

Changing Governance Option 2 – Co-ordinated PCC meetings

This model requires no legal process or changes to the legal structures that are already in place.

- All PCCs within the benefice meet on the same day, at the same time and at the same venue
- The PCCs meet together at the start of the meeting to discuss matters affecting the whole benefice e.g. people and places, events, worship, festivals, discipleship, teaching, schools, children & young people, lay training and development, fundraising etc.
- The PCCs then break out into separate areas under the lay vice-chair to discuss their own local business e.g. church building matters; churchwardens and treasurer's reports
- The vicar/rector, who will already have seen the PCC agendas which are circulated before the meeting, moves around the PCC meetings as needed
- The PCCs come together again at the end of the evening for any feedback, notices items for the next agendas and closing prayers
- Separate APCMs will still be needed

Advantages:

- Significantly reduces the number of meetings for the vicar/rector
- Facilitates the organisation of mission and ministry across the area of the whole benefice
- Encourages sharing of ideas and concerns, as well as joint events and activities
- No changes to the formal governance structure – PCCs retain their own integrity and character

Disadvantages:

- Model is dependent on the commitment, co-operation and participation of all the PCCs
- Model dependent on ability of vicar to move between several meetings on the same day
- No reduction in the number of meetings for PCC members – possibly an increase for some
- Dependent on finding a suitable venue and date/time for all to attend