**Statements by those standing for election as Churchwardens**

**Sandie Mann (prepared for AGM 2019)**

After lots of prayer and seeking God’s will I feel I would like to serve as Warden in Whitfield Parish, serving the people here, working with Toby and the rest of the church leadership. In this changing role I think I can bring my God given gifts of, encouragement, wisdom, serving and mercy. I am a good listener with a positive attitude, compassionate with integrity and discernment and have a love for people and am willing to support both the young and senior people in our church family.

I have worshipped at both churches over the last 25 years, at the moment I am sure you will have seen my grandchildren running around enjoying being at St Luke’s

I have led Kingdom Kids for a number of years. I have jointly led a life group and now attend a growth group. I have a desire for our parish to work together in unity, love and grace.

This year, I feel able to be more proactive in the life of our parish and feel very excited and enthused as we look to the future and seek fresh vision from God. I hope you will see me as an approachable warm and friendly person, and I look forward to the opportunity of working with you all here in Whitfield parish.

**Nick Rogers**

Arriving in Glossop in 2001 life was very different then. I was battered and bruised by a failed marriage and a 25 year addiction to gambling. The love I received when I first walked through the doors of Whitfield Parish was amazing. This helped enormously and was integral to helping me be the person I am today.

Donna and I predominantly worship at St James Church but we have many friends at St Lukes and we love to worship there. I helped build Church House and that was an amazing time.

I have been on the PCC for a number of years. I have also been privileged to lead and be part of our mission trips to Romania.

I am currently the manager of Cafe Jericho. The role is practical and spiritual. It has been very hard toil over the years but we have seen Gods hand at work in many areas. We share the Love of Jesus on a daily basis.

I believe I am easy going and try to get on with everyone. In recent years I believe God has given me real spiritual insight having to make difficult decisions and look to God for wisdom.

This year has been a difficult year personally and in the life of Whitfield Parish. Family bereavements and serious ill health have been challenging and upsetting. We have seen God move mightily through this time. I am always open to share our journey.

Whitfield Parish has undergone difficulties as have many other churches and in particular with the Covid 19 pandemic. One reason for standing for another term until the next APCM is that I believe it is important to have some continuity as we work through stuff. I am confident if we can UNITE, LOVE EACH OTHER and be totally lead by the HOLY SPIRIT and not our own agendas there is a way forward and the future is bright.

JESUS CHRIST IS MY LORD AND SAVIOUR.

I BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE IS GOD BREATHED.

I BELIEVE ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WHEN WE PRAY IN JESUS NAME AND NOT JUST SOME THINGS.

I BELIEVE IN THE 5 FOLD MINISTRY.

This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel "not by might nor by power but by my spirit says the Lord almighty" – Zechariah 4

I believe in a church without walls. I believe we as Gods people we can carry the light of Jesus into the community. Lives and communities can be transformed if we are committed to each other and Christ.

I take all that I do seriously.