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 There are varieties of gifts:  
Congregation but the same spirit

Incumbent There are varieties of service:  
Congregation but the same Lord

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

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

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

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

Incumbent Evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us:  
Congregation and Incumbent So we can minister together to build up his body:  
Congregation 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  
Congregation ………….. 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 ………