

St Matthew's Annual Meeting 2016

St Matthew's Annual Church Meeting will be held at **11.50am on Sunday 24 April after the morning service**. There are three particular aspects of this meeting to which I would like to draw your attention:

1. Your chance to ask questions about any aspect of church life

Please do take the opportunity at the meeting to make any comments or suggestions or to ask any questions you have about any aspect of church life. Feel free to submit a question to me in advance or simply raise any issue in person at the meeting.

To save time at the meeting, during Sunday services in the weeks preceding the Annual Meeting, there will be presentations about church finance, about the children & families work, and about our church building. Please be thinking of comments or questions when you are reading/listening to these. There are also papers to read before the Annual Meeting – in particular the Annual Report – and again please think of any comments or questions arising from these and bring them to the meeting.

2. Your chance to hear and discuss the vision for our church, and the associated proposed improvements to church heating and seating

At the Annual Meeting, I will be explaining the vision for our church and why our Parochial Church Council (PCC) wants to improve church heating and seating in particular. The PCC would really like to hear what other church members think about this, so please come along to make comments and ask questions at the meeting.

3. Election of churchwardens and PCC members

At the Annual Meeting we have to elect two Churchwardens plus up to seven other PCC members.

The PCC are a bit like the 'School Governors' or 'Board Members' for the church, and work with the Rector to 'promote in the parish the whole mission of the Church'. Being on the PCC is a great opportunity to contribute to decisions about our church and its work.

It is important that we have a healthy number of PCC members with a range of gifts and experience, so please think seriously about whether you could serve on the PCC, and/or if you can encourage others to do so. If you are interested in this and feel that God might be calling you to get involved, please have a word with me or a PCC member.

To help you decide if you would like to be nominated, **job descriptions** can be found on the church website under About Us/Leadership.

Nomination forms for PCC vacancies are available at the back of the church and should be returned to me or the PCC Secretary, Jane Woolley before the start of the annual meeting.

In readiness for the annual meeting, electronic copies of the annual report, the minutes of last year's meeting, the financial statements/accounts and the agenda are now available at <http://hcchurches.org/APCMPapers>. For those who need paper copies, these are available at the back of church.

Please be thinking and praying about these meetings and about the nominations for these important roles.

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey