

## Did you know.....

.....many important roles within our parish are completed by volunteers? Some of our volunteers, for various reasons, have stepped down from their posts and we are hoping to fill them with new members from our Congregations.

### Church Wardens:

Churchwardens are the senior lay people of the parish and they are officers of the Bishop, and are admitted into office by the Archdeacon.

They are elected yearly at the Annual Meeting and may hold office for up to six years unless the Annual Meeting decides this may be longer. They are ex-officio members of the PCC.

Churchwardens are key people in exercising the ministry of welcome to visitors and care for the needs of the congregation and parish.

Churchwardens have a significant role in overseeing the practical care of the church building and its contents. Above all else they should be the 'critical friend' of the incumbent, loyal and supportive but also honest, the person the incumbent can turn to for good advice and encouragement.

There are training events held by the Diocese each year aimed at churchwardens where they look at the many different roles of a warden and share clear advice and where to find useful resources, advice and help in the many facets that the role demands.

### PCC Members:

The role of the Parochial Church Council is to work with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission and ministry of the church. Some of this responsibility is carried out through sub committees reporting to the PCC, e.g. the Faith Sharing Committee, Environment Champions.

The PCC has responsibility for the finances of the parish, and care of the fabric and property of the church; the Treasurer and Churchwardens take the lead in these matters.

PCC members must be on the electoral roll of the parish and must be regular communicants and over 16 years old. They are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to represent the lay members of the parish. The normal term of office is 3 years. PCC members may be re-elected for second or subsequent terms of office.

Our PCC meets 6 times a year, usually on a Tuesday evening at the Church Hall.

If you feel you could support our Parish in one of these important roles please speak to Rev'd Jan.