

# CHURCH WARDENS

at St Matthew's Walsall

## ABOUT THE ROLE

The role of church warden is primarily one of governance. It is important that any potential wardens have the ability to act appropriately in times of crisis and make good decisions that help the church continue in the right direction.

Wardens have done many practical, small but essential jobs in recent years (playing the role of verger) but this is changing towards delegation of these tasks.

Wardens are appointed annually and typically serve for 4 years at St Matthew's, but it could be less. There's usually a team of 4 wardens at St Matthew's.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### 1. An officer of the bishop

A warden has the responsibility for the worshipping life of the church. Therefore he/she has a responsibility to the incumbent, providing care, support and accountability. They may need to arrange cover or deputise for the incumbent.

### 2. A trustee of the church

A warden is a member of the church council (PCC), Standing Committee, and has legal responsibilities to ensure the church organisation runs in a law-abiding way.

These two areas of responsibility can be further broken down into:

- Responsibility for services and activities. Ensuring safe and ordered gatherings (including overseeing volunteer teams)
- Responsibility for building maintenance and security (including overseeing buildings' manager and maintenance team)
- Responsibility for finance (including overseeing treasurer)



## MYTH- BUSTING

Did you know...

- There does not need to be a warden in attendance at every service.
- Wardens do not need to be Anglican.
- Wardens do not need to collect the offering, sit at the back, stand on the door etc. (although they may do so, or delegate these tasks)

## INTERESTED?

If you are interested in becoming a church warden, we'd love to hear from you!

Please get in touch with our current wardens by emailing  
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