



Fall, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

The time of year has come to invite the congregation to choose lay leadership at Christ Church. Positions to be filled by election at the **Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 7, 2021** include **2 Wardens—one for a 1- year term, and one for a 2-year term; 4 Vestry members with 3-year terms; a Clerk; and 2 Delegates to the Diocesan Convention and Charles River Deanery.** We are invited to discern who among us has the gifts and energy to serve God in this place in this way, and to invite them to consider this honor and responsibility. **Please speak first** with a potential nominee before submitting his or her name. Nominations should be in by **Monday, December 7.**

Many thanks for your faithful participation,
The Elections Committee
Denise DeGroff, Janet Haines, Mike Niden, Patty Smith

BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VESTRY, WARDEN, CLERK AND DELEGATES

The Vestry is a Christian learning and leadership community of 12 parishioners called to collaborate with the Rector, clergy and staff in building and carrying out a vision for the parish; exercise fiduciary responsibility for the building and finances; connect with members of the parish as visible leaders and shepherds; offer leadership for the various ministries of the parish; and grow in faith.

VESTRY MEMBERS: are expected to serve a three-year term; to attend monthly Vestry meetings (3rd Tuesdays except for July); to be active in at least one ministry in the parish; to attend the Vestry Retreat in March; to engage in other preparatory and leadership activities as needed.

WARDEN: Includes the same responsibilities as the Vestry, as well as: Meets regularly with the Rector to shape Vestry vision and agenda, and to offer advice and counsel on parish affairs. Serves a two-year term. There are 2 wardens.

CLERK: Includes Vestry responsibilities. Also records, edits, and distributes Vestry meeting minutes
Attends Vestry and Annual meetings and keeps, edits, and distributes minutes of these meetings. Serves a one-year term.

DELEGATES: Attend Diocesan Convention in November (Friday evening and Saturday; sometimes, one-day, all day, Saturday); report back to Parish. Attend meetings of Charles River Deanery, and report back to Parish. Serve a one-year term.

*Note: The following parishioners are currently serving on the Vestry, or will be coming off Vestry, and are not eligible for election this year: **Rotating off Vestry:** Denise DeGroff, Janet Haines, Mike Niden, Patty Smith; Dave Carnahan (clerk) **Continuing in Service on Vestry:** Duncan Allen, Bob Begin, Jim Black, Bob Keener, Ingrid Melvin, Annie Russell, Joe Sweeney, and Ginny Yerardi.*

Please call in or email your nominations to the Parish Office: office@ccneedham.org with "PARISH ELECTIONS" in the Subject line. Thank you.