ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

Monday 22nd April 2022
ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2024-25

## “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 ambassadors of our vision and mission; people involved serving in our church community and who are willing to spend time in prayer seeking God’s heart and ongoing direction for St Peter’s.

**Invitation**

This year we need to elect

* 2 Churchwardens (done in Meeting of Parishioners, takes place just before APCM)
* 3 New 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: 1tracey@loudwater.org

2. Every week from Wednesday 10th April a list of those nominated will be included in the weekly bulletin.

3. All nominations should be received by 12 noon on Sunday 21st April. (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.

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# Current PCC

Vicar Danny Rodgers

Churchwardens: Jon Shallow and Nicola Rayner

Treasurer: Heather Flood

Secretary: Tracey Dalby (in attendance)

Deanery Synod Reps: Ian Cheffy, Jono Walne, Nigel Peach, and Peter Loadman

PCC Members:

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| **Elected in 2021 for 3 years** | **Elected in 2022 for 3 years** | **Elected in 2023 for 3 years** |
| Frank Boreham (stepped down) | Ben Gill | Dan Joy(stepped down) |
|  | Jono Walne(Deanery Synod 2023) | Howard Sinton |
|  | Nicola Rayner(Churchwarden 2023) | Geraldine Shiels |
|  | Paul Breeze | Angie Wilkie |
|  |  | Ann Cartland |

The standard position for PCC members is that once a person has completed a term of office they may not stand for re-election without a break of one year.

# 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 (PCC Information - Key points).

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

Jon Shallow and Nicola Rayner

Churchwardens

March 2024