

Churchwarden

“... the role of a Churchwarden is management, maintenance and ministry. Management refers to the churchwarden’s relationship with the clergy, the PCC and the members of the congregation; maintenance refers to his responsibilities to look after the church building; and ministry refers to his pastoral role with regard to his parish priest and to the congregation.

...more a leader than a manager. It is shared leadership...

Someone who the congregation respects as a leader, and who can take charge when needed.

... needs to guide the PCC to make the right decisions.

... should be wise, and if needed, firm.

... should not be frightened to deal with senior clergy.

... should maintain his own Christian faith, and not let it become stale.

Many of the churchwarden’s responsibilities are connected with maintenance.

...has responsibilities in connection with Sunday Services, for keeping order in the church and for collecting the church offerings.

... has to make various reports each year in the annual parochial meeting and to the archdeacon.

... has to go to all the meetings of the PCC and Standing Committee and should meet and pray regularly with the parish priest.

... not just the maintenance of the church building, but helping the smooth running of the church.

... third and most important role is on a personal level...

... cares for the parish priest and his parish priest’s family.

... should also care for the congregation, to encourage its members in their Christian faith and to help heal any quarrels or disagreements that rise between them or between the congregation and the parish priest.

...a brief three-point summary of the churchwarden’s role...

Leadership, labour and love