

## A FORM OF SERVICE TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

*This ceremony of welcome could take place within an act of collective worship  
It is appropriate for non-teaching staff as well as for teachers*

**Leader:** We are here today to welcome ...Name..... who has joined our school as .....role.....

### Three Voices:

- " Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord."
- " For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."
- " Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

**Reading:** Matthew Chapter 7 verses 24-27 The story of the two houses or any suitable scripture reading.

**Welcome by pupils:** We welcome you to our school.  
You are an important part of it.  
We hope you will be happy here.

*[some children to present a suitable symbol to represent the work of the new member]*

**Welcome by staff:** We welcome you to our school.  
Without your work we cannot do our work well.  
We hope that you will feel part of our school community.

**Welcome by parishioners:** We welcome you to our parish.  
We value your contribution to the work of the school.  
We pray that you will be happy in our community.

**Prayer:** Loving God, we thank you for our school,  
for all who work here,  
for all who learn here,  
Bless ..... as he/she begins his/her work among us,

Sing a suitable hymn or say the school prayer.