



The Church of England  
Diocese of Ely



Commissioning of a Parish

Safeguarding Officer

## **At the commissioning of a Parish Safeguarding Officer**

*This liturgy can replace the intercessions in a service of Holy Communion (in which case the Lord's Prayer as printed below should be omitted) or used in a Service of the Word such as all age worship or Morning Prayer.*

*It is fitting that the first thing a Parish Safeguarding Officer is asked to do when they are commissioned is to pray for the church, its leaders and those we need to safeguard. The role is not just a bureaucratic function but it is a spiritually demanding ministry of service to the church.*

### *Minister:*

N, you have been appointed as Parish Safeguarding Officer in this [church / parish / benefice / ...].

We welcome your willingness to serve the church as Parish Safeguarding Officer. Hold before us always the need to be faithful to God's love. I now invite you to lead us in prayer, praying especially for the safe keeping and well-being of all.

### *Parish Safeguarding Officer:*

Let us pray.  
Lord God we come together to acknowledge  
your deep and everlasting love for each and every one  
of us. We come to you this day,  
recognizing the challenges before  
us, the brokenness of ourselves  
and brokenness of our world.

Lord, come to bless us,  
All: **and make us more like Jesus**

God you know that our leaders of  
[Scouts, Guides, Sunday clubs, youth  
group etc] have agreed to take on special  
responsibilities. Keep them vigilant, but  
with your loving heart and abundant  
grace.  
Help them and us to see with your  
eyes the struggles of those around  
us.

Lord, come to bless us,  
All: **and make us more like Jesus**

Creator God,  
you set us among family and friends and neighbours.  
Here we see who our true selves are  
often poorly reflecting the depth of your love.  
Protect us, guard us and  
guide us in our homes,  
in our work and our play.

Lord, come to bless us,  
All: **and make us more like Jesus**

Lord God, you know how we carry  
pain, physically, emotionally and  
mentally.  
You know how deeply we need your healing love,  
mercy and forgiveness to dispel the darkness.  
Help us to be honest with  
ourselves so that we can let  
your love work.

Bring wholeness, healing and lightness of  
spirit into all our lives.

We hold before you those who need your healing  
touch at this time..... (silence)

Lord, come to bless us,  
All: **and make us more like Jesus**

We are all your children.  
May our lives and hearts  
find your life-giving love, your delight in  
life, with fun and laughter which  
overflows, bringing fullness and grace to  
all.

Lord, come to bless us,  
All: **and make us more like Jesus**

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers**  
**for the sake our your Son, our**  
**Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Either,*

*(or)*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**All:**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but  
deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

**All:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed  
be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And  
forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil. For**

**thine is the kingdom, the**

**power and the glory, for**

**ever and ever.**

**Amen**

*Minister:*

God, pour upon *N* your life giving Spirit to guide and bring you wisdom, healing, forgiveness and love.

May he/she delight in being able to work alongside you bringing your kingdom to life.

**Amen**

