

## Election of Churchwardens 2023

### Dee Hetherington



I have been coming to St James for 4 years I enjoy being part of the Community, volunteering at the feast, home for good, welcome and the coffee rota. I have been a member of the PCC for the last year. I participate in groups such as Eco Church and Camino companions, Sanctuary, holding onto the silence, contemplative space. I have a pastoral heart and have always been active in social justice and the environment. I am now retired and feel I have the time to give to this role. I have been a Christian for 34 years and try and put my faith into action I am a very practical person. Over the years I have got to know many people and listen to their stories and concerns. Towards the end of my career as an Occupational Therapist I was in third tier management. This required flexibility, risk management, juggling of priorities and ensuring the services provided the care required a lot of my work was in resolving disputes disagreements/complaints. I have knowledge and skills in Health and Safety and Safeguarding and in adaptations of the built environment for people with a physical disability. I support Lucy and staff in the vision and values of St James and embrace the risk that this sometimes requires. With the support and help of the St James Community, I feel I have the skills and experience to be a Church warden and to learn and develop further.

### Claire Wright



I would be happy to be one of your church wardens. I have some appreciation of what it involves having been an Assistant Church Warden for 3 years, love being part of the community here, and am excited about the vision for change that we are starting to implement. I am currently PCC Champion for Programme 2 (Faith, Earth and Social Justice Initiatives) and I believe that through the WREN project, St James's Church Piccadilly with its message of radical welcome, represents something the world needs right now.

I have worshipped at St James's for 9 years and have been on the PCC for 3 years. In my professional life I worked as nurse, community development worker, and NHS manager, and this experience together with my knowledge of, and links with people in the community here, will help me develop and nurture the congregation and support the clergy. I hesitate to say I'm an artist but my other passion in life is messing around with paint and any other material that comes to hand. I also like visiting art galleries, learning to play the guitar, teaching English to a group of women who are hoping to settle in the UK, and I love hanging out with friends. At St James, I co-coordinate Home for Good, host Holding the Silence on Thursdays, am involved with Citizens UK and am a member of the Giving Team.