The Churchwardens, when admitted, are officers of the Bishop of the Diocese. They shall discharge such duties as are by law and custom assigned to them; they shall be foremost in representing the laity and in co-operating with the incumbent; they shall use their best endeavours by example and precept to encourage the parishioners in the practice of true religion and to promote unity and peace among them. They shall also maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service.

Churchwardens before their admission to office are required to make the following declaration as to the performance of their duties.

*Churchwardens*

**I the properly elected churchwarden hereby declare that I will faithfully and diligently perform the duties of my office.**

I hereby admit you to your office of churchwarden.

*Churchwardens*

**God our Father, may your Holy Spirit guide our minds and order our wills, so that all our concerns and endeavours may be directed to the strengthening of your work and the furtherance of the Church’s mission in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

The Lord bless, guide and strengthen you

that in your ministry you may do God’s will

and serve faithfully for the extension of his Kingdom. **Amen**.