

# 2021 Church Warden and PCC nominees

## Church Wardens

### Jacqui Dowdell

Two years ago, I stepped down as Churchwarden after five years in the role. I am standing again as I hope that my previous experience will be of help to Dan, the staff team and the wider church. I am excited about what God will be doing in this next season as we begin to move out of lockdown. I know many of us have been learning or re-learning lessons about how we do life as apprentices to Jesus. I look forward to seeing how that impacts us as a community as we begin to be able to meet together in person once more.

### Nick Smith

I have been a member of StJamesbythePark since 1999, met my wife Charlotte here, and have much appreciated the fellowship of the church, and the encouragement to grow in my faith over those years. I am an introvert by nature, and not always comfortable being centre stage, but feel called, (with some prompting from fellow church members, thank you!) to serve the church as Warden. As, God willing, we emerge from the pandemic there are significant uncertainties about the shape and direction of our church. I have been on the PCC since 2019 and hope I have the maturity and wisdom to support Dan and the staff team as they lead the church through these times.

## PCC Members

### Nichola Caveney

I have been worshipping at St. James since 1993. I have served on PCC once before (a long time ago!) and found it helpful and inspiring to understand how a church can be led by members of a congregation.

By joining the PCC now, I would hope to be able to 'represent' others my age and help to use any wisdom I may have to make God led decisions.

### Marie Gray

I would like to stand for election to the PCC as I would like to use my skills and experience to serve the church in this way. I worked as the finance manager for The Navigators, a Christian charity, for a number of years and have previously served on the leadership team of Shirley Baptist Church. I have had the privilege of being a Christian for a long time and have experienced God's love and mercy through many of life's experiences. Working out what faith looks like in all areas of life is very important to me. My recent retirement allows me more freedom to take on this role, and I would love to have the chance to make a contribution in this way.

### Tracy King

After Simon Clift asked me to consider standing for PCC, I have prayed and a number of my daily readings have pointed to that being the correct step.

I feel I represent not only my own age group but also my children's and my grandchildren's age groups as they're also members of the church.

I've been a member of this parish for over 30 years and have served on PCC a number of times before.

**Geoffrey Payne**

I became a Christian as a student, when I was convinced about the evidence for the resurrection, especially by the change in the disciples which would otherwise be totally inexplicable. Since then I have played various active roles in the churches I have attended. I came to Southampton in 2017 to work in Medical Physics at Southampton General Hospital and joined St James' some months later. I am currently part of the Beacon group, and have previously been involved in stewarding in church, as well as leading a few 9am services. I am thoughtful, sometimes thinking rather deeply (perhaps too deeply) about things, a bit academic, generally careful and organised, but can occasionally get really enthusiastic. Being elected to PCC provides the opportunity to find out more about how the church is run, and where opportunities exist to contribute to its work and mission.

**Rachael Young**

I felt led to stand for PCC after being a member of the congregation for almost 13 years and having known so many friends that have been a part of it, I felt it was time to serve in this way. I also feel like I can bring a different perspective and can apply my knowledge of serving on other committees to the role. I am passionate about serving God and my community.