**The Commissioning of a Youth Minister**

*Matt, our Youth Minister, John, Team Rector, and Andrew, Team Vicar, go to the Chancel Step.*

John In prayer and with much preparation the Team Ministry in Swanage and Studland has sought to address our responsibility for the welfare and the faith of young people. After due examination, we have been delighted to appoint Matt as our Youth Minister. We recognise in him the skills and understanding essential for this special ministry, and a firm grounding in the Christian life. But the task is a great one which must be shared by other churches, by concerned individuals and many organisations in our community. Above all, we believe appropriate ministry requires the inspiration and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Matt I ask you on behalf of God’s people here, do you believe that he has called you to this special ministry among the young people in the churches and the community here?

Matt Yes, I believe God has called me to this ministry.

John Will you do all you can to communicate the good news of God’s love in word and in action, and to work with your colleagues in ministry to enrich the life of the worshipping community?

Matt With God’s help, I will.

John To the best of your ability, will you work to understand the needs of young people in Swanage and Studland and bring to them your knowledge of God’s love for all that he has made?

Matt With God’s help, I will.

*Those who interviewed Matt gather round, together with those in leadership ministry, representatives of each of the team churches and other church leaders from Swanage and the young people of our churches. We extend our hands in blessing.*

A time of prayer led by Andrew follows after which everyone says this prayer for Matt together:

**May God bless you in your work for him;**

**may he fill you with the power of his Spirit**

**to undertake all that he requires;**

**may he bless you in the life we share as his people here;**

**and may he bless all to whom you minister**

**with the knowledge of his love,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*There are no restrictions on the use of this text.*

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