

Candidates for Churchwarden

Julie Mizen



I've been churchwarden for Crofton Parish for three and a half years. During this time I have used my gifts to guide and support the parish. I continue to feel called to this role and enjoy the variety of demands it brings. If re-elected I will be able to offer some stability during this time, particularly with a change of churchwarden.

I'm thankful for the support of others to enable me to offer myself to this role for a further term.

Martin Yeandle



Most of you will know me as 'Beth's husband' - although I am somewhat taller than her! I was easily spotted on the PA desk before lockdown - and everyone will be sure to remember my performances at various Live Nativities in a range of roles.

I am a local GP and we have 2 children, one of whom has just started uni. With my family I have been worshipping in Crofton parish since 2004. I have been on the PCC for some years and now I feel God's calling to serve the parish as a warden.

Candidates for Fareham Deanery Synod

Dave Brown



I believe strongly in the Vision shared by the leadership of Crofton Parish and, after much thought and consideration, wish to play a part in seeing that Vision fulfilled.

If elected, I will be pleased to serve the Parish in this capacity and represent it at Deanery Synod meetings.

Stuart Forster



I have been a member of Crofton Parish for many years and have been active in the church during most of that time.

For some time have had the privilege of being elected to serve on Deanery Synod as well as serving in several Deanery and Diocesan roles.

I believe that serving both in the local church and in the wider church enables me to have a wide range of experience and knowledge that is an advantage for all concerned.

The voice of the local parish must be heard and perhaps even more important at this time as we are in a time of change in all aspects of our life, both church and other.

I ask for your support and prayers in this.

Jim Nolan



After 7½ years as church warden for Crofton Parish, it is time to move on to other roles in the church. As a first step I would like to explore what it is like to be part of Fareham Deanery Synod. I am hoping I will be able to contribute to this body in a positive way.

Part of the role is to be on the PCC of Crofton Parish. I would like to continue to do this but as I would be representing a slightly different angle it should help to keep my contribution fresh.

Simon Swindells



I am married to Pauline and enjoy worshipping in Holy Rood with our daughter, son-in-law and two of our grandchildren. I retired from a career in computer software development and moved to Stubbington from Winchester seven years ago.

I was heavily involved in both church and deanery leadership in Winchester and have continued as a deanery synod member in Fareham and as a diocesan synod member in Portsmouth. Within Crofton Parish, I am the PCC Secretary and have looked after the website for the last five years.

Deaneries can play an important role when changes in the structure and resourcing of parishes is being planned. We are in one of those times at the moment and I'm therefore standing again to represent Crofton Parish on deanery synod in the prayerful hope that I'll be able to contribute to the discussions and see the parishes in this area well set up to extend God's Kingdom.

Candidates for PCC

Emily Horne



I have attended Holy Rood church since Sept 2016 when my husband and I moved to Titchfield. Although I attended church on my own I found Holy Rood to be a really friendly and welcoming church and have felt at home here. We now have two young girls who I bring along to church on Sunday mornings and we regularly attend Little Fish too. Working shifts as an ICU nurse and having a young family meant I struggled to attend an evening home group so Jo Genter and I started a home group on Thursday mornings for people with young children. This has been a wonderful lifeline during these months of Covid while we have not being able to attend church in person.

I came to faith as a child and grew up heavily involved in church life, my father is a vicar so church life was always part of “normal life”. I grew up helping at children’s groups and “behind the scenes” at church events and serving in this way helped to build my Christian faith. I would like to join Crofton Parish PCC because I want to serve practically and help to shape how Crofton Parish tells both those in our church family and the wider community of Stubbington about the love of Jesus and help them to deepen their daily walk with Him. I also want to grow my own relationship with God and allow Him to use me in this next season as I get more involved with church life.

Jo Genter



I am standing for re-election as a PCC member, having been a regular at Holy Rood church since 2010. With my husband, Chris, and our 3 children, we enjoy serving in various roles including as homegroup leaders, stewards, with youth work and through helping to run the Causeway Service which is aimed at adults with disabilities. We love playing an active part in the church to promote a sense of community and journeying together in faith.

I have served on PCC for 3 years and feel well placed to continue in this role. With the impact of Covid, the church is going through unprecedented times in terms of how it supports parishioners, whilst also being accessible to those wanting to explore Christianity. There have been lots of challenges to overcome from how we support people to experience church during lock down to how the harsh financial consequences are managed. The PCC has played an active part in responding to the issues, and supporting the staff team in decision making during these very difficult times.

I am very excited about what lies ahead for Crofton Parish. As a vibrant and growing church community, I hope to remain on the PCC where I will continue to use my skills and experience in planning, negotiating, risk assessing and management to serve in this way. My hope is that more of our community will come to know of, and live in, the love of Christ.

Steve Lazell



I've been a member of Crofton for the nearly all of my life! As a boy/teenager I was part of the various kids and youth groups here before moving away to University.

When I returned to the area in my mid twenties I met my wife Melita who also lived in Stubbington at that time. Now we live just along the road in Warsash, and along with our two children - Jessica (14) and Molly (11) - we are usually part of the Holy Rood congregation on a Sunday morning, and of course more recently online.

I've also had the privilege of serving as parish treasurer for most of the last 14 years, and I would like to continue in this role and as a member of the PCC if my application is successful

Claire Richards



I would like to join the PCC because I believe that I can make a positive contribution to our church community and I offer my support both prayerfully and personally.

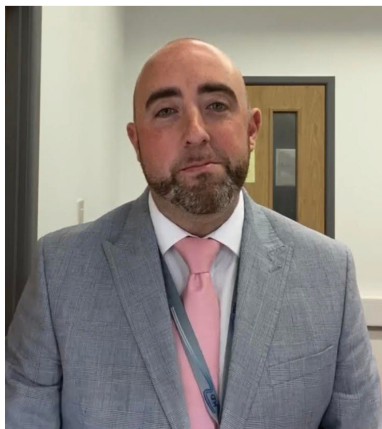
I am an experienced Head of English and currently leading the English department at Brune Park School which is part of the GFM. My personal and professional skills and experience in teaching and leadership are useful and relevant to how I can help the work of the PCC. I see a role on the PCC as a chance to work as part of a team, where together the Holy Spirit teaches us how to truly be a change for good: identifying, developing and maintaining mission opportunities across our community;

working together to take the responsibility for both existing commitments as well managing new initiatives as they grow.

It is important for everyone to have a sense of belonging; I believe that now, more than ever in our current times it is crucial to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to meet for prayer and worship as well as give quality pastoral care as an integrated part of the church's wider support. I would like to be part of a team that takes the lead in demonstrating pastoral care to all who live in our communities, whether members of the church or not.

Thank you for your consideration

Chris Willis



I believe that God has called me and my family to worship at Holy Rood and to worship actively and prayerfully in all that we do. Having now been a practicing member of the parish for over two years, I have delivered a number of talks at evening services and have, with my wife, set up and led one of the churches first missional communities for young families- 'Breathe' .

We moved to Gosport two years ago during which time I took up a role as an Executive Headteacher within a local Multi Academy Trust. I believe that working in education across Gosport and Fareham gives me a depth of knowledge and insight into the growing parish.

I have previously served on a PCC in a London plant church, during which I was able to develop and secure engagement and support for Youth and Young Adult ministry. I am very keen to use my skill set in Leadership and Management alongside my experience and understanding of education and young people to be involved in the future growth of Crofton Parish and therefore submit my application for consideration.