

To: All Churchwardens in the Archdeaconry of Ludlow

March 2024

Dear Churchwarden

VISITATIONS 2024

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 five occasions across the Ludlow Archdeaconry. I shall be giving the charge and be swearing in Churchwardens who attend a visitation in the Ludlow Archdeaconry. The Ven Derek Chedzey will give the charge and swear in those attending Visitations in the Hereford 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 2024. 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
Monday 17 th June	7pm	Pontesbury: St George
Tuesday 25 th June	7pm	Cleobury Mortimer: St Mary the Virgin
Monday 1 st July	7pm	Church Stretton: St Laurence
Wednesday 3 rd July	7pm	Bishops Castle: St John the Baptist
Tuesday 16 th July	7pm	Sutton Hill Pastoral Centre

There are also six dates in the Hereford Archdeaconry. They are:

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 18 th June	2pm	Whitchurch: St Dubricius
Wednesday 19 th June	7pm	Tupsley: St Paul
Tuesday 2 nd July	2pm	Eardisley: St Mary Magdalene
Monday 8 th July	7pm	Kingsland: St Michael & All Angels
Wednesday 10 th July	7pm	Ewyas Harold: St Michael & All Angels
Wednesday 17 th July	2pm	Bishops Frome: St Mary the Virgin

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 10th June**. If you are unable to make any of the dates, please email Sarah at Sarah.Hedley@hereford.anglican.org.

With all good wishes in Christ,



The Ven Fiona Gibson
Archdeacon of Ludlow

