

Secretary's PCC Report 2026

Psalm 121:1,2

I lift my eyes to the mountains -
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth

As a PCC we do lift our eyes to the Lord. It is only through him that we can take on the challenge of leading the church in this Parish. He does help us and will continue to do so as we seek Him.

There are 10 lay members on the PCC plus 3 Deanery members, 2 church wardens, the treasurer, the secretary and, of course, our Vicar. We had five business meetings this year. Items that have been discussed this year are the issues around fundraising and having enough funds to pay our Parish Share, use of the hall, replacing the toilet in St George's Church, the book of Remembrance at St Nicholas church, having an access guide to all the Parish buildings, encouraging parishioners to take part in gardening and maintenance days.

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

We now have a new church website which will go live after the APCM. This is thanks to Isabelle Allen and Neil Greatorex.

As part of our work in the community, we now have a Defibrillator attached to the wall of the Parish Hall. We also support the Foodbank and contribute food there most weeks.

The 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. These were very well received.

Norton Nippers and Messy church continue to be well supported by people who do not come to church. These are great events and very enjoyable for all. At Norton Nippers we have been blessed with 2 new helpers. 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 studies are still proving a great place where we can explore and grow in our faith together and the prayer meeting has also grown, which is really encouraging. Little Dragons and Dragonflies now meet every week during the 9.30 service at St George's church. We also have the 'Altogether' service on the second Sunday of the month.

As always when running any group 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.

Neil and Ros have worked very hard as church wardens over this past year, often doing jobs we know nothing about, so I would like to thank them and all the members of the PCC for their support. We look forward to working together with Eugene in the next year. Let us remember to pray and commit this church to our Lord Jesus.

Susan Taylor - PCC secretary