

Explanation re the Election of Church Trustees to be held at the AGM on 19th May 2021

Elections will be held at the AGM on Wednesday 19th May for:

- Church Treasurer
- Church Secretary
- Nine Deacons retiring by rotation.

Church Treasurer

John Montgomery is retiring mid-term. The person elected will serve until the AGM in 2023.

Church Secretary

Jan Fisher is due to retire this year and does not wish to be renominated. The person elected will serve until the AGM in 2024.

Deacons

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Church agreed to postpone the elections that were due last year, and so we have two sets of Deacons retiring by rotation at the AGM:

Four Deacons due to retire in 2020:

Judith Brazier	Kay Hamer	Dan Simonds	Vacancy
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Four Deacons due to retire in 2021:

Iain Colville	Anna Grimshaw	Sandra Hopley	Angela Montgomery
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All are eligible for re-nomination, but Angela and Kay do not wish to stand again.

There is also one vacancy brought forward from 2019, due to retire in 2022.

Circumstances this time are slightly unusual, and so the following ways of proceeding for this year were agreed at the Church Members' Meeting on 10th March. They are in accordance with the general approach of the Constitution:

To provide stability and continuity, one third of the Deacons normally retire by rotation each year. The first two points will allow us to recover this pattern.

- **An existing Deacon who is re-elected will serve until they would normally retire by rotation.** (Those due to retire in 2020 to serve until 2023; those due to retire in 2021 to serve until 2024)
- **People newly elected as Deacons will serve such that those receiving the most votes will serve longer.**

Normally the Deacons and Church Officers are elected at different times of the year, and if a serving Deacon is appointed as an Officer, they are automatically deemed to have resigned from their role as a Deacon. At the AGM, to avoid confusion, we will hold the election for the Church Officers first. For clarity:

- **A member may be nominated for the roles of Church Officer and Deacon, but if they are elected as a Church Officer, their name will be withdrawn from the election of Deacons.**

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The requirements for calling for nominations for Officers and Deacons are slightly different, so

The invitation to nominate Officers will be announced from Sunday 14th March for 2 weeks, then there will be a gap until 18th April, when we will call for Nominations for both Officers and Deacons on three Sundays. Nominations must be received by the close of 2nd May.

Nomination forms and instructions will be published on the website. Please note the special arrangements regarding nomination forms which will apply this year in view of the Coronavirus restrictions.

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