

St Paul's New Beckenham, Annual Meetings 24th May 2021

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO SERVE ON THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

In 2021 there are seven vacancies to serve on the PCC, one vacancy to serve on the Deanery Synod. The Church Representation Rules 2020 state that:

“A person is qualified for election as a parochial representative of the laity to the deanery synod or PCC if ...

- (a) the person is aged 16 or over,
- (b) he or she is an actual communicant, and
- (c) his or her name is on the roll of the parish, and unless he or she is aged under 18 at the date of the election, has been on the roll for at least the preceding six months.

A person may not be nominated for election unless

- (a) the person has indicated his or her consent to serve, or
- (b) there is, in the opinion of the meeting, sufficient evidence of his or her willingness to serve.

The following nominations have been received to date (1.00 pm, Saturday 22nd May 2021). Information on the candidates has been provided by the candidates.

TARINA HILL / CAROLL (eligible to serve on the PCC for three years)
Nominated by Jill Brook, seconded by Keith Howick.

I have always got a lot out of being a member of the St. Paul's community and now that I am in a position to attend regularly, I thought it would be good to offer my services to help St. Paul's as we face a 'new normal' following the restrictions and challenges of Covid.

IAN JOHNSON (eligible to serve on the PCC for three years)
Nominated by Anne Howick, seconded by Laura Lashmar

The reasons I am willing to stand are that I have now been a part of the St Paul's family for 10 years or so and both my boys have grown up with it being an important part of their life. There are a lot of challenges facing the church and one of those is how we continue to engage with and seem relevant to young people as they grow older and more independent and that is something which is very important to me. I also feel now that being a member of the PCC would give me an opportunity for a greater participation in the life of the church.

PAUL LASHMAR (eligible to serve on the PCC for three years)

Nominated by Rosemary Dear, seconded by Ian Johnson

I have lived in the parish since 1979, at that time although a committed Christian I was an infrequent church goer. In 1997 I met my wife to be and in 1998 we were engaged and so in 1999 we visited St Paul's and met the inspirational Reverend Julian Frost. We became regular visitors and were married by Julian in 2000 (on the hottest day of the year). During this period the warmth, community and spirituality of the St Paul's family embraced us. Most people thought once married we would become too busy and fade back into the community, but we had found our local spiritual home, and although life was busy we became regular attendees at St Paul's. St Paul's has helped me with my personal spiritual journey. Over time St Paul's community has given and helped me and my family in many ways. Now my life has gradually changed and I am partially retired. I was surprised yet happy when I was asked if I would be willing to stand for the PCC. Should the St Paul's community wish I would be honored to serve you. It would be my chance to give back.

ANTHEA PRENDERGAST (eligible to serve on the PCC for three years)

Nominated by Ann Birkett, seconded by Marie Read

I have been a member of St Paul's for 26 years and have been privileged to serve on the PCC for several of those years, including two terms as Churchwarden. I have enjoyed being involved with the babies and toddlers group and, at the other end of the age range, with a group providing a lunch for older folk four times a year. Both of these enable outreach into the wider community of the church about which I feel very strongly. I look forward to working with the other members of the PCC again.

KEITH HOWICK (eligible to serve on the Deanery Synod for two years)

Nominated by Katie Burr, seconded by Tarina Hill.

Anne and I have been in the St Paul's fellowship for over thirty years, and this is central to us. I was elected to the Deanery Synod for six years, followed by a mandatory year off, and have experienced very different leadership by different Area Deans. It can be an active means for churches in the Deanery to share, to give mutual support and to co-operate in building God's Kingdom. I would like to play my part again in encouraging that aim.