

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC 2019

MEMBERSHIP of the PCC. There is possible maximum of 33 members, plus co-options. At the beginning of 2019 there were 27 PCC members but by the end of the year the number had reduced to 17, largely due to St John's becoming the separate parish of Broadbridge Heath on 1 November 2019.

The PCC is made up of all parish clergy *ex officio* and the churchwardens and elected lay members in various categories (detailed in the Annual Report). During the year we lost 3 of the 6 clergy, following the departure of Revds Kate Bailey (moved in September 2019 to be Priest in charge at Lurgashall and Northchapel with Ebernoe parishes), Revd Natalie Loveless (moved to be Vicar of Rustington in November 2019) and Revd Brian New (to St John's in November 2019). Revd Bernard Sinton was technically PTO from June 2019, though at the request of Bishop Martin he was serving as Interim Team Rector during the interregnum. Two lay members resigned during the year and the 4 lay members from St John's left to go to the new parish.

Lay members	18, made up of
<i>Ex officio</i> ,	3 churchwardens
	8 lay members of Deanery Synod ;3 in post, following the resignation of Barbara Hammond
	3 members of Diocesan Synod
<i>Elected laity</i>	15 maximum, 8 in post. The PCC had decided to allocate 3 places to each church, with final 3 places filled by any nominee. Jill Budd resigned during the year.
<i>Co-opted</i>	0

Currently 15 individuals serve as lay members, sometimes filling several roles. There were unfortunately a number of vacancies.

In addition the Parish Treasurer Paul Kirkbride and the Parish Youth Work Enabler attend PCC meetings.

OFFICERS. At the special PCC meeting after the APCM on 23 April 2019, 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. During the Interregnum the Vice-chairman chaired the meetings.

MEETINGS. The PCC has met four times since the last APCM, at the Church Centre or Holy Trinity. The meeting on 6 June was a statutory Section 11 meeting to initiate the recruitment of a new Team Rector. Nigel Stalley and Margaret Symonds were elected to represent the parish in the recruitment process.

WORK OF THE PCC. The individual District Church Committees handle much of the detailed church management work that would normally come to a PCC.

The PCC can then concentrate on parish wide matters. Routine work to do with policy development, finance and buildings was handled by the Standing Committee, consisting of clergy and laity from each church, the Parish Treasurer and the PCC Secretary. The SC had met 3 times.

For 2019 PCC work was dominated by the management of the interregnum, preparations for the creation of Broadbridge Heath Parish and by finance. Routine policy review continued, but major changes would await the arrival of the new incumbent. The parish divided 2 months earlier than expected, which made the financial management complex. We also had to grapple with serious problems with our banking arrangements, which were not of our making. The issue was initially resolved but recurred in December.

Lee Buck was appointed in May as the Parish Youth Work Enabler and attended his first meeting in July 2019, when he outlined his initial plans for future youth work.

We owe much gratitude to PCC and DCC members and to the DCC secretaries for their work.

Brenda Large, Hon. Sec. PCC, June 2019