

St Peter's Church

The responsibilities attaching to membership of the PCC

At this first meeting of the PCC year the responsibilities attaching to membership have to be reviewed. There is a helpful guide to membership on the Diocesan website: [https: www.exeter.anglican.org/guide-for-new-PCC-members-pdf](https://www.exeter.anglican.org/guide-for-new-PCC-members-pdf) - well worth reading by seasoned as well as newer PCC members.

- I Under the Charities Act (1993) all PCC members are trustees responsible for all the PCC's financial activity (though without individual liability for any monies). St Peter's is fortunate in currently having substantial funds.

It is the duty of PCC members to monitor all income, including giving, donations, legacies, wedding and funeral fees, magazine adverts and sales, fundraising and any other activities; likewise, with expenditure, notably the Common Fund, insurance, utilities, maintenance, staff salaries, fees and expenses. Most of this work is carried out by the treasury team (sidespersons, cashiers and counters, fundraisers, treasurer) and overseen by the Finance Committee. This Committee reports regularly to the PCC. Trustees should be satisfied that adequate safeguards against fraud or error are in place, and ask questions if in doubt.

The Parish Giving Scheme was adopted *nem con* by the PCC eight years ago. When PCC members join – as the hope is that they will – it is a sign to the congregation at large of a quite essential benefit accruing to St Peter's. For all concerned, the PGS is certainly the easiest, the most efficient and discreet, method of regular church giving. Thus, it proved invaluable during the period of the covid lockdown: those parishes who used it were protected financially, while others found themselves facing considerable difficulty.

- 2 'Fit and Proper Persons': Members of the PCC are required to sign these forms of declaration, thus responding to the requirement to comply with the 2010 legislation that requires churches (and other charities) that reclaim Gift Aid to be able to demonstrate that they and any church staff and volunteers who manage church funds are 'fit and proper persons'.

Every member of the current PCC has been supplied with a copy of this form, either presently or in the recent past.

- 3 A slightly different issue is our requirement to conform to the GDPR rules. The Data Protection Act 2018 is the UK's implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Everyone responsible for using personal data has to follow the strict 'data protection principles'. In conformity with this requirement, those members of the Tiverton St Peter Parochial Church Council (2024-25) who are happy for their names and/or emails to be disclosed on digital messages relating to PCC business are requested to sign to this effect (or to indicate if they are not as the case may be) at the next meeting: see overleaf.

The Revd Christian Hill :
John Brewster :
David Catchpole :
Emma Cobbledick :
Susannah Emson :
Joanna Hall-Tomkin :
Gill Heard :
Kate Henshall :
Mark Heritage :
Nickie Johnson :
Tom Mitchell :
Sally Mundy :
David Ricks :
William Zarrett :