

On Thursday 24th April at 7.30 p.m. at St Martin's we are holding two important meetings in the life of Cromer Church.

The first is the Meeting of Parishioners for the election of churchwardens.

Anyone whose name is on the church electoral roll of the parish and anyone who lives in the parish and whose name is on a register of local government electors can attend this meeting and vote in the election. We will elect **two** churchwardens.

Nomination forms are available from David Orsborne (pccsecretary@cromer-church.org.uk) or can be downloaded from our website. Completed nomination forms should be returned to the PCC Secretary and must be received **before the start of the meeting**.

The second meeting, which follows immediately after the first, is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Anyone whose name is on the church electoral roll of the parish can attend this meeting, vote in the elections and take part in the business. The business to be covered at the APCM is set out in the Church Representation Rules as follows: i) election of parochial representatives of the laity to the Parochial Church Council (PCC); ii) the appointment of the Independent Examiner; iii) consideration of a report on the numbers entered on the new Electoral Roll; iv) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally; v) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December 2024; vi) the annual report on the fabric of the church; vii) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and viii) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

This year, we need to elect seven members to PCC. Five will serve for three years, and two for two years. Nomination forms are available at the Parish Church and St Martin's, from David Orsborne (pccsecretary@cromer-church.org.uk) or can be downloaded from our website. Completed nomination forms should be returned to the PCC Secretary. Ideally, forms should be returned before the start of the meeting, but nominations can be accepted at the meeting.

Mary Pallister has written in the Weekly Update about what it means to be a member of PCC, and the importance of these elections. Please pray and consider whether you could stand for election or whether there is someone else you could prompt to stand. To stand as a candidate for PCC you must be aged 16 or over, an actual communicant, be on the Electoral Roll and, unless you are under 18, have been on the Roll for at least six months. To nominate someone, you must be entitled to attend the APCM and be on the Electoral Roll.

We will display a list of those nominated at the Parish Church at St Martin's each Sunday before the APCM so that the wider church family can pray for them, support them and, perhaps, be encouraged by them to stand themselves.

If you have questions about what it means to be a member of PCC, please speak to any of the current members. If you have questions about the elections or need help or advice completing the forms please contact the PCC Secretary, in confidence, who will be pleased to help.

David Orsborne, PCC Secretary