

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This must be held not later than 30th April each year. The lay people who are on the electoral roll and clergy beneficed in or licensed to the parish or any other parish in the area of the benefice may attend and vote. In addition, other clergy who are not beneficed or licensed but are resident in the parish or, if not resident, the PCC has declared to be a habitual worshipper, may also attend and vote.

The meeting is convened by the minister of the parish putting up a special notice on the church notice board. The meeting discusses various business as follows:-

- Changes in the electoral roll;
- An annual report on the proceedings of the PCC;
- Financial statements of the PCC;
- A report on the fabric goods and ornaments of the church;
- A report on the Deanery Synod.

There are various elections as follows:-

- In every third year, Deanery Synod members;
- Lay members of the PCC;
- Sidespeople;
- The independent examiner or auditor of the PCC accounts.
- The CRR have provisions for the way in which elections are conducted.

At the same time as the APCM, usually before it, there is a meeting of the parishioners which elects the churchwardens for the year. Anyone resident in the parish may attend and vote, whether or not they are on the church electoral roll (see paragraph 4.)

