



# NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of Fleet

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Fleet Parish Community Centre

on the 22nd day of April 2024 at 7.35pm

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows –

To the Parochial Church Council 3 representatives.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

- (a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting
- (b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- (c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December preceding the meeting;
- (d) the annual report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
- (e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and
- (f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Signed

Minister of the parish

## Notes

1 Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.

2 A person is qualified to be elected a parochial representative of the laity if –

(a) his or her name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish and, unless he or is under 18, has been entered there for at least the preceding six months;

(b) he or she is an actual communicant (which means that he has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England at least three times during the twelve months preceding the date of the election);

(c) he or she is at least 16; and

(d) he or she is not disqualified as referred to in paragraph 3 of these Notes.

3 (1) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or a joint council if the person is disqualified from being a trustee of a charity (and the disqualification is not subject to a waiver which permits membership of a parochial church council, district church council or joint council).

(2) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).

(3) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (with that expression being construed in accordance with Rule 71(2) of the Church Representation Rules).

(4) A person's disqualification under sub-paragraph (3) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese by giving the person notice in writing.

(5) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council if the person has been disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbent (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977.

43 A scheme is in operation in this parish which provides that any person entitled to vote in the elections of parochial representatives of the laity to the parochial church council or to the deanery synod or to both may apply on the appropriate form to the Minister of the parish (or other person signing below) for a postal vote. The completed form must be received before the commencement of the annual parochial church meeting.

Notes

1 To be included in a year in which parochial representatives of the laity are to be elected to the Deanery Synod.

2 To be included in a year when a new Church Electoral Roll is prepared. Delete as applicable.

3 This paragraph should be deleted if no scheme for postal voting is in operation in the parish.

4 Or vice-chair of the parochial church council as the case may be (see rule M19(2) of the Church Representation Rules).

## NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Parish of Fleet

A meeting for the election of churchwardens will be held in Fleet Parish Community Centre  
on 22nd day of April 2024 at 7.30pm

This meeting may be attended by:

1. All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and
2. All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

Under section 5A of the Churchwardens' Measure 2001,<sup>1</sup> an appeal against the election of a churchwarden may be made by any person entitled to take part in this meeting or by a candidate in the election. An appeal may be made against the election of any person on any of the following grounds:

1. That the person was not duly elected,
2. That the person was not qualified to be a candidate at the time of election,
3. That before the election was held, the person misrepresented a material fact in connection with the election,
4. That the conduct of the election was such as to affect its outcome,
5. That it has been determined that an error was made in the roll or that question is awaiting determination, and that error would or might be material to the election result;
6. That a vote which was allowed should have been disallowed, or that should have been disallowed was allowed, but only if that would or might have been material to the election result.

Any person who wishes to make an appeal should consult the Minister or the lay chair of the deanery Synod as to the appropriate procedure.

Signed Mark Hargett Minister

Dated 18th March 2024

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<sup>1</sup> Substituted by Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2020/406, Part 2 rule 10(3) (consequential amendments) (July 2020). The full text is available at [www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/406](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/406)