

What happens at Church members' meetings (APCM)?

You are the best person to say how we can assist you to live your best life as a disciple of Christ. It is the church meeting together that discerns what God wants for the church to go forward in its task. So church meetings provide a forum for the discussion of matters which concern the life of the church, and for decisions to be made about how we can best fulfil our purposes.

How does the church make its decisions at these meetings?

Decisions are made by consensus. We do not see the vote simply as a democratic process, but as a way of discerning God's will for us as a church.

How is the church managed?

The Minister and the PCC (Parish Church Council) together form the Leadership Team. They meet regularly to pray and to deal with the tasks of looking after and managing the church, reporting regularly to the APCM and bringing to the church meetings matters that need to be considered and decided by the members meeting together.

How can I bring forward ideas, plans or concerns that I may have?

You can bring matters forward for discussion at APCMs, but you can also speak to any one of the Ministers or Parish/Church wardens. You can also speak to your church leadership team sometimes called the District Church Council.



INVITATION

The Interim Minister and Parish Wardens of Winkfield, Cranbourne & Chavey Down Parish cordially invite you to:

The Parish of Winkfield, Cranbourne & Chavey Down Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held

**Wednesday 30th April 2025
from 7.30pm
in St Peter's Church
Cranbourne**

APCM Booklets containing the 2024 reports will be available to download from the parish website by the week prior to the APCM meeting.
No paper copies will be available.

For further information on joining our electoral roll go to the parish website:
[www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/
churchmembership.htm](http://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/churchmembership.htm)

or join please email the Electoral Roll Officer:
er_officer@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk



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The Parish of Winkfield, Cranbourne & Chavey Down

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Please submit *all* questions to be raised, before Wednesday April 16th, to:
PCC_Secretary@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk

Refreshments will be available from 7pm and we hope to be able to share with you the current draft of the Parish Profile

RSVP: admin@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk

Towards the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Who is involved?

As a baptised member of the Church of England, you have rights as well as responsibilities. We welcome all to worship with us and grow together in becoming better followers of Jesus. Everyone is encouraged to play an active role in the local Church.

In your baptism, you committed yourself to being a part of the local Church of England parish. To be an Anglican is to be on a journey of faith to God supported by local church by means of prayer, study, telling other and service individually and together. We have one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and have pledged yourselves to work for each other's good. We all have rights and responsibilities within God's Church.

Rights include:

- 1 Worshipping the God and accessing the sacraments (Baptism and Holy Communion) and baptism of children as a sign of God's promise and blessing placed upon our children;
- 2 Participating as much as possible in the activities and ministries of the Church, using your God-given gifts and talents for the up building of the congregation (e.g., serving one another in love, visiting the lonely and less fortunate, reading in services, supporting children's services, choir, music, making and serving refreshments, cleaning church and churchyard, etc);
- 3 A right to the aid, help and guidance of the Church in both spiritual and physical/material matters.
- 4 Having a voice in the management of Parish Church affairs.

Responsibilities include:

- 1 Attending worship and participating in church activities;
- 2 Personal prayer and Bible study;
- 3 Participation at the Communion of the Lord's Supper as a privilege and a priority.
- 4 Helping the church whenever possible by using gifts and abilities to advance the purpose of the church through its activities. Doing Good is a result of proper faith.
- 5 Attending and participating in church members' meetings (APCM Annual Parochial Church Meeting);
- 6 Giving regular financial support to the church in proportion to personal resources and circumstances. financial support through tithing, offertory and donations, being a treasurer or finance team.
- 7 Upholding Christian values

The Church Electoral Roll (ER), what is it?

The electoral roll is a register of all locally committed members, who deliberately make a covenant together to serve Christ and be His church in this Parish. You can play a full part in deciding what the Church does, what should be its priorities, how its money is spent, how the various church activities are run, and who are chosen to be the Ministers and members of the PCC.

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute

Joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, and propose or stand for election to the PCC. You participate fully in nominating and electing the leadership. It is an important statement of witness and a step along the path of discipleship.

With your name on the electoral roll, the strength of the Church can be seen in our local area, and across the Diocese. If you're a regular at St. Martin's or St. Peter's or St. Mary's, you should be on the electoral roll!