

**THE ASSOCIATION OF THE ANGLICAN
CHURCH
OF THE HOLY TRINITY IN GENEVA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



**ELECTIONS OF CHURCHWARDENS,
COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Dear Members of Holy Trinity

We have a number of vacancies for members of the church to serve in elected positions : Churchwarden, Member of Council, and Representative to the Archdeaconry Synod. Elections will take place at the AGM to be held at 11.30 on Sunday, 4th May in the Church. Nominations must be submitted not later than 72 hours beforehand. We encourage those of you who may be interested to come forward and discuss this with one of the Churchwardens, or any member of the existing Council. Archdeaconry Synod Representative positions may also be held by people who are already elected or are standing to be elected to the posts of Churchwarden or Council Member.

To be eligible to stand or to support someone else, you must be inscribed on the Electoral Roll, which is being completely revised ahead of the 2025 AGM. You are eligible to join this Electoral Roll if you are baptised, over 16, and have worshipped regularly in Holy Trinity for six months. You also need to be a member of the Church of England, or a Church in communion with the Church of England – alternatively you may be a member in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England, but willing to declare yourself also a member of the Church of England.

The Council is made up of all the functions listed in the first paragraph above, in addition to the clergy, Lay Readers and, where necessary, a small number of ex officio posts. The chief purpose of Council is to co-operate with, and support, the Chaplain in promoting in the chaplaincy the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. This applies to all Council members, and very particularly to the Wardens – and requires a commitment to forming a shared vision and exercising active leadership within the church community.

The Wardens also act as the Bishop's officers in the church. They have a leading role in representing the laity, in supporting and co-operating with the Chaplain, and in promoting unity and peace. They have a particular responsibility for the fabric and property of the church.

The Council also acts as the channel of information and implementation between the Synod of the Diocese in Europe, the Swiss Archdeaconry Synod, and the Chaplaincy. This is our link to the Church of England hierarchical structure and is a focus especially for the Synod representatives.

In addition, Council has the responsibility for controlling the finances and administration of the Chaplaincy effectively, and for taking an active role in leading the implementation of decisions made by the Council as well as the general work of the church. It is therefore particularly important that those who stand for election as Churchwarden, Council Members or Archdeaconry Synod Representatives, are prepared to take individual and collective responsibility for delegated areas of the Chaplaincy's ministry and activities. There is a lot of work to be done and it needs to be spread amongst all Council members.

There are two churchwarden vacancies. Election takes place each year. One of the existing churchwardens is standing down as required at the end of a six-year term; the second has indicated that they are willing to stand again for election; a second person has indicated willingness to stand,

We have nine elected Council members and *four* vacancies. *Three* of these are for a three-year term from 2025 to 2028. One existing Council member is re-standing for one of these posts; *one* 'casual' vacancy is for a one-year term from 2025 to 2026, one existing Council member has indicated willingness to stand for this post.

There are no vacancies for Archdeaconry Synod Representatives this year.

The fact that there are candidates who have already expressed a willingness to stand should not prevent others who are interested in putting their names forward for election for either Churchwarden or member of Council.

Nomination forms may be requested to be sent electronically, or by post, from the church office, and are available at the back of the church.

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Secretary

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