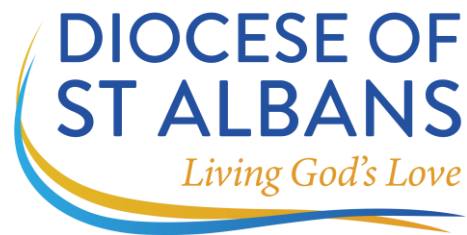


CITATION

To Churchwardens
and Churchwardens Elect



ARCHDEACONS' VISITATION 2023 (admission of Churchwardens)

You are hereby cited personally to appear before
The Venerable Dave Middlebrook, Archdeacon of Bedford

at one of the Visitation services below

- St Mary's Luton Tuesday 11th July at 3pm
- St Edmunds' or St James' Blunham Saturday 15th July at 10am
- St Andrews' Bedford Wednesday 26th July at 7.30pm

then and there to attend the Visitation of the said Archdeacon; and you are to give notice to the Churchwardens Elect to attend at one of the above services, in order that they may be admitted into Office and the Declaration required by Law for the ensuing year.

In accordance with the Churchwardens' Measure 2001, all Churchwardens (those continuing in office and those newly elected) must be admitted to Office by the 31st August, 2023. It will not be possible for the Archdeacon to grant a dispensation for a Churchwarden continuing in office.

If you cannot attend a Visitation in July please be in touch with the Archdeacon's Office to make alternative arrangements. ***May I remind you that if you are not admitted to office by 31st August 2023 then the new Measure makes it clear that a casual vacancy will arise, so a further election will be necessary.***

The Certificate of Election must be sent to the Archdeacon electronically to archdbedpa@stalbans.anglican.org. You will be asked to make a Declaration orally and in writing when you are admitted to office at the Visitation service.

In the case of parishes where there are team ministries, district wardens are invited to attend the Visitation.

Deputy Diocesan Registrar