

Annual Meeting

This year St Andrew's Church Annual Meeting will take place immediately following the Service on Palm **Sunday 14th April**. This is the occasion where the PCC present to the church reports on various aspects of mission and ministry for 2018, including financial accounts. This is also when Church members stand for election to the roles of Churchwarden, Deanery Synod Representative and PCC member.

Being a PCC member gives you a voice in the executive council of the Church, representing the wider congregation and playing a role in the direction and leadership of the mission of St Andrew's. From within the PCC membership, the roles of Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer are decided (amongst others) and each member plays an active role. Over recent months, we have developed the PCC into three strategic task forces specifically in relation to seeing our vision move forward. This year we have **three vacancies** to be filled on our PCC. Please consider if this is a role you might want to fulfil, speak to James, Zara or Rob Littler and pick up a nomination form from the back of Church.

The Deanery Synod is a gathering of Church members and clergy (those ordained) from across the Deanery (a collection of parishes in a specific geographic area – in our case, broadly the city of Stoke-on-Trent). The purposes of the Deanery are to offer encouragement, build relationships and give opportunities for partnership in mission and joint projects to serve the city as a whole. It gathers three times a year, often includes outside speakers and is an

information flow from the Diocese to the parishes. We have **one vacancy** for a Deanery Synod Representative who would also sit on the PCC. If you would like to discuss this further, please speak to James, Linda Robinson or Steve Proudlove (our current reps) and pick up a nomination form from the back of Church.

Nomination forms for PCC and Deanery Synod places must be completed by the **13th April** and placed in the box at the back of Church or passed to James or Sue Lord.

A Churchwarden is a leader of the people called to work alongside the vicar of the parish to pursue the mission of the Church. At St Andrew's, the Churchwardens form part of the senior leadership team alongside James and Zara in discerning, setting and casting the vision of the Church and the outworking of it. This is a very specific role and there are more details contained in the fliers entitled 'Churchwarden Job Description' – please pick one up if you are interested, speak to James, Rob Littler (our current Churchwarden) and pick up a nomination form from the back of Church. Nominations for Churchwarden must be returned to James or Sue Lord by the **24th March**. *Please note this is earlier than the deadline for PCC and Synod members.* The Churchwardens are licenced at a special service on Thursday 9th May, to which everyone is invited!