

Secretary's PCC Report 2025

Psalm 106

Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

We do give thanks to the Lord for all He is doing in our midst. It was wonderful to welcome Eugene in July, as our new vicar. We do pray for him and the PCC as we seek the Lord's leading in the coming years.

There are 11 lay members on the PCC plus 3 Deanery members, 2 church wardens, the treasurer and the secretary. We had five business meetings this year.

Much of the time at the business meetings was spent preparing for the installation of our new vicar Rev Eugene Hanshaw on 11th July 2024.

Safeguarding is on the agenda for every meeting, and this is taken very seriously as you can see from Andy Nicholls report.

We have also been looking into upgrading the church website, which will be ready later in the year. This will help us to advertise events at church and to be a presence on the internet. Keeping the website up-to-date is a time consuming, but important job.

First Aid has been on the PCC agenda this year as we are keen to ensure we look after those in our churches and the hall. We now have first aid boxes with all the necessary equipment available and have applied to have a defibrillator on the outside wall of the Parish Hall.

PCC is concerned with reaching out to people in our local community to share the gospel. As part of this, the church hosted several local choirs at Christmas, who raised money for the local foodbank and the Christian Blind Mission charity. These were very well supported.

Norton Nippers and Messy church continue to be well supported by people who do not come to church. Coffee shop is also growing in numbers, helped by one of the local Health Walks starting from St George's carpark.

The Home group and Bible study are still proving a great place where we can explore and grow in our faith together and the prayer meeting has continued to be another source of encouragement for us. We continue to pray for the work among young people in church. Dragons now meets once a month during the Sunday 9.30 service. We also have the 'All together' service on the second Sunday of the month. Dragon flies continue to cater for our youngest members and their parents and Aspire members are being encouraged to take part in various initiatives. As always when running these groups there is the issue of enough volunteers so if you feel the Lord speaking to you to help in any of these areas please contact those running the groups.

I would like to thank Neil and Ros for all their hard work as church wardens over this past year and all the members of the PCC for their support. We look forward to working together with Eugene in the next year.

Susan Taylor - PCC secretary