

Vision Launch and Annual Church Meeting

a BIG celebration



10.30am Sunday 28 April @ St Mark

The Sunday after Easter we are coming together for a combined morning service and celebration. We will begin in worship and prayer and move into the annual meeting, with the unveiling of our new vision statement.

The agenda and papers for the annual meeting are now available in each church – please pick up your copy and bring it with you.

There will be separate activities for the children (usual St Mark groups) and following the service there will be refreshments and a celebration cake. It is anticipated that we will finish no later than 12 noon. We would love everyone to come!!!

Elections (and a request)

Following last year's APCM, in order to bring PCC member terms of office into line with the Church Representation Rules, we needed to move to a three year rotational basis for serving on PCC. This was decided by the drawing of lots (Church Representation Rules CRR 16.6), with the outcome as follows:

- ◆ One year term (to 2019) - Judy Sibley, Chris Chiswell, Helen Sexton
- ◆ Two year term (to 2020) - Paul Ewins, Kathryn Martin, Rob Goldsmith
- ◆ Three year term (to 2021) - Pat Bowen, Mike Horne, Pippa O'Connell

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At this year's meeting we are therefore due to elect:

- ◆ 2 Parish wardens (elected annually for a 1yr term of office)
- ◆ 3 PCC members (elected for a 3yr term of office)

Given the transition we have been through as a parish, and the good progress made working as a group, it would be a great advantage to retain the same PCC membership as we begin to work on the priorities that will emerge from our vision.

I am therefore asking church members, for this year only, to prayerfully consider re-electing those coming to the end of their one year term and who are prepared to stand again. This would be my preference, but of course, legally, anybody can stand and I will make sure due process is properly followed in any eventuality. Nomination forms are now available in each church.

Parish wardens

On behalf of the PCC we are hugely grateful to Ralph Catto who has been serving as a Parish warden but will not be standing again. He has taken over the role of Treasurer from Pete George, and we can anticipate the PCC will co-opt him to continue in this role! Pauline Carter and Pippa O'Connell have offered to continue to stand in their present capacities, if agreed at the meeting.

This will therefore leave one elected parish warden vacancy, to which Hannah McClelland has offered to stand. Others, of course, may also be nominated.

With my prayers

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