Those elected to be churchwardens for 2020 – 2021 are hereby invited to attend the Visitation where they will make the public declaration required of them before taking up office, and then be admitted to office as churchwarden by the Archdeacon. Please let your Archdeacon know if you intend to attend in another archdeaconry.

It is a requirement that churchwardens shall make both an oral declaration at the service and a written one faithfully to discharge the duties of office. It is important, therefore, to return the enclosed declaration before the Visitation. It is also required that every elected churchwarden shall be formally admitted before the end of July. He or she cannot take up office before admission (though he/she can sit on the PCC).

Registration and tea or coffee will be from 6.45pm, and the Visitation and swearing in of churchwardens will start at 7.15pm. Members of the clergy and other supporters are welcome to attend.

When you get to the venue:

- Please register your arrival.
- Please check to see that your written declaration has been received.

ITEMS TO RETURN BEFORE THE VISITATION (by 30th April 2020)
- The Chair of the Annual Parochial Meeting should have completed the Election of Churchwardens’ Certificate and returned it to your Archdeacon.
- Each Churchwarden elected for 2020 – 2021 should have signed a declaration form and returned it to your Archdeacon.
- A copy of your 2019 Accounts returned to your Archdeacon.
ARRANGEMENTS FOR ARCHDEACONS’ VISITATIONS 2020

Registration from 6.45pm : Start 7.15 pm

Archdeaconry of Sunderland

Monday 11th May  Gateshead & Gateshead West Deaneries
Greenside St John
Greenside Road, Greenside, NE40 4AA
(south of the A695 at the junction of the B6315)

Wednesday 13th May  Lanchester & Easington Deaneries
Lanchester All Saints
Durham Road, Lanchester, DH7 0LJ
(In the centre of the Village on the A691)

Monday 18th May  Chester-le-Street & Houghton Deanery
Pelton Holy Trinity
Church Road, Pelton, Co Durham, DH2 1XB

Wednesday 20th May  Wearmouth & Jarrow Deaneries
Sunderland St Chad
Charter Drive, East Herrington, Sunderland, SR3 3PG
(between Charter Drive and A690 Durham Road)

Archdeaconry of Auckland

Monday 18th May  Brancepeth St Brandon
Brancepeth, Durham DH7 8DF

Tuesday 19th May  Auckland St Andrew
Auckland Road, South Church, BISHOP AUCKLAND DL14 6SP

Thursday 28th May  Hart St Mary
Magdalene Drive, Hart, HARTLEPOOL TS27 3BU

Thursday 4th June  Barnard Castle St Mary
Newgate, BARNARD CASTLE DL12 8NQ

If you cannot attend the dates in your own Archdeaconry you may attend any other, but please let your own Archdeacon’s Office know in advance so that your presence can be recorded. It is not necessary for all wardens of a parish to attend on the same evening.

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Training for new Churchwardens – a date for your diary

Auckland  Wednesday 1st July 7.00pm
Darlington St Columba, Clifton Road, Darlington DL1 5EB
Wednesday 8th July 1.30pm
Cuthbert House, Stonebridge, DURHAM DH1 3RY

Sunderland  Tuesday 16th June 7.00pm
Hedworth St Nicholas, Hedworth Lane, Boldon Colliery, NE35 9JA
(opposite Hedworth Primary School)

New Churchwardens may attend any of the training events – just let your Archdeacon’s Secretary know in advance