

Dear Church Member,

Nominations for Trustees and Deacons 2022

In order to prepare a list of names of those eligible and willing to be considered for the roles of Trustees and Deacons, we are asking each member to complete and return the short questionnaire below by next Friday 12 November.

According to the procedure set out in our Constitution (15.11 and 15.3, footnote 32 see over) and the Getting Involved at LW document (5.2 see over), this list will be posted from 14 November after which nominations from that list will be accepted this year until 5 December 2021.

At present, according to our current constitution (15.5), Deacons are not automatically Trustees. In this church it shall be the Minister(s) if any, Elders, Secretary, Treasurer and any named individuals, who together are the Charity Trustees, however an individual can stand for election as both a Trustee and a Deacon, subject to being a church member over 18 and not disqualified.

Your Full Name:	
<p>Please complete by ticking YES or NO and return to the Church Secretary by 12 November 2021</p> <p>A digital form is available online at www.LWBC.org.uk/Nom22</p>	
<p>Q1. As per the Church Constitution (15.11 and 15.3, footnote 32), are you <u>eligible</u> to be nominated for a Trustee or Deacon?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Q2. Are you willing to allow your name to go on the list of those eligible for nomination:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">For Trustee For Deacon</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>



Mick Holmes
Church Secretary

Constitution (References Trustees)

15.11 The appointment of Charity Trustees shall be undertaken by processes that are public, clear and open so that all Church Members are enabled to consider prayerfully who should be appointed as Charity Trustees. The process shall ensure that notice is given of any forthcoming election so that Church Members may freely nominate prospective Charity Trustees whose names shall be submitted (after they have indicated a willingness to be appointed) for decision to the Church Members with the intention of ensuring that those appointed have a sufficient level of support from them.

15.3 No person may serve as a Charity Trustee if they are disqualified ³²

Footnote ³² Persons under the age of 18 years or otherwise unable to manage their own affairs, undischarged bankrupts or persons who are insolvent, those with an unspent conviction for a serious offence involving dishonesty, those convicted of a serious offence involving children or those disqualified from appointment as a company director may not be appointed as a Charity Trustee, unless the Charity Commission has received a specific application and granted a waiver.

Getting Involved at LWBC (References Deacons)

5.2 Election of Deacons, Secretary or Treasurer:

- a) Any church member who has been through the waters of believer's baptism, has attained the age of 18, who has communed at the Lord's table during the preceding 6 months and has indicated a willingness to be appointed according to the Church Constitution 15.11, and 15.3 / Footnote 32 will be published on the list of those eligible for nomination.
- b) All members will be encouraged to play an active part in nominations according to the Church Constitution 15.12 as follows:
 - i) Your nomination must be submitted in writing with the supporting signature and the consent of the candidate plus another Church Member.
 - ii) Members should pray through the church members list published in November.
 - iii) No person may nominate more candidates than there are places vacant.
 - iv) Requests for nominations shall be made at all services on the two Sundays (or other regular weekly meeting times when the church gathers together) immediately before the first Sunday in December when nominations must cease.
 - v) Completed nomination forms are confidential and must be submitted to the church Secretary by the end of the first Sunday in December.
 - vi) The Pastor, the Diaconate, or a nominated sub-group (which could include external people) will check all nominations are eligible for election according to the rules of the Church Constitution 15.3 / Footnote 32 – Deacons who request to be Trustees must meet these requirements as well.
 - vii) The candidate is given time to pray and allow their name to go forward.
 - viii) The final nominations will be given to members at the beginning of January.
- c) Elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting held in March.
- d) No person shall be elected who does not receive at least **two-thirds** of the votes of the members present, eligible to vote and voting (Church Constitution 15.12.2).
- e) The period of office for a Deacon, Secretary or Treasurer shall be three years (Church Constitution 15.10) and any vacancies arising during the period shall be filled by the church, with the elections being held at a special church meeting, for the unexpired portion of the three years.
- f) A retiring Deacon, Secretary and Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election immediately following his or her retirement subject to meeting the conditions of a Deacon and / or Trustee. It is lovingly suggested that after 2 consecutive terms of 3 years, that a sabbath principal of having a fallow year is considered, subject to practicalities at the time.
- g) Voting for a Secretary and / or a Treasurer will take place before the election of Elders or Deacons. The Secretary and Treasurer must also meet the conditions of a Trustee.