

The PCC

The Parochial Church Council (PCC):

- Works with the minister in promoting the mission of the church. The minister in charge of the parish and the PCC have a duty to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish, and to co-operate in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. This includes almost everything to do with the church's work in the parish, and its relationship with the deanery and the diocese.

- is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the church, churchyard and moveable objects

As well as being responsible for the care and upkeep of the church, churchyard and moveable items, the PCC may also be the beneficial owner of the church hall and or curate's house.

- has overall charge of all expenditure
- Members are Trustees of the church.

The PCC is a body corporate, which means that it is a separate body from the people who serve on it. PCC members are also trustees, which entails various responsibilities under charity law.

PCC Membership

- *Ordained Clergy*

All clerks in Holy Orders beneficed in or licensed to the parish

- *Deacons*

Deacons or lay workers licensed to the parish

- *Lay Readers*

Readers licensed to the parish, and on the electoral roll of the parish, as determined by the APCM

- *Churchwardens*

Churchwardens become members of the PCC as soon as elected at the Annual Meeting, rather than having to wait until the date that they are instituted.

- *Synod members*

Lay members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synod, who are on the electoral roll of the parish

With reference to lay members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synod who are on the electoral roll of the parish.

These persons are also members of the PCC in an ex-officio capacity (i.e. by virtue of their other office). The rules allow a person to have their name on more than one electoral roll. If this is the case, then that person must choose one PCC of which to be member.

- *Elected members*

Lay representatives of the parish elected at the APCM

In 2004 a rule was brought in setting down numbers to be elected to the PCC which were dependent on the size of the parish's electoral roll.(Up to 50: 6, 51-100: 9, 101-200: 12, over 200: 15). However, the parish can set a different number, by resolution passed at the APCM, which would take effect the following year.

- *Co-opted members, clerical or lay (optional)*

A PCC can appoint co-opted members who can be clerical or lay. If this happens, the total number co-opted must either be less than one-fifth of the elected members on the Council, or two, whichever is the greater.

