

Statements by Nominees for Churchwarden 2022

Sandie Mann

I am so sorry not to be present at the APCM but I am away on a trip I booked over 2 years ago! My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Grace to you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor.1:3)

I would like to continue serving as a Church Warden for Whitfield Parish (St Luke's) this coming year. I feel it is right for me to continue serving in this way.

For any of you who don't know me, I have worshipped in Whitfield parish since the late 1990's. I am married to Jeff and we have 4 children and now, 6 grandchildren!

I serve in various ministries within the church, including helping with Kingdom Kids, 6.30 Kids, youth activities and co-ordinating a Growth Group. I am also involved with outreach to the Glossop community, regularly serving in Grace Kitchen and helping with 'Tea 'n Toast' at Dinting church. I believe in all churches working together for the Kingdom of God.

I feel that I am a 'people-person' — approachable and welcoming. I always try to listen well to both sides of any conflict and I trust in our Creator God who gives good gifts. I believe that both in the good times and the difficult times, he has a good plan for his Kingdom. He is King and brings out goodness. I pray frequently and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

Martin Galvin

Hebrews 10:19-25 (NIV) Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, opened up through the curtain, that is his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.....Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess for he who promised us is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not stop meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as we see the Day approaching.

I have been a Christian for around 40 years and the older I get, the more I reflect on the amazing and eternal hope we have because of the sacrifice, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I am also very aware that all Christians are members of the Body of Christ and called upon to be his “ambassadors” - to represent Christ to each other as well as the world at large.

Here at Whitfield Parish we all have our respective parts to play as a living church serving a living Saviour. I do not take lightly the prospect of being elected as a Churchwarden and have prayed much about this. I would see myself first as serving Jesus Christ, who is head of the church and I

would do my best to fulfil my responsibilities for the benefit of the all who worship within St James/St Lukes and to also give full support to Toby and the leadership team.

By way of a biography, I have lived in Glossop since 1988 and some will remember that my wife, Jo and I operated a Christian Bookshop on the High Street for a few years until the mid-nineties. I used to preach regularly at URC in Tintwistle and Mount Pleasant and also High Peak Christian Centre, where I was a trustee. When we had the bookshop we also represented the Christian Research Institute (CRI), a US apologetics organisation which provided resources to counter the teachings of the cults and other aberrational teachings. I am a Chartered Accountant by profession, now semi retired. Jo leads the Whitfield Community Café and assists at Grace Kitchen. I have two adult children, Lauren and Mike who are both committed Christians and reside in Glossop.

Many thanks for reading this.

Martin Galvin

Psalm 127:1 (NIV) Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain