	Number of Occasions/specified period/infinite period
Worship according to the rites of a Designated Church	Approval of PCC must be obtained (or approval from the standing committee if time does not allow) <i>N.B.: See table One for Baptism and Marriage.</i>	Approval of PCC and the Bishop must be obtained	No consultation or approval required	Approval of the Bishop must be obtained	No consultation or approval required	Approval of the Bishop must be obtained <i>N.B.: Where a Mission Initiative uses a parish church or place of worship, the leader(s) must have the agreement of Incumbent of Minister in Charge of the building.</i>