

Shelsleys Churchwarden - April 2015

Brian Elvins the current Churchwarden for the Shelsleys, has indicated that he would like to retire from this role next year. We are therefore looking for individuals interested in taking on this role from next April, perhaps just on a part-time basis, as the job could easily be shared. Interested? Then read on.....

Churchwardens have an important and highly regarded role in the life of the community of the village.

They are responsible for the day to day functioning of their parish, supported by members of the PCC (parochial church council). This entails the smooth running of the two churches so that services, weddings, funerals and all its worship activities can be conducted in a proper manner. This includes such things as heating, lighting and seating, together with all other facilities that may be required for the particular service. Wardens are also custodians of the church plate and ornaments.

There are currently two services a month at each of the two churches in the Shelsleys, All Saints at Shelsley Beauchamp and St Andrews at Shelsley Walsh.

(The Warden has overall responsibility for the maintenance of the church buildings, although these responsibilities should be delegated to the Fabric Committee, or Standing Committee as appropriate.)

Wardens serve for a fixed term, usually twelve months, but generally serve for three years.

Although Churchwardens are the main contacts for church matters, they do not work alone. Their role is to ensure that certain duties are carried out, but not to carry out all the duties themselves.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Liz Edwards at cliftonrectory@wwrt.org.uk .