

## The PCC of St Edward's, Eggbuckland

The **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** looks after the general running of the Church and oversees the finances. It does this through developing and administering a Mission Action Plan to ensure decisions are clear, transparent and strategic. St Edward's PCC consists of 16 members; the Vicar; 1 lay reader, 2 Churchwardens; 2 Deanery Synod Representatives; and 9 Lay Members and upto 2 co-opted additional members. Anyone is able to attend PCC meetings but do not have voting privileges.

The **Deanery Synod Representatives**, (in addition to their general PCC responsibilities) attend meetings with clergy and PCC representatives from other churches, to help to support and further the mission of the Anglican churches within the Plymouth City Deanery and the wider Exeter Diocese.

**All members**, except the Clergy must be nominated and elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) before they can serve on the PCC. Deanery Synod Representatives are elected to serve for 3 years.

There is also a **Standing Committee**, which consists of the Vicar, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer plus other PCC representatives, as appropriate. The Standing Committee deals with emergency issues that arise between meetings and agrees the agenda for the following PCC meeting. The PCC normally meets every 3-4 months plus 1 away day and a special meeting after the APCM

**Parochial Church Councillors** are elected annually. **Churchwardens** are elected annually, but can serve up to six years consecutively. **Deanery Synod Representatives** are elected for three years at a time. The PCC **Secretary** and the **Treasurer** are appointed from within the PCC or from the general church membership. All Parochial Church Councillors are required to be on the **church electoral roll**.

### What are the duties of PCC members?

We assume that all PCC members will want to play a full and enthusiastic part in the life of our church. Therefore we would expect a PCC member to:

- seek to maintain a living faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour;
- support the mission of St Edward's financially and generously through the Stewardship schemes;
- be a regular worshipper, both on Sundays and other days as appropriate.
- participate in teaching, training, growth groups, Lent courses and other courses as appropriate;
- pray regularly for the people and the mission of St Edwards and the Diocese.

In addition we look for leadership from our PCC members in the following ways:

A commitment to prepare for, prioritise and attend the three PCC meetings and away day scheduled during the year

A willingness to play an active part in the PCC's business, vision and decision making and to

contribute to the work of the PCC sub-groups/teams

A willingness to uphold the decisions of the PCC (i.e. to share a collective responsibility) and to play a role in communicating them to the wider church family

To keep themselves well informed about the views of church members, and the issues that concern them

To develop an awareness of issues affecting the wider church, particularly in the Mission Community, Deanery, the Plymouth archdeaconry and Episcopal Area, and the Diocese.

### PCC Structure

The PCC operates through sub-groups/teams, and focus team meetings which will meet from time to time. This is an area that is developing as we try to respond to needs and priorities.

**Communication Team** - oversees the magazine, website development and publicity projects and assists the PCC to communicate key priorities and events.

**Fabric Team** - responsible for supporting the Churchwardens and Vicar in maintaining the buildings churchyard and fabric of St Edward's in good order

**Finance Team** - will work with the Treasurer to ensure our finances are in good order and are efficiently managed

**Staff Team** - is made up of those who have specific responsibilities and is to ensure good communication, offer support to one another and makes recommendations to PCC/standing committee

### Other potential teams:

- Fundraising & Friends of Eggbuckland
- Worship Services and Prayer
- Pastoral Care and Discipleship
- Children, Schools, Families and Youth
- Evangelism
- Community involvement:

The PCC sub-groups are all tasked with drawing on the enthusiasm, skills and giftings of all members of the congregation, not just those elected to the PCC. The teams and working parties may also be chaired/led by church members other than those serving on the PCC but are always responsible and accountable to the vicar and PCC.

### What do the Churchwardens do?

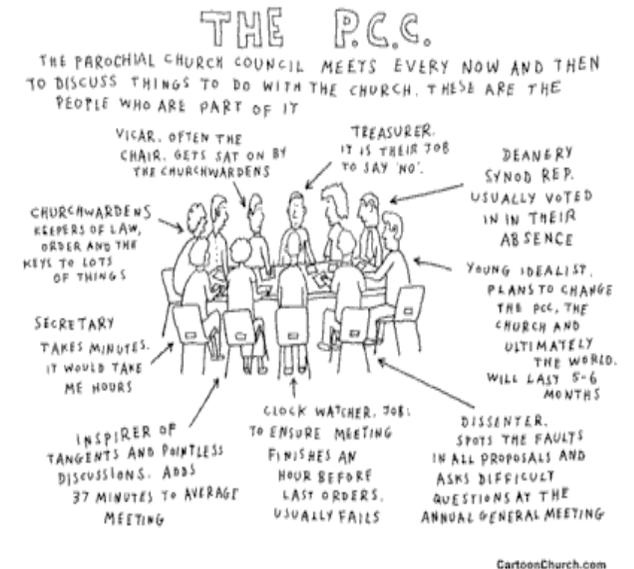
A Churchwarden is a lay official in an Anglican parish. Churchwardens have a duty to represent the laity and work in close partnership with the vicar. They are expected to lead the parishioners by setting a good example and by modelling and encouraging unity and cooperation. Churchwardens are legally responsible for all the property and movable goods belonging to a parish church. They have a duty under ecclesiastical law to keep an up to date **terrier** (written record) of the property and an **inventory** of the valuables, and to produce these lists for inspection at a visitation by the Archdeacon. The day-to-day maintenance of church buildings and contents is delegated to the churchwardens. The contribution the churchwardens make to all aspects of the St Edwards' fellowship, both material and spiritual, is of vital significance. To be churchwarden is to undertake a demanding, all embracing, rewarding and very important job.

### How can I become a member of the PCC?

1. Pray for discernment
2. Read the duties of a PCC Member (see above)
3. Discuss your interest with others and seek their judgment
4. Make sure you are on the Electoral Roll of St Edwards' (Brian Bassett is our Electoral Officer. Electoral Roll membership may be checked in the record book kept at the back of the church)
5. Find two people to nominate you (they too must be on the Electoral Roll)
6. Enter your name, together with your sponsors names onto the PCC Elections board prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
7. Await the judgment of the church membership through the APCM election process!
8. Be prepared to work hard and enjoy being part of a creative team seeking to be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in discerning God's priorities for St Edwards' and the community it serves

## St Edward's Eggbuckland

*One Family in Christ...for all the family: Loving, Serving, Growing*



## THE PCC EXPLAINED

*“And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God”. (Micah 6:8)*