



The Parish of St Robert of Knaresborough - Pannal
Parochial Church Council (PCC)
November, 2023

Elected Members

Elected/Re-elected

See notes

Mr Carl Hopkins	2021-2024
Vacant	2021-2024
Mrs Susan House	2021-2024
Mr Adrian Cook	2022-2025
Mr Kevin Paynes (Director of Music)	2022-2025
Mr Tim Wilson	2022-2025
Miss Ann Howard (Deputy Churchwarden)	Re-elected 2023-2026
Ms Rachael Stray (PCC Secretary)	Re-elected 2023-2026
Mrs Claire Pickthall	2023-2026

Ex-Officio Members

Elected/Re-elected

See notes

Rev. John Smith	Vicar (PCC Chairman)	
Rev. Nick Murray	Assistant Curate	
Mr Ted Collings	Churchwarden	First elected 2017
Dr Joan Adams	Churchwarden (Deputy chair)	First elected 2020
Mr Iain Ward-Campbell (Chair – Finance Committee)	Member of Diocesan Synod	Elected by Deanery Synod – 2021-2024
Mr Stuart Newsome	Deanery Synod representative	Re-elected 2023-2026
Mrs Shirley Clegg	Deanery Synod representative	Re-elected 2023-2026
Mrs Anita Hawker (PCC Treasurer)	Deanery Synod representative	Re-elected 2023-2026
Mr Jeremy Frearson	Deanery Synod representative	2023-2026

Co-opted member(s)

**Co-option until APCM
of designated year**

No co-opted members

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

Notes:

- 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.
- All other elected posts (PCC and Deanery Synod representative) are for a three year term of office ending in the year indicated.
- 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 yet applies to Deanery Synod representatives.
- 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.
- 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.

Membership of church electoral rolls and the management of Parochial Church Meetings and Councils are governed by the Church Representation Rules 2020.

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 Deputy Churchwardens, the PCC Secretary and the PCC Treasurer