

The Churchwardens

Two people are elected at our Annual Church Meeting of Parishioners to serve as Churchwardens for the year.

The role of a Churchwarden is extremely varied and it involves Clergy, people, buildings and money.

Anyone thinking of standing for election should be aware of the additional personal time commitment.

The key tasks involve:

- Working with the Vicar to support and share vision. Churchwardens should offer support both to Clergy and the members of the congregation. They are to promote the well-being of the Clergy and hold them to account in the exercise of their leadership and ministry. They are to engage with members of the church, and deal with people's concerns where possible.
- Maintenance: Churchwardens are responsible for the care, maintenance and insurance of the buildings and contents. They must also ensure appropriate records are kept and produce a fabric report annually.
- Attending PCC meetings and Standing Committee meetings, plus any additional meetings involving the building or finance. In the absence of a Treasurer, the Churchwardens are responsible for the accounts of the church.

In addition, Churchwardens are responsible for the completion of the Annual Return for the church, broadly based on reports for the Annual Meeting, and other statistics or information for the previous year.

Churchwardens should be people who are in good standing within the church, people whom the congregation respect as leaders. They are expected to lead people by example and encourage unity and peace. They should be able to have the 'big picture' of the church and ensure smooth running at every level. They should be people who will nourish and maintain their own Christian faith alongside attending to practical matters.

Anyone may stand for election who lives in the parish or is on the electoral roll, is over 21 and confirmed and has received communion at least three times in the previous year. All candidates must be proposed and seconded before the Annual Meeting.