

### Other resources

Bless to us, O God  
The doors we open  
The thresholds we cross  
The roads that lie before us.  
God with us as we go  
And welcome us home.  
*Iona*

Wherever we go,  
May the joy of God the gracious  
be with us.  
Wherever we go,  
May the face of Christ the kindly  
be with us.  
Wherever we go,  
May the compassion of the Spirit of grace  
be with us.  
Wherever we go,  
The presence of the Trinity around us  
To bless us and keep us.  
*Iona*

O God, your Son Jesus Christ said that we  
minister to him when we clothe the naked, give  
food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty, and  
visit the sick and imprisoned; Go with all those  
who, following the command of your Son,  
minister in his name, who lives and reigns for  
ever and ever. Amen *ECUSA*

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## WAKEFIELD MINISTRY SCHEME



### Liturgy for Commissioning of Parishes

*After completion of the Basic Parish Programme and Year Three Review, churches are invited to proceed to a Commissioning as a WMS church or parish at a main Sunday service. This is a form of diocesan affirmation of the church as one that has put in place and is continuing to develop a pattern of collaborative ministry. A certificate signed by the Bishop is handed over and an Act of Commissioning takes place, using a selection from the liturgical material in this leaflet. This should include the section headed 'The Commissioning' and any other material the parish wishes to use.*

#### Affirmation of Baptismal Commitment

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.  
Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the  
breaking of bread and in the prayers?  
**With the help of God we will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and in the face of sin seek  
forgiveness and repentance?  
**With the help of God we will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news  
of God in Christ?  
**With the help of God we will.**

Will you serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour  
as yourself?  
**With the help of God we will.**

Will you celebrate Christ's incarnation by prayer for the  
world and its leaders, by defending the weak and  
striving for peace and justice?  
**With the help of God we will.**

### Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father and Creator,  
from whom every family in heaven and earth is  
named.**

**We believe in God the Son and Redeemer,  
who fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit and Life-giver,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

### The Commissioning

Will you, the people of *name of parish*, continue to  
encourage one another in faith?

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

Will you welcome one another's gifts in the service of  
God's kingdom and in the life of his Church?

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

Will you seek the blessings of God on all whom you  
meet in this locality and in all other places of encounter?

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

Will you affirm the members of the Parish Core Group  
and work with them to seek God's will for the church  
here and to share in the tasks of Christian ministry?

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

Will you offer to God gladly all that you are for the  
building up of the Body of Christ, for the well-being of  
people everywhere and for the peace of the world?

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

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you  
may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth  
the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

### The Prayers

In a world of change and hope, of fear and adven-  
ture; faithful God:

**glorify your name.**

In human rebellion and obedience, in our seeking  
and finding; faithful God:

**glorify your name.**

In the common life of our society, in prosperity and  
need; faithful God:

**glorify your name.**

As your church proclaims your goodness in words  
and action; faithful God:

**glorify your name.**

Among our friends and in our homes; faithful God:

**glorify your name.**

In our times of joy and in our days of sorrow;  
faithful God:

**glorify your name.**

In our strengths and triumphs, in our weakness and  
at our death; faithful God:

**glorify your name.**

In your saints in glory and on the day of Christ's  
coming; faithful God:

**glorify your name.**

God of glory, you inspire us with the breath of life  
which brought to birth a new world in Christ.

May we who are reborn in him

be transformed by the renewal of our lives,

that the light of your new creation

may flood the earth with your abundant grace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**