

The Commissioning of a new unit chaplain

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

District Chaplain :

We meet in the presence of Almighty God to commission

_____ to be the new Unit Chaplain of TS _____
and to present him/her with his/her certificate of appointment

[Reading]

[Reflection]

Unit Chair:

Revd Sir/Madam, we present to you _____ to be
commissioned Chaplain of TS _____

District 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 unit?

Chaplain: With God's help we will

District Chaplain:

On Behalf of the Corps Chaplain and the Captain of the Corps who has appointed you, I commission you to be the chaplains of TS _____. 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.

The new 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

District Chaplain:

Chair, I present you your new Unit Chaplain. May he/she serve you and guide you with their counsel.

Unit Chair:

I welcome you to TS _____ as our chaplains and confirm your membership of our Unit management Team, asking you to guide us with your counsel and wisdom.

Commanding Officer:

I welcome you as our chaplain and ask you to lead TS _____ 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 unit uses)*

District 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.