

CITATION

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION 2026

**To the Beneficed and Licensed Clergy, Churchwardens and Chapelwardens
of the Archdeaconry of Taunton**

Please pass this Visitation information to new Churchwardens when appointed

Details of this year's Visitations are now available. Attendance is a **mandatory requirement** for all churchwardens and licensed clergy.

Readers and other licensed ministers are also very welcome to attend so **Clergy and Churchwardens are asked to ensure that they receive an invitation.**

If there is anything that you would like to draw to my attention (be it a cause of rejoicing or worry) please email me with "VISITATION COMMENT" as the subject of your email or do phone or write if you prefer. At the Visitation, Churchwardens are most welcome to see me to discuss any issues, although for conversations longer than 5-10 minutes, an appointment on a separate occasion is advisable and can be arranged.

Churchwardens' Days are to be held on Saturday 11 July and Saturday 26 September 2026 at Flourish House, Cathedral Park, Wells BA5 1FD. For more information please go to <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/events-and-training/lay-courses/churchwardens-training-day/>

I look forward to seeing you in June.

The Venerable Simon Hill – Archdeacon of Taunton
April 2026

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Dates	Deanery	Venue
Monday 1 June 2026	Quantock	St Decuman, Watchet
Tuesday 2 June 2026	Tone	St Peter, Huish Champflower
Wednesday 3 June 2026	Somerset South	St Peter, Horton
Thursday 4 June 2026	Exmoor	St George, Dunster
Tuesday 9 June 2026	Taunton	St Mary Magdalene, Taunton (Taunton Minster)
Wednesday 10 June 2026	Sedgemoor	St Mary, Bridgwater

Clergy and Churchwardens are requested to attend their own deanery venue, but if prevented from so doing, they may attend another deanery service. If a Churchwarden is unable to attend any of the above services, please contact the Taunton Archdeaconry Assistant: alison.cruickshank@bathwells.anglican.org

PROGRAMME	
5.45 to 6.50pm (Light refreshments will be served)	On arrival, Clergy and Churchwardens are asked to report to their Area Dean and Lay Dean. Churchwardens will be asked to sign their Forms of Declaration, which they should bring with them. The Archdeacon will be available to see Churchwardens.
7pm	The Visitation service at which Churchwardens will make their declaration and be admitted into office. During the service the Archdeacon will give his Charge.
7.50pm onwards	The Archdeacon will be available to see Churchwardens.