

## Presentation of the New Interim Minister

*The Churchwardens and the interim minister stand before the Archdeacon.*

*Churchwardens*

Archdeacon XX, after due consultation and prayerful consideration, X has been nominated and has accepted to be *Interim Minister* of this parish. I now present him/her to you to be licensed.

*The Area Dean stands with the Archdeacon*

*Archdeacon* I thank you, and all those who with prayer have been involved in the appointment of X to this parish. You have asked X to serve among you as Interim Minister. The gifts of interim ministry to a church are as different as each congregation going through transition. As well as the ongoing need of XX Church for leadership, the appointment of X as your Interim Minister presents you with a unique opportunity to

*Here are inserted the objectives of the IM as agreed with the PCC/transition team. e.g.*

- *Reflect on your past ministry (where God has led you),*
- *Assess your mission (what God wants from you now)*
- *Consider your strengths and weaknesses (how God has blessed you)*
- *Open your church to new directions (where God's Spirit is leading you), and*
- *Search for a new priest in cooperation with the Bishop.*

A goal of interim ministry is to reaffirm your connections with the Church of England, particularly with the Diocese of XX, the Deanery of XX and the XX (Ministry Area if appropriate). Bishop X and I are holding you all at XX (parish) and X your new Interim Minister in our prayers at this time of transition. We pledge to offer any help we can.

*To the IM:* X, do you believe, so far as you know your own heart, that God has called you to serve here?

*IM* I believe that God has called me.

*Archdeacon* Will you commit yourself to the mission and ministry of the people in this place and amongst its mission partners, to further the kingdom of God?

*IM* With the help of God, I will.

*Archdeacon* Will you work diligently with this parish, the Churchwardens and PCC and all its members to fulfil the needs of this interim ministry, giving leadership as you see fit, seeking help as you need it, and always trusting in God to guide you?

*IM* With the help of God, I will.

*IM turns to face the congregation and the Archdeacon says*

People of God, will you open yourselves and your community to the changes and opportunities that God is offering you in this Interim Ministry?

*All* **With the help of God, we will.**

Will you welcome X and support and uphold him in his ministry, now and in the 12 months (XX period of IM) to come?

*All* **With the help of God, we will.**

Will you stir up the gift of God which is in you, to work with X for the building of God's kingdom here?

*All* **With the help of God, we will.**

## The Collect

*Archdeacon* God our Father, Lord of all the world,  
through your Son you have called us  
into the fellowship of your universal Church:  
hear our prayer for your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry,  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
and give to your servant XX  
now to be licensed  
the needful gifts of grace;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**