

To: All Churchwardens in the Diocese of Hereford

March 2023

Dear Churchwarden

VISITATIONS 2023

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 us know that the position of Churchwarden is now vacant.

I write to invite you to attend the annual visitation. This year, these will be Bishop's Visitations and Bishop Richard, our Diocesan Bishop, will giving the charge and be swearing you in as churchwarden. As this year will be formally a Bishop's Visitation, we are offering three occasions across the Archdeaconry rather than separate Visitations by Deanery.

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 2023. 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:

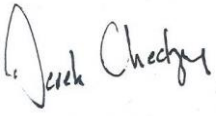
| Date | Time | Venue |
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| Monday, 19 th June 2023 | 7 pm | Weobley: St Peter & St Paul |
| Tuesday, 4 th July 2023 | 7 pm | Ledbury: St Michael & All Angels |
| Thursday, 6 th July 2023 | 7.30 pm | Hereford Cathedral |

There are also two dates in the Ludlow Archdeaconry. They are:

| Date | Time | Venue |
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| Monday, 26 th June 2023 | 7 pm | Ludlow: St Laurence |
| Wednesday, 12 th July 2023 | 7 pm | Church Stretton: St Laurence |

Please indicate on the return slip below whichever suits you the best and email or post it to Judy Pearce immediately after your election/re-election, but no later than 12th June. If you are unable to make any of the dates, please email Judy at j.pearce@hereford.anglican.org

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Josh Chedger', is written over a faint, circular embossed seal. The seal contains a heraldic crest, likely the coat of arms of the Diocese of Hereford.

Archdeacon of Hereford