

Rector's Letter - Rev'd Jeremy Trew - May 2025

Dear All

May is when the last of our annual meetings occur across the Team. More than the simple receiving of reports; this is when we reflect on the previous year; have the opportunity to look ahead with faith; and give thanks for, and appoint, people to roles of service within the Church.



So, firstly; my thanks to all who make our churches live, both in roles that are public, and in those many roles which go on behind the scenes but are no less important. My thanks to you who are continuing in these roles; my thanks to you who are stepping down; and, my thanks to you who are stepping up. The Christian Church has always been a team of people in a variety of roles, together making Church happen.

Secondly; I hope that all of us, whatever our role, can view such service as part of our worship of God. At a certain level, these acts of service may be just jobs or duties, but if we allow them, they can be so much more. It isn't just the Vicar who "does God", but all of us separately and together. This service bears witness to the greater work of God in this world, and can be part of our prayer, our offering.

Thirdly; we can sometimes despair that we just don't have enough volunteers. It's certainly true that with more volunteers we could do more. It's also true that without volunteers in key roles the life of any particular Church can be somewhat limited, even threatened. Our annual meetings are not the only time that people can volunteer to serve. So, if you missed the opportunity, well, it's still there.

Most importantly, we can remember that whatever we have to offer in service to God, it is more than matched by what God is willing, and is doing, amongst us and the communities we serve already. Could God use even me? The answer might be a surprising, "yes." After all, God called me to be a Vicar, and equipped me to be so. If God can do that with me then let me assure you that you are no challenge for the Almighty whatsoever.

Best wishes

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