

CITATION

February 2026

To the Churchwardens and Churchwardens Elect

ARCHDEACONS' VISITATION 2026

You are hereby cited personally to appear before
THE VENERABLE CHARLES HUDSON
ARCHDEACON IN THE ARCHDEACONRY OF ST ALBANS

or some other competent Judge in this behalf
at one of the Centres set out below.

Tuesday 19th May at 7.30pm- Christ Church, Chorleywood, WD3 5SG

Wednesday 10th June at 7.30pm- St Paul's, Letchworth, SG6 1QL

Monday 22nd June at 3pm- Christ Church, Radlett, WD7 7JJ

Then and there to attend the Visitation of the said Archdeacon; and you are to give notice to the Churchwardens Elect to attend at a Centre, in order that they may be admitted into Office and the Declaration required by Law for the ensuing year.

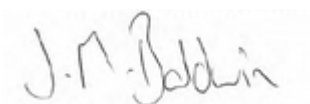
In accordance with the Churchwardens' Measure 2001, **all Churchwardens** (those continuing in office and those newly elected) must be admitted to Office by the 31st August, 2026. **It will not be possible for the Archdeacon to grant a dispensation for a Churchwarden continuing in office.**

If you cannot attend the Visitation in May or June please be in touch with the Archdeacon's Office to make alternative arrangements. **If you are not admitted to office by 31st August 2026 then the Measure makes it clear that a casual vacancy will arise, so a further election will be necessary.**

The Certificate of Election must be brought to the Visitation Centre or sent to the Archdeacon. You will be asked to complete a Declaration when you are admitted to office. (Available to download on the Diocese website).

In the case of parishes where there are team ministries, district wardens are invited to attend the Visitation.

Your term of office will expire on 31st August 2027, or the date a replacement Churchwarden is admitted to office, whichever is the sooner. Should you wish to resign during your term of office, you would need to write to the Lord Bishop of St Albans at Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans, AL3 4HD, giving a two month notice period.



Diocesan Registrar