

Archdeacons of Leicester & Loughborough

April 2023

Dear Churchwarden / Deputy Churchwarden

ARCHDEACONRY VISITATIONS 2023

We write with the dates for this year's Archdeacon's Visitations.

Archdeaconry of Leicester

Thursday 8 June	St Thomas a Beckett, Tugby	Launde & Gartree	7.30pm
Thursday 22 June	Christ Church, Thurnby Lodge	City	7.30pm
Monday 26 June	St Mary's, Melton Mowbray	Framland & Goscote	7.30pm

Archdeaconry of Loughborough

Tuesday 6 June	St Mary's and All Saints at Stanton Under Bardon	Sparkenhoe East	7.30pm
Wednesday 14 June	Holy Trinity, Ashby	Akeley East & N W Leicester	7.30pm
Monday 19 June	All Saints, Blaby	Guthlaxton & Sparkenhoe West	7.30pm

Background to the Annual Archdeacon's Visitations

Churchwardens and Beneficed [Parochial] Clergy are cited to attend and are required to be present at their respective Visitation. Deputy Churchwardens are also encouraged to attend. Licensed Clergy and authorised Ministers, Wardens, Treasurers, Secretaries, Associate Ministers, Readers, Pastoral Assistants and PCC members are cordially welcomed to attend and support their wardens. We would be grateful if you could pass details of this letter to your Parish Priest.

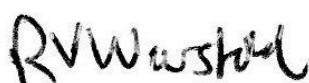
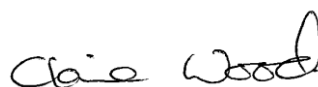
The first duty of the Churchwardens after they are elected at the annual meeting is to make the Declaration before the Bishop or his surrogate, as required by statute. Until this Declaration is made no official acts of the Churchwardens will stand in law. **It is not sufficient to return the 'Declaration by Churchwarden' form by any other means. It must be handed in personally at your respective Visitation.** If you cannot make the visitation designated for your deanery, then it is possible to attend another one in your archdeaconry, and if all of them are impossible, then in the other archdeaconry. If you cannot make any of them, you should contact your Archdeacon.

The enclosed **Articles of Enquiry** are sent as usual for your completion. Please do not wait for the closing date if you can make an earlier return. If there are additional items to raise with your Archdeacon please include a note or phone them directly. The **Articles of Enquiry must be completed separately for each church** [i.e. one for each Parish Church, District church, Chapelry, or non-parochially based Fresh Expression].

To support you in these duties the Archdeacons will be arranging the Churchwardens and Officers training day. This year it will be on the **30th September** at Leicester Forest East, further details will follow.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your co-operation in this and for all you do as leaders of the church in the Kingdom of God.

With Kind Wishes

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