

Annual report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2019-20.

The PCC is composed of members of the clergy licensed to the parish and currently 26 members of the laity, including two representatives of the daughter churches. The prime purposes of the PCC are to cooperate with the Rector in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, considering matters of religious or public interest and acting as a link between the parish and the deanery and diocesan synods. The PCC fulfils this function principally through its committees, which are composed both of members of the PCC and other members of the church. In addition to a short meeting following the annual meetings, and a Section 11 meeting in February 2020, the PCC had 5 regular meetings since the previous APCM, at which it received reports from the Deanery Synod and reports and proposals from the subcommittees and committee reports from St James' Swards End and St John's Little Walden, as well as dealing with matters relevant to the whole PCC.

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Some of the matters on which the PCC has focussed over the past year, in approximate chronological order, have been:

- Regular reports on the state of the church's finances
- Discussion of and then embarking on the process to becoming an ECO church
- Taking a new approach to Parish News
- Building project
 - Continuing planning work for on the Audley tomb and the choir and clergy vestries
- A project to review food safety looking at registration with the council, guidance for church groups using the kitchen and bringing equipment up to date
- The summer 2019 Flower Festival
- How we engage with children and young people including through Tinies and reviewing the Celebrate service
- Review of Safeguarding Policy and implementation
- Reflections on Advent, Christmas and Epiphany services
- The Rector's departure and the process for appointing a new Team Rector
- 2020 budget and approval of financial accounts 2019

Most of these activities are reviewed in more detail in the Annual Review, which includes reports from all the PCC sub-committees.

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