

Secretary's PCC Report 2024

Psalm 29:11 - The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

This has certainly been our experience as members of the PCC this year as we have dealt with various issues both practical and spiritual during the interregnum. There has been a great desire to work together in the PCC and to support one another as well as the ministry team.

There are 12 lay members on the PCC plus 3 Deanery members, 2 church wardens, the treasurer and the secretary. We had five business meetings and a morning of coaching organised by bishop Jane. This was very helpful and we felt we got to know each other better. There was a follow up session early in 2024 and a PCC social event.

Much of the time at the business meetings was spent creating a new church profile for the appointment of a new vicar. We are very pleased that following this a new vicar was appointed and Eugene Hanshaw will join us on 11th July to begin his time as our vicar.

Safeguarding is on the agenda for every meeting, and this is taken very seriously. 'The PCC confirms that it complies with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measures 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). The PCC delegated the Role of Safeguarding Officer to Dr Andy Nicholls during 2022. The PCC and its delegated officer will ensure that it continues to be compliant with section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy discipline Measures 2016.'

As seen in the other reports coffee shop continues but unfortunately due to lack of support and helpers Friday Lunch and Warm Welcome closed this year. There have also been a number of enjoyable social events, organised by the social committee.

PCC is concerned with reaching out to people in our local community to share the gospel. As part of this, Neil organised a carol concert which local schools participated in, at the church. This went very well. Norton Nippers and Messy church continue to be well supported by people who do not come to church.

I would like to thank Neil and Ros for all their hard work as church wardens over this past year. It has been a very challenging year, but the Lord is with us and we can rest assured he will continue to guide us as we work with our new vicar.

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