

Personal specification

A Treasurer doesn't have to be a qualified accountant, although this could be an advantage in larger parishes. A willing and numerate person would do an excellent job. The following are the most important qualities of a Treasurer:

- Having a commitment to the Church's mission and an appreciation of the role of the parish in the community.
- **Honesty:** there must be no doubt about this and PCCs may want to follow up references for peace of mind.
- **Financial competence:** not only the ability to keep records, but the will and determination to keep track of how finances are going.
- Knowledge of the part the parish plays in the context of deanery, diocese, national church and our mission partners abroad, from both a financial and operational perspective.
- Having the ability to present financial matters clearly to both the PCC and the wider church community.
- Having the time to attend PCC meetings, PCC Standing Committee meetings, deanery and diocesan finance/consultation meetings and to be part of general church life.
- Being able to treat personal financial information of individual church members on a confidential basis.
- Being willing and able to work as a team with other members of the PCC, the parish priest and the wider church.
- Qualifying as a Trustee as required by the Charity Commissioners: being over 18 years old and not being disqualified because of bankruptcy or criminal convictions for financial wrongdoing.

