

Sidemens Report for APCM - 28% April 2019

I would like to thank all the current Sidesmen for the valuable support they give to the smooth running of our church services. Yes, at times, there is some behind the scenes activities that go un-noticed, however, the welcoming friendly face, especially for visitors and new members of the congregation is extremely valuable.

List of Sidesmen

I propose to the meeting that we accept the following 25 members of the congregation to be Sidesmen for the coming year:

Mr Leon Ajao	Mr & Mrs Graves	Mrs Janet Gldham
Mrs Roz Barron	Mrs Helen Harvey-Wright	Mr Geoffrey Rice
Mr & Mrs Bartlett	Miss Isobel Hurley	Mrs Dorothy Toyn
Mrs Janet Bird	Miss Fiona Ingram	Mr James Toyn
Mr Martin Bird	Mr & Mrs Leech	Mr Richard Toyn
Mr Brian Dilley	Miss Edwina Nailer	
Mr & Mrs Dean	Mr Stuart Neale	
Mrs Fiona Earle	Mr Wendell Newbold	

The new rota, for 2019-2020 will be published in the latter-half of May.

I would also like to thank those members of the congregation, even though you are not on the List of Sidesmen, but give assistance in times of need, for the support you give.

The number of members of the congregation that are Sidesmen is falling.

To be able to sustain our current 6 teams, we need to increase the number of Sidesmen.

Hence, If anyone would like to know more about how you could help by being a Sidesman, then

please speak to one of the Churchwardens, one of the Sidesmen.

Richard Toyn
Co-ordinator of Sidesmen

Vergers

The Vergers, are volunteers, who perform similar duties as Sidesmen at scheduled services, but at irregular services - funerals, weddings and baptisms.

We would like to increase the number of Vergers so as 'to spread the load'.

In essence, the role of Verger is to open the church in preparation for the appropriate non-scheduled service, welcome the congregation as they arrive, distribute the service material (booklets, cards, hymn book, etc.), assist the clergy as necessary (e.g. Operate the sound system), collate any monies gathered and store in a safe place, and at the end of the service - gather the service material and finally close the church.

If you think that you would like to help as a Verger, on an occasional basis, or more regularly, then please speak with the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens.