**THE ORDER OF ST ETHELBERT**

**NOMINATION FORM - 2025**

Name, address and email address of person being nominated:

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| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Email |  |

Please give details of positions held, with specific dates:

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| Dates | Position |
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Please outline your reasons for nominating the person for their service to the Church. Please refer to the Criteria Statement at the end of the nomination form.

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Please outline any additional information such as impact within the local community, or any pastoral reasons that you feel the panel should be aware of.

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**Parish priest’s endorsement:**

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| Name of parish priest |  |
| Signature (electronic acceptable) |  |
| Email |  |

**Name, address and email address of person making the nomination (if not the parish priest:**

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| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Email |  |

Please email this form by 1st July 2025 to:

The Revd Jane Plackett-Ferguson, Chaplain to The Bishop of Hereford, [chaplain@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:chaplain@hereford.anglican.org)

**Criteria Statement**

The Order of St Ethelbert is awarded to those in the Diocese of Hereford who have given distinguished service to the Church in the Diocese of Hereford. This panel will consider each nomination individually, giving attention to the following:

* The service given by the nominee is **exceptional** – beyond the norm that might be expected of a churchwarden, PCC officer, musician or other role. This may be in terms of duration (typically at least 30 years) or exceptional commitment and dedication.
* The service given by the nominee is **to the Church** in some way. A nominee’s other work in the community (parish council, village hall) may be supporting evidence of their Christian character, but the award is primarily for service to the Church of England in the Diocese. The role of Foundation Governor in a school is definitely included.
* Those who know the nominee should be **unanimous** in their testimony to their good character, as evidence that their service is widely accepted in the relevant parish(es). An award will not be made if there is any evidence that the nominee’s work has been contested or disruptive in the life of the Church.

Please note that:

* Those who have received a state honour (e.g. MBE), serving clergy, laity who have been made an honorary Lay Canon will not be admitted, or clergy given the Diocesan/Cathedral honour of being a Prebendary.
* Nominations should not be made by a family member.
* No more than 2 nominations should be made from each Benefice, and no more than 1 per parish.
* Nominations are confidential and should not be discussed with the person who is to be nominated.
* Nominations must be typed and on the 2024 nomination form (due to a significant change in the form this year).