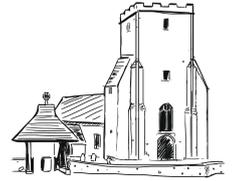


St Mary the Virgin: Parish of East Preston with Kingston



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Dear Friends

Attached as part of this mailing is the Trustees Annual Report (TAR) for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - to be held on 18 October this year.

We have to produce a TAR each year and this covers the previous calendar year (so this time January - December 2019), and there are certain mandatory reports we must make:

- the Accounts
- the Electoral Roll numbers
- a report of the church's activities during the year
- a report on Deanery Synod activities
- a report on Church Fabric (the buildings)

At the APCM we present the TAR and people have an opportunity to ask any questions about our Life Together. We vote (on whether or not) to accept the TAR as an accurate record of what happened in the parish during 2019. The only people who can vote at the APCM are those on the Electoral Roll.

We also elect new PCC and Deanery Synod Members. The PCC comprises: the clergy; two church wardens; 4 Deanery Synod Representatives; 12 elected PCC members; plus any co-opted members.

This year there are NINE vacancies to fill. Although periods of service (3 years) on the PCC are staggered, occasionally other factors contribute to the number of vacancies - in our case this year it includes elections for the Deanery Synod, plus the death of Gill Mauderne (Gilly was due to serve until 2022, so whoever replaces her will only serve two years), plus a vacancy left over from last year, also for 2 years.

PCC duties involve attending meetings (usually about 6 per year - although we've been doing our business by e mail since lockdown!); praying for the parish and being willing to have a say in our life together. Deanery Synod Reps have an additional 3 Deanery Synod meetings per year to attend, and they make a report to the PCC about Deanery Synod business. Have a look at the TAR and you should get an idea of what the PCC has been talking about in 2019.

If you think you'd like to stand for the PCC, you have to fill in a nomination form (signed by two other members of the Electoral Roll) and be elected. The Clergy have forms, or they are on the Diocesan and Parish website.

If you have further questions, please do chat with the clergy - we need your help in steering our life together in this parish through turbulent times!

Thank you for your prayers and commitment to St Mary's.

With all best wishes

Fr Andrew