

ANNUAL MEETINGS 2021

The Annual Meeting is actually TWO Meetings! In 2021 they will be held on different days – the first in a church building; the second on Zoom.

1. The Meeting of Parishioners: An annual meeting to elect two Churchwardens.

These must be held with people being physically present together. They will be held at the end of a church service just before the final blessing. They are very short (less than a minute usually!)

2. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

- i. Reviews the church's activities and finances,
- ii. Elects members to the PCC (Parochial Church Council) to run the church with the Vicar; and representatives to the Deanery Synod (We are part of Brixworth Deanery)
- iii. Considers matters of "Parochial or General church interest"

Why Annual Meetings Matter

1. **They are a legal requirement** of charity and church law
2. **The church needs leadership** to work with the Vicar to decide what the church does, to look after its buildings, and to fund these activities.
3. **There are BIG QUESTIONS.**
 - 3.1. What does it mean to be a Christian in this pandemic/post-pandemic, post-Christian age?
 - 3.2. How do we live our lives, meet together, worship together, serve together, witness together?
 - 3.3. Can the village church survive?
 - 3.4. How can we encourage people in our communities of all ages to have faith in Jesus and share in the life of the church?
 - 3.5. Can we afford a vicar?
 - 3.6. Who will look after and pay for our buildings?
 - 3.7. What about on-line church? Has the pandemic and the internet changed everything?

We need to find creative ways to consider and pray together about our future direction and the challenges we face. Please consider whether you could help the church by serving on PCC.

All the papers relevant to the Annual Meeting are on our website: www.stlawrences.org.uk

They include:

1. This notice
2. Dates of Annual Meetings in Long Buckby, Watford, West Haddon and Winwick
3. Dummies Guide to Annual Meetings
4. Legal Notices of the meetings to Elect Church Wardens, PCC and Deanery Synod Members
5. Nomination papers and legal declarations for: Church Wardens, PCC members, Deanery synod Members; plus the HMRC Fit and Proper Person Declaration.
6. Agendas for Annual Meetings
7. Minutes of the Annual Meetings held in 2020
8. Reports:
 - a. Electoral Roll and report
 - b. Annual reports of PCCs for 2020
 - c. Financial Statements for 2020
 - d. Report on the fabric, goods, and ornaments
 - e. Report on proceedings of Deanery Synod
 - f. Report on Safeguarding
 - g. Vicar's report