

Statements by those standing for Churchwarden - March 2021

Sandie Mann 17 March 2021

Numbers 6:24-26 The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

I have prayed long and hard and I would like to serve St Luke's Church as warden again for the coming year. As we emerge from this last year some of us battle weary, lonely, fearful and grieving, my prayer is that we thrive together with Grace and Love and Mercy binding us in the unity of the Holy Spirit growing closer to Abba God through our Lord Jesus Christ. I don't know what our future holds BUT I do know who holds our future.

I believe we have a good God who loves us all. I will do my best – as if working for Jesus- listening to you, serving you, and turning to God for guidance. I feel I can bring encouragement, joy of the Lord, also Shalom (peace and well-being) at this time.

God bless you all, Sandie Mann

James 1:12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

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Gill Ellison 13 March 2021

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

After prayerful consideration and discussion with Toby, I have decided to stand for election to serve as one of the wardens for Whitfield Parish. I believe God has spoken clearly about this through his word and by his spirit to myself and to the people I asked to pray about this decision for me. I would like to take on this role as I care very deeply for the people in our church and town. I am also committed to the ministry of the church and supporting the leadership team. God has great plans for us as the body of Christ here in Glossop, even in these challenging times and I'm excited to be a part of them.

For most of my life I've lived in Glossop but have also spent a few years working in London and North Wales. My occupation is a Deputy Headteacher of a local school. I became a Christian at St James' church in 1997 and my husband became a Christian a few years later on the first Alpha course run in the parish. My children grew up at St James (they are now 27 years old) and I will be forever grateful to the wonderful church family, young and old, that helped them thrive in their love for Jesus, which is still strong to this day. Over the years I've served in many ministries and I know our church and our local community well. At the moment I am a member of the PCC, lead a Growth Group with my husband, lead services, help with Messy Church, and sing in the Worship Team.

Although I'm very aware of my shortcomings, I will endeavour to seek God's heart and guidance and undertake the role to the best of my ability should I be elected.

In Christ, Gill Ellison