



**The Parish of St Robert of Knaresborough - Pannal**  
**Parochial Church Council (PCC)**  
**May, 2019**

**Elected Members**

**Elected/Re-elected**

	See notes
Mrs Rachel Hewson (Chair – Communications Committee)	Re-elected 2017-2020
Mrs Laura Dinning	2017-2020
Mr Karl Chapman	Re-elected 2018-2021
Mr Ian McKie	2018-2021
Mrs Judith Colbert	2018-2021
Mrs Sarah Downham (PCC Secretary)	Re-elected 2019-2022
Mrs Sophie Shand	2019-2022
Mrs Liz Wild	2019-2022

**Ex-Officio Members**

**Elected/Re-elected**

		See notes
Rev. John Smith	Vicar (PCC Chairman)	
Rev. Abbie Palmer	Curate	
Mr Ted Collings	Churchwarden	First elected 2017
Mr Peter Stretton (Chair – Events & Fundraising Committee)	Churchwarden	First elected 2019
Mr Iain Ward-Campbell (Chair – Finance Committee)	Member of Diocesan Synod	
Mrs Shirley Clegg	Deanery Synod representative	Elected 2017-2020
Mrs Anita Hawker (PCC Treasurer)	Deanery Synod representative	Re-elected 2017-2020
Mrs Christine Ward-Campbell	Deanery Synod representative	Re-elected 2017-2020

**Co-opted members**

None

The quorum for PCC meetings is one third of the membership.

**Notes:**

- a. Churchwardens are elected at the Parish Meeting each year. They may serve for up to six years consecutively and so their first year of appointment is shown.
- b. All other elected posts (PCC and Deanery Synod representative) are for a three year term of office ending in the year indicated.
- c. Elected members of the PCC can serve two terms of office (6 years) and must then stand down for at least a year. No such restriction applies to Deanery Synod representatives.
- d. Co-opted members must not exceed 2 or 1/5 of the representatives of the laity elected at the annual meeting (whichever is greater) and they serve until the conclusion of the next annual meeting, when they are eligible for election. At present, we may have 2 such members.
- e. Ecumenical Observer: In addition to our members we welcome an ecumenical observer from Pannal Methodist Church, who may contribute to debates but does not have voting rights.
- f. Membership of church electoral rolls and the management of Parochial Church Meetings and Councils are governed by the Church Representation Rules 2017.

## Responsibilities of the PCC

The **responsibilities and duties** of PCCs are set out in the [Parochial Church Councils \(Powers\) Measure 1956](#). ('the Measure') Amongst other matters, the Measure requires that a PCC may not acquire either (a) an interest in land, or (b) any personal property to be held on permanent trusts, without the consent of the diocesan authority (the Diocesan Board of Finance). Where any such property is acquired, it must be vested in the Diocesan Board of Finance as custodian trustee for the PCC. St Robert's does have a small amount of such funds held by the Diocese

## Objectives and activities

The **objectives** of the PCC are defined by the Measure as 'to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'.

The main **activities** of the PCC are:-

- co-operation with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.
- consideration and discussion of matters concerning the Church of England or any other matters of religious or public interest, but not the declaration of the doctrine of the Church on any question.
- making known and putting into effect any provision made by the Diocesan Synod or the Deanery Synod, but without prejudice to the powers of the Council on any particular matter.
- giving advice to the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Synod on any matter referred to the Council.
- raising such matters as the Council consider appropriate with the Diocesan Synod or Deanery Synod
- repairing and maintaining all Church buildings, and raising the money for this purpose.
- providing proper finance and insurance for all aspects of the parish life.
- responsibilities under the Health and Safety, Data Protection Act, the Food Act, Copyright Act and Child Protection Act.
- the provision of regular public worship that is open to all.
- the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- the provision of pastoral work including the visiting of the sick, the elderly and the bereaved.
- the teaching of the Christian faith through sermons, home groups, children's meetings and links with the local school.
- the promotion of the Christian faith through various events for the elderly, parents and toddlers, and other special needs groups, organised by the PCC and through the distribution of the parish newsletter and maintenance of the website.
- the support of other charities involved in Christian outreach and development.

The PCC meets early in every second month to discuss and decide about the above activities. In the intervening periods, decisions may be taken on the PCC's behalf by its Standing Committee comprising the Vicar, the Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwarden, the PCC Secretary and the PCC Treasurer