

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING OF A NEW HEADTEACHER

The commissioning could take place during the Eucharist, or as part of a separate service

CALLING AND PRESENTATION OF THE NEW HEADTEACHER:

Leader: Will (*name*) who is to be commissioned as the new headteacher of (*name of school*) please come forward.

I present (*name*), our brother/sister in Christ, chosen by the governing body to serve in the parish school of (*name*). We pray that s/he may be effective in his/her work, persevering in his/her prayer and a worthy and willing servant of the school community.

President: I thank God that you have presented yourself today to be commissioned as the new headteacher of our school and we trust in God's power working in and through you that you will be granted all the strength that you need for the task ahead.

All: **Thanks be to God**

THE COMMISSIONING:

President: Our school plays an important role in helping parents and their children to grow in the understanding and practice of the Christian faith. Therefore, before I commission you, I ask you, along with the congregation here present, to declare this faith. It is the faith of the Church, the faith we teach in our school. It is the faith that you, as headteacher of (*name*) are committed to promote. Please stand now as together we declare this, our faith, together:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was
made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

President: (Name) are you willing and prepared to take up your ministry in (school) and to serve the community to the best of your ability?

Headteacher: I am

President invites all parishioners to extend their hand towards the headteacher and call down God's blessing on him/her

President: May God bless your ministry as headteacher of (school) and bless our community of faith through the work we do together.

All: Amen

- *If the commissioning takes place within the Eucharist then the president will be the celebrant.*
- *The leader may be the chair of the governing body or a parishioner.*