



# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND Council for Christian Unity

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## Check lists

For the application of Canon B43

### A: Invitations to other Christians

#### General requirements:

- The person's church must be one to which Canon B43 applies
- The person must be baptised \*
- The person must perform a similar duty in their own church
- The invitation must come from the Incumbent
- \* If the person is not baptised (e.g. Quaker or Salvation Army) the bishop must give approval. The bishop must be satisfied that there are special circumstances if the invitation is to preach at Baptism or Holy Communion

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- **To read Holy Scriptures**
  - **To lead intercessions or prayers**

No additional requirements

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- **To preach on a single occasion**
  - **To say or sing Morning or Evening Prayer on a single occasion**

#### Additional requirement

- The PCC must give approval

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- **To preach or lead worship regularly**
  - **To assist in the distribution of Holy Communion**

#### Additional requirements

- The PCC must give approval
- The bishop must give approval

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- **To assist at baptism or a wedding**
  - **To conduct a funeral**

#### Additional requirement

- The persons concerned must have requested it

### B: Invitations from other Churches

#### General requirements:

- The Church must be one to which Canon B43 applies
- You must be an authorised minister in the Church of England (bishop, priest, deacon, deaconess, lay worker or Reader)
- The duty you perform must be one for which you are authorised in the Church of England
- The incumbent of the parish in which the service will take place must give approval \*
- \* If the incumbent refuses to give approval, appeal can be made to the bishop of the diocese

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#### For invitations to take part on a regular basis

##### Additional requirements

- The PCC of the parish in which the services will take place must give approval
- The bishop of the diocese in which the services will take place must give approval

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#### For invitations to preside at Holy Communion

##### Additional requirements

- The PCC of the parish in which the service will take place must give approval
- The bishop of the diocese in which the service will take place must give approval \*

- \* The bishop will need to be satisfied that special circumstances justify accepting the invitation – and that the rite to be used is acceptable

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#### For invitations to take part in the ordination or consecration of a minister

- The bishop of the diocese in which the service will take place must give approval \*
- \* You may not, e.g. by laying on of hands, do any act which is a sign of the conferring of Holy Orders