

## **Licensing an Associate Priest**

**Bishop:** N, Licensing as an Associate Priest recognises a new stage in your Ministry. Initial training has been completed and you have demonstrated your willingness to develop your learning and ministerial skills through the period of a Curacy. As an Associate Priest in this parish you will continue to assist and support the Chaplain and his successors. You will continue to learn from your experience and develop your own theological understanding. You will find particular avenues to contribute your gifts and continue to engage fully in the life of this Church. Are you ready to enter this new phase of ministry?

**Priest:** I am, the Lord being my helper

**Bishop:** (congregation) Are you ready to accept N as your Associate Priest and will you support her/him in this ministry?

**Congregation:** We are, and we will

**Bishop:** N, I therefore invite you to make the declarations that the Licence requires.

The Declaration is made

**Bishop:** I will now read the Licence

The Licence is read

**Bishop:** N, May God bless you richly in your continuing ministry. May it be an inspiration to others and lead them to the source of all ministry, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen