

Lincoln Cathedral



**Commissioning of
Headteachers**

from the Church Schools
of the Diocese of Lincoln

followed by

Choral Evensong

Thursday 27th March 2025

5.30 pm

Please stand as the choir and clergy procession enters.

The Commissioning of Headteachers

The Dean welcomes the congregation and invites them to be seated.

The Dean addresses the Headteachers, their friends and supporters, and the congregation informally. He continues

Brothers and sisters, Christ calls us all to follow him in our lives and to live out his love in our communities. We come here today, in worship and in prayer, to celebrate the particular ministry of those who serve in the Church Schools of the Diocese of Lincoln, and to commission for service Headteachers from our schools.

As we gather in worship with those appointed to this ministry, we pray with and for them for grace to follow and serve God in their schools and their communities.

The Headteachers stand before the Dean. The Diocesan Director of Education presents them to him, saying

Dean, I present to you these Headteachers of our Church Schools, asking that they be commissioned to that ministry.

Education is a key part of the church's mission in sharing the good news of the Gospel with all people. As both new and established headteachers, you have a special responsibility to ensure that everyone in your school is valued and recognised as a uniquely gifted child of God. You are also charged with ensuring that your school is rooted in Christian values, principles and beliefs; that worship and religious education are central to the life and work of the school; and that the Christian faith is reflected in every aspect of school life.

Dean People of God, will you welcome and support these Headteachers in their ministry in the schools which they lead?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

The Dean addresses the Headteachers

Dean Will you commit yourself to this work, faithfully serving the school and its community?

Headteachers **With the help of God, we will.**

Dean Will you seek to perform your duties as Headteacher prayerfully, with a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration, and with respect for all God's children?

Headteachers **With the help of God, we will.**

Dean Will you seek to make your school a place where the love of God is shown in action and attitude?

Headteachers **With the help of God, we will.**

Dean On behalf of the Board of Education, I commission you as Headteachers of the Church Schools of the Diocese of Lincoln, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. May God grant you grace, wisdom and joy as you live out this calling.

Bibles are presented to each Headteacher as their name and school are announced.

The congregation remains seated or kneels and the Dean prays

Let us pray.

Holy God, giver of all wisdom and understanding, we thank you for these Headteachers; for their commitment to you and to the schools they serve; for the ministry for which we have commissioned them.

Bless them in all that they do: may they nurture all the children in their care; manage their staff with wisdom and gentleness; and make their schools a place where your love is known and your Good News heard.

All **Amen.**

The Dean invites governors and others accompanying the headteachers to stand
Governors and staff, you share in this work. Will you support your headteacher through prayer and by working together to ensure that all pupils are upheld and affirmed in their learning?

The governors and staff respond

With the help of God, I will.

We say together the Diocesan Schools' Prayer

All Loving God, as we are called into fellowship with you
help us to flourish in all we do.

As we aspire for our schools and communities to be strengthened

All **give us wisdom, knowledge and understanding.**

As we live our lives rooted in hope and in your love
All **help us to empower all those we meet.**

Loving God, in all we do

All **help us to love and care for one another with
humility, justice and kindness.**

Amen.

The order of service for Choral Evensong begins on page 2 of the cream booklets in your places.