



PARISH OF ST JAMES

serving the communities of Christleton, Cotton Abbots,
Cotton Edmunds, Littleton and Rowton

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Churchwardens' Update



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) was held on Sunday 15th April. This is a meeting we are obliged to have to report on activities in the church and parish during the past year, present the accounts and elect new members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The churchwardens (who are elected every year for a maximum of six years) are appointed at a short meeting before the main APCM. Churchwardens, whose role in the past included dealing with vermin in the parish and keeping order, are elected by residents of the parish although voting at the APCM is by those on the parish electoral roll. Electoral roll forms are at the back of the Church – St. James has one of the largest electoral rolls in the diocese.

It was very gratifying that no fewer than seven people wanted to come onto the PCC, making a full complement of elected members. There

was an excellent attendance at the meeting despite there being a Parish Council function at the same time. It is heartening that, in an age of indifference, many still feel that the Church is important and has an important role to play in life. We read that GPs find themselves expected to “heal the souls” of patients with problems driven by social and emotional difficulties and who are embarrassed to talk about spirituality as the role of the Church declines and many have become estranged from it – or were never part of it in the first place. It is our mission to maintain and encourage the sense of community in the parish particularly during the vacancy.

We met with Bishop Peter last week to begin the process of appointing a new incumbent. He approved our Parish Profile and the post has been advertised with a deadline of 15th May for applications.

Christian Aid Week takes place between 13th and 19th May. It is an important week in the calendar and reaches out to many outside the Church who will support the world-wide work which is funded by this effort.

The Archdeacon's Visitation is held this year at St. Mary without the Walls in Handbridge. This is the annual swearing in of churchwardens and sides people in the Deanery of Chester. Anyone may attend - Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30. It is good to see parish support for the church office bearers and the sides people.

Bettie Gilliatt

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