

The Commissioning of a new District chaplain

*The church pennant is hoisted
The order for 'Off Caps' is given*

Area Chaplain :

We meet in the presence of Almighty God to commission
N
to be the new District Chaplain of x District
and to present him/her with his/her certificate of appointment

[Reading]

[Reflection]

District Chair:

Revd Sir, we present to you N
to be commissioned Chaplain of x District

Area Chaplain:

Padre, I ask you; Will you as Chaplain seek at all times to carry out your duties faithfully as you nurture people, give teaching and lead spiritually in this District?

Chaplain: With God's help I will

Area Chaplain:

On Behalf of the Corps Chaplain and the Captain of the Corps who has appointed you, I commission you to be the chaplain of x District. I present you with your certificate of appointment and charge you to be diligent in your duties and in your care for all here present and those in your District.

The new district chaplain kneels and is blessed

Almighty God grant you his strength and guidance at all times and may his blessing rest upon all your endeavours. In the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

All the chaplains kneel together and ask for the anointing of God's Holy Spirit for their ministry and that of the chaplaincy as a whole.

The chaplains stand

Area Chaplain:

Chair, I present you your new district chaplain. May s/he serve you and guide you with his/her counsel.

District Chair:

I welcome you to x District as our chaplain asking you to guide us with your counsel and wisdom.

District Officer:

I welcome you as our chaplain and ask you to lead x District in prayer

The new chaplain says a few words of thanks and then leads the prayers

New Chaplain:

Let us pray for the Corps in which we serve:

Lord bless this ship and her company, and all units of the Sea Cadet Corps throughout the world. Guide Elizabeth our Queen and all who go down to the sea in ships. Teach us to serve you as our master on our earthly voyage so that at the last we may come to the peace and safety of your eternal haven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Now by using the prayer of St Francis, let us ask God to guide us and give us courage in our work:

Merciful God, to you we commend ourselves and all who need your help. Where there is hatred, give love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy; where there is darkness, light. Grant that we may not seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned and in dying that we are born into eternal life. Amen.

Let us sum up our prayers by joining together with the words our saviour taught us:

Our Father.... *(version that the district uses)*

Area Chaplain:

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
The Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.
Amen

The parade is then dismissed and/or the colours process completed.