The Parish of
St Robert of Knaresborough – Pannal and
St Michael and All Angels – Beckwithshaw
Parochial Church Council (PCC)
September 1st, 2026

Elected Members		**Elected/Re-elected** See notes
Mr Matt Hart (StR)		2024-2027
Mr Carl Hopkins (vice-chair) (StR)	Re-elected	2024-2027
Mrs Janet Shott (StM)		2024-2027
Vacant (StM)		2024-2027
Mrs Vicky Draper (StR)		2025-2028
Mrs Julia Robinson (StM)		2025-2028
Mr Richard Rooze (vice-chair) (StR)		2025-2028
Mr Tim Wilson (Chair – Fabric Committee) (StR)	Re-elected	2025-2028
Mr Sam Essen (PCC Treasurer) (StR)		2026-2029
Dr Angela Richardson (StM)		2026-2029
Ms Rachael Stray (PCC Secretary) (StR)		2026-2029
Mrs Stephanie Lightbody (Chair – Communications Committee) (StR)		2026-2029

Ex-Officio Members		**First elected** See notes	
Vicar (vacancy)	Vicar (PCC Chairman)		
Mrs Susan House	Licensed Lay Minister		
Mr Stuart Newsome (StR)	Churchwarden	First elected	2024
Mrs Claire Pickthall (StR)	Churchwarden (vice-chair)	First elected	2026
Mrs Carolyn Swales (StM)	Churchwarden	First elected	2026
Mrs Kathryn Wilson (StM)	Churchwarden (vice-chair)	First elected	2020
Mrs Shirley Clegg (StR)	Deanery Synod representative		2026-2029
Mr Jeremy Frearson (StR)	Deanery Synod representative		2026-2029
Miss Ann Howard (StR)	Deanery Synod representative		2026-2029
Mrs Sally Johnson (StM)	Deanery Synod representative		2026-2029
Mr Iain Ward-Campbell (StR) (Chair - Finance Committee)	Deanery Synod representative		2026-2029

Co-opted member(s)	**Co-option until APCM of designated year**
Kevin Paynes	2027

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

Notes:

a. Churchwardens are elected at the Parish Meeting each year.
b. All other elected posts (PCC and Deanery Synod representative) are for a three-year term of office ending in the year indicated.
c. Dates of first election (Churchwardens) or re-election (PCC members) are noted for possible future restrictions in eligibility.
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.

Membership of church electoral rolls and the management of Parochial Church Meetings and Councils are governed by the Church Representation Rules 2025 as amended.

Updated September 8th, 2026

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Responsibilities of the PCC

The **responsibilities and duties** of PCCs are set out in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. ('the Measure'), as amended. 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
- appointing sidespeople (who are also known as assistants to the churchwardens)
- 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.
- discharging their responsibilities under the Health and Safety legislation, Data Protection Act, 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 and other channels of communication.
- 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, any Assistant Curate for the time being, the Churchwardens and at least two members of the PCC appointed by resolution of the PCC.