

The PCC of South Beddington & Roundshaw

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) looks after the general running of the Church and oversees the finances. SB&R PCC consists of 18 members; the Vicar; the Curates; 4 Churchwardens; 2 Deanery Synod Representatives; and 9 Lay Members. **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 Sutton Deanery and the wider 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. There is also a **Standing Committee**, which consists of the Vicar, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary 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 4 times a year

Parochial Church Councillors are elected annually and serve for a maximum period of three consecutive years, after which they are required to stand down for one year before seeking re-election. **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 the parish financially and generously through the Stewardship schemes;
- be a regular worshipper, both on Sundays and other days as appropriate, including the festivals celebrated and marked during the liturgical cycle of the church year;
- participate in teaching, training, Lent and other courses as appropriate;
- pray regularly for the people and the mission of the parish of South Beddington & Roundshaw 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 4-6 PCC meetings 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-committees

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 Deanery, the Croydon Episcopal Area, and the Diocese.

PCC Structure

The PCC operates through the following sub-committees, which will usually meet once or twice each 'term':

Pastoral Committee - oversees pastoral visiting, bereavement visiting, young church in both churches, baptism preparation classes.

Fundraising & Social Committee - oversees the social calendar for the parish

Stewardship Committee - promotes and monitors giving to the mission of the parish

Finance Committee - work with the Parish Treasurer and Vicar to ensure our finances are in good order and efficiently managed. Meets not more than twice each year.

Building & Grounds team - responsible for supporting the Churchwardens and Vicar in maintaining the buildings and fabric of both churches in good order

The PCC sub-committees 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 committees and working parties may also be chaired/led by church members other than those serving on the 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 modeling 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 St Michael's and St Paul's 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 either St Michaels (Alison Huneke is the Electoral Roll Officer) or St Paul's (Margaret Holland is the Electoral Roll 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 the Parish of South Beddington & Roundshaw and the community it serves

**St Michael & All Angels, South
Beddington with
St Paul's Church Roundshaw**

***'A servant community...following
Jesus...for the good of the world'***



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)***