

Annual report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2021-22.

The PCC is composed of members of the clergy licensed to the parish and currently 24 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, the PCC has had five regular meetings since the previous APCM, some on Zoom but gathering in person in the Parish Rooms where possible according to the pandemic, at which it received 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
- Careful, ongoing reviews of our covid safety measures amid seemingly ever changing pandemic risks
- Enabling people to give to the life of our church using new contactless technology
- Repairs to the chancel roof
- Recruiting new Michael Swindlehurst Organ scholars
- Listening to the church family through a parishioner survey
- Thinking about the way our committees operate and the best way to support worship, liturgy and planning for services
- Contributing our thoughts to a wider Deanery discussion on what we'd like our church to be known for in 5 year's time
- Thinking about running Living and Love and Faith courses
- Review of Safeguarding Policy and implementation
- 2022 budget and approval of financial accounts 2021

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