

## **What is the PCC?**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the governing body of a parish church; it steers the life of the church in its mission, witness and service in the parish.



The PCC is mainly made up of lay members of the church, who along with the minister, are responsible for the overall wellbeing, practical and spiritual, of their church, the church members, and the church buildings. The PCC also has a duty to promote the mission of the church within the wider community.

## **Duties/Responsibilities of the PCC**

- Ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place for public worship and provide an opportunity for people of all ages to meet for prayer and worship
- The care and maintenance of the fabric of the church
- To consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish.
- Co-operation with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical;
- Develop, and maintain, a Mission Action Plan (MAP), to review the life of the church and identify mission opportunities
- Support their clergy, prayerfully and personally
- Taking the lead in demonstrating pastoral care to all who live in our communities, whether members of the church or not
- Ensure a close relationship with the Deanery Synod to effect provisions made by it and to raise matters as appropriate.
- Ensure that the church finances are properly accounted for, the books properly maintained, and the PCC annual accounts inspected or audited, and formally approved by the PCC, prior to the APCM

## Can you help the PCC?

An effective PCC needs a diverse set of people with different experiences, perspectives and skills, but above all they need to be committed members of the church. The following is a list of attributes which would make a good PCC member:

- A regular worshipper and a committed disciple of Jesus Christ, a Godly and prayerful person who is regularly receiving Holy Communion as part of worship
- Having a servant heart, being committed with both time and money
- A willingness to positively contribute to the work of the PCC's and share in the responsibilities
- A willingness to cooperate with, and support the incumbent in the work of the church in the parish and beyond
- Be understanding of the views of other's and actively try to seek mutually tolerable outcomes to potentially divisive issues
- Takes the role seriously by: keeping up to date on church issues, being properly prepared for PCC meetings and undertaking any actions in a timely manner.

As every PCC is run as a Charity and has to meet strict Safeguarding requirements, there are a few mandatory exclusions to becoming a PCC member. The following would mean that you cannot be considered for a PCC position:

- Being under 16 years of age
- Having not been on the Parish Electoral Roll for at least 6 months
- Being unable to obtain an Enhanced DBS check
- Being on a Barred List in the context of the Safeguard Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- If by Law you are not allowed to be a Trustee of a Charity