

## The PCC (Parochial Church Council)

These notes are a brief summary of the role of a member of the PCC.

The Church Council consists of the elected Council members, the Deanery Synod representatives, the Vicar and other Clergy. The Council usually meets nine times a year on a Monday evening, together with a Saturday away day, often in June or July.

### As a member of the PCC ...

- You represent the church membership. You are its 'voice' as regards decisions made by St Gabriel's as a whole. You can include your own view on matters, but that is not the only view you are representing.
- You are there to work with the Clergy in leading St Gabriel's. You need to question and hold them to account within the PCC arena, and support them in the public arena.
- You make a priority of attending PCC meetings and being prepared for them in reading and considering materials sent to you.
- You participate in discussion and resolution of issues brought to the PCC and can raise issues for PCC consideration yourself.
- You are prepared to take away some of the actions from the meetings.
- You need to be prepared to support decisions from the PCC and act on them, even if you voted against them.
- You have a legal position as a trustee, and share responsibility with other council members for church finances and the employment of staff.
- You take an interest in getting to know more people in the congregation, making yourself available to speak to those with concerns or questions. You can then feed things into meetings and report back to interested people.
- You contribute to the functioning of the church, with respect to your abilities and spiritual gifts.
- You participate in fellowship within the church and strive to deepen your faith and develop your spiritual gifts.
- You are called to pray for the life of the church and its people.

PCC members are elected at the Annual Church Meeting to serve for a three year period.

Anyone may stand for election who has been on the electoral roll for at least six months, and has received communion at least three times in the previous year. All candidates must be proposed and seconded.