

Upton cum Chalvey Annual Meetings

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, members of the electoral roll in the Parish :

The churches' annual meetings will all take place in May, and the parish's annual meeting at the beginning of June. These are all following worship (mass will continue to be offered on Sundays at 10am only, in St Mary's, until 6th June, after which a further announcement will be made; weekday masses continue in the other churches.)

The dates are:

9th May: St Peter's annual meeting at St Mary's after mass.

16th May: St Laurence's annual meeting at St Laurence's after 3pm nones.

23rd May: St Mary's annual meeting at St Mary's after mass.

6th June: Parish annual meeting at St Mary's after mass.

The usual paperwork will be available within the church.

The purpose of these meetings is to elect members of the various church councils, and churchwardens, and for you to find out what your representatives have been doing, and how they are spending your money. It is also an opportunity to stand for election yourself, and to ask questions regarding any aspect of the management of the churches or the parish.

Please consider how you can serve your church and parish by taking a position of leadership.

Our councils and wardens do not feel that they are particularly representative of the parish, but they are serving because nobody else has offered. We would particularly welcome younger candidates to offer themselves, particularly while there is plenty of guidance available from long-serving wardens and council members.

The annual meetings are not exciting, but they are usually brief, and are an important part of our democracy. If you cannot attend in person, please note that all, apart from the St Laurence's meeting, are “hybrid”. This means that you can join using Zoom. The links are below. Your vote can be recorded on Zoom, and you can speak and ask questions.

Again, at a critical juncture in our churches' lives, please consider serving by offering to take a position of leadership.

Fr Alistair