

**A service for
Church School Headteacher Commissioning**
This can be provided in booklet form if required.
The service has been authorized by the **Bishop of
Salisbury** and its contents are set out here for
service planning purposes.

**CHURCH SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER COMMISSIONING**

**CELEBRATING THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY
OF HEADSHIP**

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

**In this service of Commissioning the Salisbury
Diocesan Board of Education joins with the
Governors, staff, pupils, parents and Church
community in welcoming your new Headteacher;
and in acknowledging their Christian ministry of
headship.**

AN ORDER FOR THE COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH SCHOOL HEADTEACHERS

ACCLAMATION

**Incumbent
Congregation**

There are varieties of gifts:
but the same spirit

**Incumbent
Congregation**

There are varieties of service:
but the same Lord

**Incumbent
Congregation**

There are different kinds of working
but the same God is at work in all.

**Incumbent
Congregation**

There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call:
One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

**Incumbent
Congregation**

There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all.
To whom Chris ascended on high.

**Incumbent
Congregation**

Through his spirit he gives us gifts:
some are apostles, some are his prophets.

**Incumbent
Congregation
and Incumbent**

Evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us:
**So we can minister together to build up his body:
to be mature in the fullness of Christ.**

INTRODUCTION

The Incumbent introduces the new Headteacher

PROMISES

Incumbent

N, you have been appointed as the new Headteacher of
..... school. You will recognise the responsibilities
involved.

Education is part of the Church's mission in sharing the Good News of the Gospel. It recognises that all human experience presents opportunities for developing and deepening our love and knowledge of God and others.

As the Headteacher of this Church School you have a special responsibility to ensure that everyone in your school is valued

and recognized as being a child of God, uniquely gifted by Him.

You are also responsible for ensuring the school is rooted in Christian values, principles and beliefs; and that worship and religious education are central to the whole life and work of the school.

Will you commit yourself to this work?

Headteacher

I will with the help of God.

**Incumbent
(to parents)**

Parents, as your children's first educators, will you commit yourselves to working in partnership with the Headteacher, staff and governors of your school by supporting them as they seek to provide educational excellence, in a Christian context?

Parents

We will, with the help of God.

**Incumbent
(to pupils)**

Children, will you promise to do your best to help your new Headteacher and the staff of your school?

Children

We will, with the help of God

Archdeacon or Diocesan Representative

Governors, as caring employers, will you commit yourselves to supporting the Headteacher, and ensuring that all pupils receive a quality Christian education?

Governors

We will, with the help of God.

Incumbent to school

Staff

Members of staff, will you commit yourselves to the education and nurture of pupils in a Christian ethos, and to working with, and supporting your new Headteacher?

Staff

We will, with the help of God.

**Incumbent
Turning to the**

congregation As member of the Body of Christ in this place you have a specific responsibility for the schools which was founded by this church. Will you support the governors, Headteacher, staff, pupils and parents with your prayers and active encouragement?

Congregation

We will, with the help of God.

WELCOME

Incumbent to Headteacher

N, to be appointed to the headship of a Church school and to undertake the nurture of its pupils, is to be given a solemn trust. We pray that God will strengthen you, by his grace, faithfully to fulfill this task.

Church wardens

On behalf of the Trustees of the local congregation we welcome you. We present you with the Keys of the school as a symbol of your headship, May God bless you in all that you do.

Diocesan Representative

Receive this Bible to mark your new headship. It is God's word and the foundation of true wisdom. Use it to guide and inspire you.

INTERCESSIONS

Incumbent

Lord, give *N* your special gifts of love, joy, wisdom, grace and understanding that he/she may service your children with gladness, to the honour and glory of your holy name.

Congregation

Pour out your Spirit upon us.

Incumbent

Grant to *N* creativity in teaching and learning; insight and understanding in management; and vision in leadership.

Congregation

Pour out your Spirit upon us.

Incumbent

May *N* lead the school in the ways of Christ through the pursuit of equality, truth, justice, love and peace.

BLESSING

Incumbent

May Almighty God, who for the salvation of the world gives to his people many gifts and ministries, for the advancement of his glory, stir up in you the gifts of his grace, and sustain each one of you in your ministry. The blessing