

**MEMBERSHIP** of the PCC. There is a current possible maximum of 36 members, plus co-options. The actual number at the end of the 2017 was 27 with one co-option. This is made up as

All parish clergy *ex officio* - currently 7, following the departure of Revd Jimmy Young in January.

Lay members 29, made up of

*Ex officio*, 3 churchwardens

8 lay members of Deanery Synod

3 or however many members we happen to have on Diocesan Synod

*Elected laity* 15.

Even after the loss of St Mark's members, our electoral roll is still large enough to require 15 elected lay members. In July the PCC decided not to allocate the 3 places to a church but to offer parish wide groups, e.g. youth, Mothers' Union, HCT - the opportunity to nominate a member at the 2018 APCM.

*Co-opted* 1 Following good practice Mrs Joyce Brown, the Parish Lead Safeguarding officer, was co-opted to the PCC.

Currently 19 individuals serve as lay members, sometimes filling several roles. There were unfortunately a number of vacancies.

In addition the Parish Treasurer and the Parish Youth Worker attend PCC meetings

**OFFICERS.** At the special PCC meeting after the APCM on 27 April 2017, Mr Nigel Stalley was elected as Vice-Chairman, Mr Paul Kirkbride was re-appointed as Treasurer (non-PCC member) and Mrs Brenda Large as Secretary. Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater as Team Rector is formally the Chairman, but other Team Vicars regularly chaired PCC meetings.

**MEETINGS.** The PCC has met five times since the last APCM, at either St Leonard's or St Mary's. Ideally the PCC would like to visit every church but this has proved difficult to arrange. All meetings open with an act of worship. The number of members at meetings ranged from 15 to 21. The Standing Committee has met four times, and dealt with the full range of PCC work between PCC meetings. The Treasurer chairs a separate DCC Treasurers' group which advises on the details of financial management.

**WORK OF THE PCC.** Government legislation, Charity Commission requirements and safeguarding enhancement has meant that the PCC had been much occupied with the review and development of policies and the improvement of our procedures. In particular we have been looking at how we manage risk and how we can abide by the General Data Protection regulations that will apply from May. We finally agreed a logo for use on parish wide matters. We were very pleased to be able to nominate three excellent new governors to St Mary's School, and are grateful to Claire Swarbrick, the Chair of Governors, for her proactive work on in finding candidates. Finance is always a major topic. We have made improvements to the way we organise and present the budget and have begun to investigate how we can safely use modern electronic banking methods. Because of a complicated technical error made in 2014 by the Diocese concerning Guy's appointment to the benefice, we had to have an emergency meeting just before Christmas to begin to resolve the matter. Youth work, safeguarding, health and safety and mission are under regular review. As far as possible routine work to do with policy development, finance and buildings is handled by the Standing Committee.

I am always grateful to members and to the DCC secretaries for their tolerance, support and assistance.

Brenda Large, Hon. Sec. PCC, April 2018