

March 2019

Dear Churchwarden / Deputy Churchwarden



ARCHDEACONRY VISITATIONS 2019

We write with the dates for this year's Archdeacon's Visitations.

Archdeaconry of Leicester

Thursday 2 May	St Peter's, Oadby	Launde/Gartree	7.30pm
Wednesday 8 May	All Saints, Asfordby	Framland/Goscote	7.30pm
Tuesday 14 May	All Saints, Belgrave	City	7.30pm

Archdeaconry of Loughborough

Wednesday 15 May	St Peter's, Glenfield	Sparkenhoe East	7.30pm
Tuesday 21 May	St John's, Hinckley	Guthlaxton & Sparkenhoe West	7.30pm
Thursday 23 May	All Saints with Holy Trinity, Loughborough	Akeley East & N W Leicester	7.30pm

Parking at Limehurst Academy, Bridge Street, Loughborough LE11 1NH

Background to the Annual Archdeacon's Visitations

Churchwardens and Beneficed [Parochial] Clergy are cited to attend and are required to be present at their respective Visitation. Deputy Churchwardens are also encouraged to attend. Licensed Clergy and authorised Ministers, Wardens, Treasurers, Secretaries, Readers, Pastoral Assistants and PCC members are cordially welcomed to attend and support their wardens. We would be grateful if you could pass details of this letter to your Parish Priest.

The first duty of the Churchwardens after they are elected at the annual meeting is to make the Declaration before the Bishop or his surrogate, as required by statute. Until this Declaration is made no official acts of the Churchwardens will stand in law. **It is not sufficient to return the 'Declaration by Churchwarden' form by any other means. It must be handed in personally at your respective Visitation.** If you cannot make the visitation designated for your deanery, then it is possible to attend another one in your archdeaconry, and if all of them are impossible, then in the other archdeaconry. If you cannot make any of them, you should contact your Archdeacon.

The enclosed **Articles of Enquiry** are sent as usual for your completion. This year we have restricted the questions to those that are absolutely essential to fulfil Safeguarding and Accounting requirements. Please do not wait for the closing date if you can make an earlier return. If there are additional items to raise with your Archdeacon please include a note or phone them directly. The **Articles of Enquiry must be completed separately for each church** [i.e. one for each Parish Church, District church, Chapelry, or non-parochially based Fresh Expression].

Also included are details of training for all Churchwardens if there are newly elected Churchwardens. Please would you make sure they have a copy too.

We look forward to seeing you, and thank you for your co-operation in this and for all you do as leaders of the church in the Kingdom of God.

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