**Archdeacons’ Visitations 2022**

The Archdeacons are looking forward to meeting clergy, wardens and sidespeople at this year’s visitation services. The following paperwork is attached and is only available online:

• A list of the Visitation Services;

• A Certificate of Election.

**Please note that there are NO Archdeacons’ Articles of Enquiry this year.**

**Certificate of Election:**

Please print this off and have your churchwardens complete this form after the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Those churches where more than two wardens are elected (eg a team parish) should print off and complete additional forms for all their wardens.

The completed form(s) should be returned at the visitation service by the Churchwardens.

**Attendance by all elected Churchwardens at a Visitation:**

In recent years, we have noticed that a significant number of wardens have not attended any of the visitation services. It is most important that wardens attend one of the services to be admitted to office.

At the visitation services the archdeacons welcome, encourage, prepare the churchwardens for the coming year and highlight developments of particular relevance. The services are significant events in the life of the diocese and important occasions when churchwardens dedicate themselves to the service of Christ and his church at the beginning of their term of office, in the company of others who are taking on the same responsibility. It is disappointing when a churchwarden does not attend a visitation service, unless there is a very good reason.

**Any warden that does not attend a visitation service will not be admitted as a churchwarden unless special arrangements are made with the Archdeacon’s PA, Pat Pugh. Pat can be reached on 01260 272875. Any such special arrangements will need to be processed by 31st August.**

**Please note that if special arrangements are needed this adds significantly to the DBF costs so please make every effort to attend a visitation service.**

There are eight visitation services across the diocese and it should be possible for a warden to find one which is convenient. Remember, it is possible to attend a service outside the warden’s area but they must inform Pat on the above number or by email to **pat.pugh@chester.anglican.org** in advance.

The Archdeacons will be available after the service and will be very happy to speak with any wardens (especially those who are taking on the responsibility for the first time). If wardens have issues they wish to discuss, the Archdeacons will always be happy to come and see them - appointments can be arranged via Laura Howard (PA Archdeacon of Chester) 01928 718834 ext 234 or Pat (PA Archdeacon of Macclesfield) on the number above.With all good wishes, and thanks for your partnership in the gospel.

 **Archdeacon of Chester Archdeacon of Macclesfield**