

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)**  
**Tuesday 20 October 2020**  
**ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2020-21**

"Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom."  
*Acts Chapter 6 verse 3*

In these words, St Luke describes the election of the first seven deacons in the fledgling Christian church. They had an important role to fulfil in practical matters of administration and so release the Apostles "to give attention to prayer and the ministry of the word".

In many ways, the election of deacons was the forerunner of electing the Parochial Church Council, the PCC. Today we choose both men and women and every eligible church member is invited to take part in the election process. (See over for details.)

We continue to look for people who are filled with the Spirit and wisdom, who have personal integrity and are active in serving in the church and who are willing to spend time in prayer seeking God's heart and vision for St Peter's.

### **Invitation**

This year we need to elect

- 2 Churchwardens
- 4 Deanery Synod reps
- 3 PCC members

You are all invited to consider prayerfully who should be nominated to serve as our representatives in the practical government of the church under God's guidance and direction. This is a responsibility for all of us and it is a wise fellowship that gives prayerful thought in seeking God's will to find those who are called to make decisions on our behalf.

### **Procedure**

If you believe you are discerning the Lord's will that a particular individual should serve (in one or more positions), then you should test this by making a nomination according to our agreed procedure, which is:

1. a) Obtain a nomination form from the Church Office or print one off from the website.  
b) Approach your nominee to see if he/she is willing to stand. If they are, obtain a signature.  
c) Sign the form yourself as the nominator;  
d) Obtain the signature of a seconder (you should have discussed this beforehand);  
e) Return the fully completed form (for the confidential attention of the PCC Secretary) via the Church Office or directly via email to: rowena@srharrison.org
2. Every week from Wednesday 16 September a list of those nominated will be included in the weekly bulletin.
3. All nominations are to be received by 12 noon on Sunday 11 October. (Note that incomplete or wrongly completed forms will be discounted.)
4. If there are insufficient nominations, the PCC will prayerfully consider co-opting to fill the vacancies if this is desirable.

## Current PCC

Vicar: Danny Rodgers  
Churchwardens: Peter Coles and Sue Smithies  
Treasurer: Ray Douglas  
Deanery Synod Reps: Ann Cartland, Sue Breeze, Peter Loadman, and Nigel Peach

Elected in 2017 for 3 years	Elected in 2018 for 3 years	Elected in 2019 for 3 years
Ian Cheffy	David Cartwright	Alan Garratt
Elaine Faulkner	Tracey Dalby	Jan Hill
Howard Sinton	Jon Shallow	Lallie Laverty

Others: Andy Saunders attended all PCC meetings until his resignation. Rowena Harrison was co-opted in September 2019.

The standard position is that once a person has completed a term of office they may not stand for re-election without a break of one year. As with the Church Wardens, the restriction on standing again as elected members was revoked in 2016 to allow for continuity, so **those standing down this year may stand for re-election.**

A resolution will be put to the APCM to revert to the standard position from 2021, so that lay members of the PCC will again stand down for one year, having served a three-year period of office.

### Eligibility

To be nominated, you must have been on the 'Electoral Roll' of the Parish for six months. To be on this Electoral Roll, you must be at least 16 years of age, have been baptised, and either live in the Parish, or have been worshipping at St Peter's for at least six months, as well as having completed and returned a form for approval by the current PCC. Both proposers and seconders must have been on the Electoral Roll for six months.

### Disqualifications

A person shall be disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of the PCC if he/she

- is disqualified from being a charity trustee
- is included in a barred list
- has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933

### Church Rules

A separate leaflet is available on the constitution and role of the PCC.

If you have any questions, please contact the Vicar, a Warden or the PCC Secretary who will be pleased to help you.

A united PCC is a source of blessing to a church: may God guide us all as we seek His will and may we be wise stewards of the privilege of our voting system.

Yours, in the Lord's service

Peter Coles and Sue Smithies  
Churchwardens

September 2020