



## Update Letter – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Annual Church Meeting

Dear all,

I wanted to write with some information about our Annual Meeting on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 9:30am**. As I mentioned last week, this meeting was postponed from April due to the Coronavirus lockdown and we're going to be holding it in Church and streamed online using Zoom. We want as many people as possible to be able to access the meeting and Zoom allows a phone option as well. We will be conducting the business of the Church including voting for Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representatives and PCC members; plus receiving reports of the life of the Church during 2019 and the accounts. I would love to invite you to join us in whatever way you can.



### What is the PCC?

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the elected board of trustees who share in the leadership of the Church with the Churchwardens and vicar. It has five main aims:

1. **To enable the Church to play its part in God's mission to the world** – shaping the life of the Church around our mission to serve the world.
2. **To co-operate with the minister in sharing leadership** – each member taking responsibility and working collaboratively.
3. **To ensure legal compliance with charity and church law** - such as in areas of safeguarding, finance and employment.
4. **To care for the buildings and churchyard** – stewarding the resources we have and making best use of them to serve the mission and ministry of the Church.
5. **To be a channel of consultation with the wider church** – maintaining links with the Stoke-on-Trent deanery, The Diocese of Lichfield and the Church of England.

## Who is on the PCC?

The PCC is made up of the minister of the Church, two **Churchwardens**, three **Deanery Synod Representatives** and 9 other members of the congregation. To be eligible to be on the PCC, you must be on the Church Electoral Roll (like a membership list) which involves fulfilling certain criteria. Each position is usually for a three-year term.

Our **Churchwardens** carry a significant level of responsibility in assisting the minister in driving forward the vision and aims of the Church and actively helping to lead worship, pastoral care and mission. They are also responsible for the property and possessions of the Church. If you would be interested in finding out more about the role of Churchwarden, please get in touch.

The **Deanery Synod** is the local expression of governance within the Church of England. Our Deanery covers much of the city of Stoke-on-Trent and some surrounding areas, and St Andrew's has three reps who sit on the Deanery Synod (plus the minister). The synod is led by the Area Dean and is a stepping stone to the wider church in the Diocese and country but is also a place to coordinate on mission and outreach opportunities locally. We have three vacancies for Deanery Synod reps at this year's Annual Meeting – please get in touch if you are interested and complete the nomination form attached.

**PCC members** elected from the congregation join with the minister and Churchwardens in seeing the vision of the Church realised. Each member shares a practical and legal responsibility in the leadership of the Church as we work together to see the Church grow and move forward. We have four vacancies for PCC members at this year's Annual Meeting – please get in touch if you are interested and complete the nomination form attached.

## Who is eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting?

Elections for Churchwardens are by a strange quirk of Church of England law, open to anyone who lives on the parish plus those on the electoral roll of the Church. For the other elements of the meeting and elections for Deanery Synod and PCC members, only those on the parish electoral roll are eligible to vote. Any other members of the Church are welcome to attend too. We are obliged to publish a copy of the Electoral roll before each annual meeting – this is up at the back of Church or can be requested from Sue or myself. To join the electoral roll, please contact Sue however it will be too late for the addition to have effect at this year's annual meeting.

## What happens next?

1. If you would like more information about standing for election, please get in touch. Nomination form for Deanery Synod and PCC members are attached.
2. Keep an eye out for the annual reports which will be coming your way before the meeting – along with the accounts. Please have a read of them so you're prepared for the meeting.

3. Join us live in Church – please let us know if you plan to come physically – or online using this Zoom code:

James Gandon is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: St Andrew's Church Annual Meeting

Time: Oct 25, 2020 09:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88665925357>

Meeting ID: 886 6592 5357

Passcode: 644890

To join the meeting using your phone, dial one of these numbers:

0203 481 5240

0203 901 7895

0131 460 1196

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

Meeting ID: 886 6592 5357

Passcode: 644890

### Quick Notices

1. Our next two-weekly Church prayer meeting is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at

8pm – please join us as we continue to pray for the mission and ministry of St

Andrew's. Contact us for the Zoom code.

2. Remember our Outdoor Harvest Service is also on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October, at 3pm – designed for all ages, just half an hour long, with an opportunity to bring harvest gifts too.



God bless,

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### Services at St Andrew's

Sunday 9am: Holy Communion IN CHURCH

Sunday 10:30am: Morning Worship ONLINE

Tuesday 12:00pm: Holy Communion ONLINE

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