**Deacons Elections**

**The process for deacon’s elections is described below.**

Church Members are asked to prayerfully consider

who they would like to nominate to stand for the diaconate.

1. A Church member must be nominated and seconded by two Church members, the nominee having first given their consent. No person may nominate more candidates than there are places vacant.
2. The nominee should have been a member of CPBC for at least one year and be over the age of 16 (The number of trustees under 18 must not at any time be more than half the number of trustees elected).
3. The make up of the diaconate must be that 50% of the diaconate are baptised by full immersion.
4. Appointments for a 3 year term of office with the opportunity to be re-appointed at the end of each term
5. Nomination forms, correctly signed, should be returned to the Church Secretary no later than three Sundays before the church meeting at which the election takes place. (No person may nominate more candidates than there are places vacant).
6. The nominee would then be invited by the Secretary to produce a profile of themselves along with a photograph, to be displayed for at least two Sundays prior to the election.
7. The election will take place by secret ballot. (If online, hybrid or postal votes are required these shall be distributed in accordance with the church constitution).
8. Two deacons selected by the diaconate and two members selected from the meeting will act as scrutineers.
9. Each nominee must attain at least 70% of the votes cast.
10. The diaconate max exceed twelve (12) members if the church agrees to raise the number of Trustees it wishes to appoint.
11. In the event of more candidates being successful than the Constitution allows, then the candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected unless this is in conflict with the clause above.

1. A Postal vote will only be allowed with a valid request to the Church Secretary for cases of unavoidable absence. These are to be returned before the commencement of the meeting at which the election is to be held.

**Nomination forms are available from the Church Secretary**