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# Nominations for PCC & Deanery Synod

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### Sam Luke

My family and I have been worshipping at St Paul's since 2001. I was Church Warden from 2009 to 2013, during which time we appointed both Martin and Paul.

At work, I sit on the Executive Leadership of the Strategic Consulting Business Unit of a large multi-national solutions company as Head of People and Technical Delivery. I am also Chair of the Board of Governors at NESCOL.

I am excited about the journey we are going through at St Paul's at the moment and believe that my strong leadership and people skills coupled with my deep spiritual insights and diverse background would be of benefit to us at this time. I would be humbled and delighted to be able to serve our community on the PCC, if given the opportunity.



### Neil Thomas

I have been a member of St Paul's since 2001 with my wife Sally and three boys. We regularly attend New Wine. I semi-retired in 2019 and we are now "empty-nesters" with three grandsons.

I co-lead a life-group with Sally, lead a band, coordinate our worship teams, and preach occasionally.

I was on PCC some years ago and believe it is time to offer myself for service again. I'm excited about the opportunities for mission and engaging with the local community as we adapt the life of St Paul's post-Covid and develop the possible partnership with St Barnabas.



### Ruth Sharma

I am committed to worshipping and serving the St Paul's community of which I've been a member for a long time. Over the years I have served on the PCC and have been part of the Mission team.

I've helped with the youth work - when it was called Fuel.  
My husband and I lead a LIFE Group.

I'm a retired maths teacher and now in my free time I enjoy gardening, reading and cycling.



### **Samantha Wakefield**

I was brought up within the family of St Pauls and am so grateful for the foundations of faith that were laid for me in those early years. I am willing and able to serve on the PCC and it gives another opportunity for me to contribute to the family who have demonstrated Gods love to me and my family over many years.

Working for the church for 4 years supporting young families until 2015 gave me an insight into the heart, soul and elbow grease that does on behind the scenes. Hopefully I can use past and present insights to support the ministry team as we work for the gospel together.



### **Julie O'brien**

Originally from France, I am well embedded here in the South East of England where I live with my husband Mark, my two daughters Emilie & Louise AND our two guinea pigs Nibbles & Fluffball. We joined St Paul's about two years ago and I've enjoyed getting to know people and helping in various teams.

As well as being a mum, I work for Christians Against Poverty. I've been part of CAP for the past six years and loved the opportunities to demonstrate God's love, care and hope to people from my community, as well as answering questions about my faith.

Things I love are cooking, spending time with people, swimming, going on long walks, nature, a good book, a good conversation... and a cup of coffee with a square of dark chocolate!

I became a Christian twenty years ago (wahoo, that's a long time!) and have loved the ups and downs of the journey I started when I met Jesus. One of the main things that attracted me to Church was its sense of community and the opportunity to belong and be accepted by God as I am. These are some of the strong values that I hope to bring to St Paul's PCC.

## **Nominations for Deanery Synod**



### **Lizzy Randall**

I'm Lizzy, a primary school teacher, and I've been attending St Paul's for around 14 years. I mainly attend the 6pm service, and I serve on the welcome team as well as hosting services.

It has been a pleasure for me to serve as a representative on the Deanery Synod and the PCC for the past 3 years, and I have particularly enjoyed the opportunity to learn from and work with members from other churches across the Deanery. I believe that it is important to be actively involved in life as part of our wider church family, beyond our own parish. Last year, I was elected to be one of the lay representatives on the Deanery Standing Committee and I would welcome the opportunity to continue serving in this way.