

CITATION

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION 2026

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

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 our attention (be it a cause of rejoicing or worry) please email the Archdeaconry Office with "Visitation Comment" as the subject of your email or do phone or write if you prefer.

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/churchwardens-training-day.php?origin=search>

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April 2026

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Dates	Deanery	Venue
Tuesday 9 June 2026	Bruton and Cary	Milborne Port: St John the Evangelist
Monday 15 June 2026	Ivelchester / Yeovil	Montacute: St Catherine
Wednesday 17 June 2026	Axbridge	Mark: Holy Cross
Monday 22 June 2026	Frome	Beckington: St George
Monday 29 June 2026	Glastonbury/ Shepton Mallet	Glastonbury: St John the Baptist

Clergy and Churchwardens are requested to attend their own deanery venue, but if prevented from so doing, they may attend another deanery service or in another archdeaconry (dates for the Bath and Taunton archdeaconries can be found here <https://bathandwells.org.uk/parish-support/churchwardens/visitations/visitations-2025>). If a Churchwarden is unable to attend any of the above services, please contact the Wells Archdeaconry Assistant, Stephanie Smith: adwells@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.
7pm	The Visitation service at which Churchwardens will make their declaration and be admitted into office. During the service a charge will be given.