

## **New priest for (parish/benefice name) template**

The Revd (priest's Christian & surname) will be licensed as the new (role title) of (parish/benefice name) on (date) at (place) at (time).

(Mr/Mrs & surname) will be licensed by the Bishop of (Diocese/Area), the Right Reverend (Christian & surname) and installed by the Archdeacon of (Archdeaconry name), the Venerable (Christian & surname).

You are warmly invited to be present and to send a photographer.

The Bishop of (Diocese/Episcopal Area) said: "I am delighted to welcome (Mr/Mrs, Christian & surname) to (place). (He/she) brings the very (skills/experience) needed at this time." (modify as appropriate)

Churchwarden, (Christian & surname) said: "We all look forward to (his/her) new ministry among us here and hope that (his/her) (wife/husband, Christian name) and (children, name/s) will quickly settle into this (parish/benefice) and soon get to know this part of (Essex/London) and the (parish/es)." (modify as appropriate)

(Mr/Mrs & surname) added: "I am very much looking forward to my licensing on (date) and to getting to know the (parish/benefice) I will be serving. This is an exciting time for all of us as we seek to discern how God is calling us to work together as the worshipping community in this place." (modify as appropriate)

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Notes to Editor:

Biographical information about (priest's Christian & surname):

Eg Grew up in (city/town/county). Read (subject) at (name) University. Spent (number) years working as a (previous profession), before training at (theological college name) in (place). (modify as appropriate)

Ordained in (cathedral) in (year) and served (his/her) curacy in (place & county). Since (year) has been (role title) in (place & county). (modify as appropriate)

Married to (spouse's Christian name), who is a (profession) with (number, names and ages of children). (modify as appropriate)

A photo of (priest's Christian & surname) is attached.

About the (name of parish/benefice)/ (name) Diocese/Episcopal Area: (add brief para if appropriate)

Contact information:

(Parish Press Officer's name, email address, tel number, mobile number, parish social media)