

Diocese of Peterborough

Nomination of Candidate for Election as Churchwarden

Parish of

We the undersigned, being persons entitled to attend the meeting of parishioners of the above parish, hereby nominate the following person, who is qualified to hold office as a churchwarden of the parish for the year of office 201 – 201 , as a candidate for election to that office for the year specified.

Name

Address

Proposer

Signature

Name

Address

Seconder

Signature

Name

Address

I, _____ (name),
the above-named nominee, hereby certify that I am eligible for election to the office of churchwarden in this parish. I am not disqualified from holding that office, and I am willing to hold that office.

Signed

This form must be handed to the minister who is to conduct the meeting for the election of churchwardens at any time before the start of that meeting. When there is no minister, this form must be handed to the churchwarden who signed the notice convening the meeting.

Notes

(References to section numbers are to sections of the Churchwardens Measure 2001)

1. The following are the persons entitled to attend a meeting of parishioners:
 - (a) the persons whose names are on the church electoral roll of the parish; and
 - (b) the persons resident in the parish and on the register of local government electors.(Section 5(1))

2. To be qualified to serve as a churchwarden, a person must:
 - (a) be baptized;
 - (b) have his or her name on the church electoral roll of the parish (subject to 3 below);
 - (c) be an actual communicant (subject to 3 below) - 'actual communicant' means a person who has received communion according to the use of the Church of England or a Church in communion with it at least three times during the 12 months before his or her election, has his or her name on the church electoral roll of the parish and is either confirmed or ready and desirous of being confirmed or receiving Holy Communion in accordance with Canon 8 15A.1(b) (which relates to communicant members in good standing of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity);
 - (d) be aged 21 or over (subject to 3 below); and
 - (e) not be disqualified under 4, 5 or 6 below. (Section 1 of 2001)

3. If the bishop considers there are exceptional circumstances which justify him in giving permission for a particular individual who does not satisfy 2(a), (b) or (c) above to hold office as a churchwarden, he may do so in relation to a specific year of office. He must give that permission before the nomination paper is submitted. (Sections 1(4) and 4(4)).

4. A person may not stand for election as a churchwarden in a particular parish if he or she has already given his or her consent to serve as a churchwarden for another parish, unless:-
 - (a) the election of churchwardens for the other parish has already been held and the person concerned has not been chosen as a churchwarden for that parish; or
 - (b) the parishes are 'related' (i.e. are in the same benefice or benefices held in plurality, or have the same minister). (Section 1 (5)).

5. A person who has served for six successive years as churchwarden for the same parish since the 2001 Measure came into force may not serve again as churchwarden for a further two years. However, a meeting of parishioners may decide that this rule is not to apply to the parish. (Section 3)

6. A person is disqualified from holding office as a churchwarden if:-
 - (a) he or she is disqualified from being a charity trustee under section 72(1) of the Charities Act 1993, unless an appropriate waiver as required by the 2001 Measure has been obtained; or
 - (b) he or she has been convicted of an offence listed or treated as included in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933; or
 - (c) he or she is disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbents (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977. (Section 2(1), (2) and (3))A possible candidate who thinks any of the above may apply to him or her should take legal advice before consenting to stand for office.