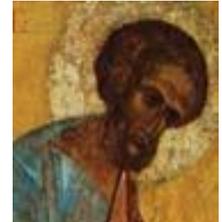


*Called to be*  
**A People of Hope**



*Commissioning  
of  
Pupil Chaplaincy Team Members*

*Virtual Procession of Banners*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness,  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us,  
Make us your living voice.

*Christ be our light!  
Shine on our hearts, shine through the darkness!  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church, gathered today.*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry,  
Longing for water, still many thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless  
Longing for warmth, many are cold  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your Kingdom come.

**Bishop Declan:** Peace be with you

**All:** And with your spirit

**Bishop Declan welcomes the chaplains**

Let us be still for a moment as we remember that God is present with us

**There is a virtual celebration of chaplaincy in the diocese during the year**

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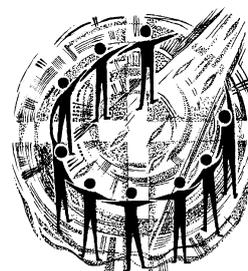
**Opening prayer read by a child/student from school/college**

Lord God, in this short time together, open our ears and our eyes to see your vision for our schools and our part within it. Help us to be people of prayer who want to try to live in the way you want us to.

Introduction to the reading by Colleen Collett then the first reader from school/college is invited to read

**First Reading:** A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.1:4-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah  
The Lord said to Jeremiah,  
“Before I gave you life,  
And before you were born,  
I chose you to be a prophet to the nations.”  
I replied, “Lord God, how can I speak for you? I’m too young.”  
The Lord answered, “Don’t say you’re too young.  
Go to everyone I send you to and tell them everything I command you.  
Don’t be afraid of them!  
I, the Lord, will be with you to keep you safe.”  
Then the Lord reached out his hand.  
He touched my lips and said,  
“I have now given you the words to say.”  
The word of the Lord.



**Psalm read by a child/student from school/college**

**Response: I long to see your face, O Lord**

1. You, Lord, are my light  
that keeps me safe.  
I am not afraid of anyone.  
You protect me,  
And I have no fears.

2. I ask only one thing, Lord:  
Let me live in your house  
every day of my life  
to see how wonderful you are  
and to pray in your temple.

We say together: **Alleluia** (John 15:16)

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit  
that will last.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And with your spirit.**



**Bishop:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (9:35-38)

**All: Glory to you Lord**

Jesus went to every town and village.  
He taught in their meeting places and preached the good news about God’s kingdom.  
Jesus also healed every kind of disease and sickness.  
When he saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them.  
They were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.  
He said to his disciples,  
“A large crop is in the fields, but there are only a few workers.  
Ask the Lord in charge of the harvest to send out workers to bring it in.”

**Bishop:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **Reflection: Bishop Declan**

**Bishop Declan will now ask the Chaplains to join him with the Act of Dedication to support their commissioning.**

**All chaplains will please stand**

### **Bishop Declan:**

You are called and chosen by God. You are called to bring all that you are, your gifts and talents, to the chaplaincy team. So, I ask you now

Will you promise to be people of prayer, to listen closely to God's word and to try to do what God wants you to do?

**All: With God's help we will**

Will you promise to try and help other people, to be a friend to those who feel alone, to work for justice and to be a peacemaker in your home and school?

**All: With God's help we will**

Will you promise to try to live in the way that God wants, to forgive others, to put others first, to care for our world and to show in your actions what it means to love God?

**All: With God's help we will**

Will you promise to be a people of Hope?

**All: With God's help we will**

Bishop will then ask his representative at the service to give out the badges. This can be the head or the priest.

Bishop congratulates everyone and blesses them as they begin or continue their work throughout the year.

### **Bishop Declan: Final Prayer**

Lord Jesus, the source of all knowledge and truth, give to all who are here today, wisdom, strength and compassion in all they do and grant that all of us may be transformed by your Spirit

### **Blessing by Bishop Declan**

#### **Final Hymn:**

1. Lord the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of our darkness shining;  
Jesus light of the world shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me

2. Lord I come into your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter your brightness  
Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nation with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your word, Lord and let there be light.*

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.



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Holy Family Primary School, Swindon  
St Patrick's Primary School, Wiltshire  
St Joseph's Catholic College, Swindon  
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St Joseph's Primary School, Malmesbury  
St Joseph's Catholic School, Salisbury  
Christ the King Primary School, Bristol  
St Mary's Primary School, Gloucester  
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St Bede's Catholic College, Bristol  
Holy Cross Primary School, Bristol  
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