



Your PCC – what we do

Since being elected by you on 8th March 2026, your PCC has met 4 times. This is slightly more frequently than the regular 6 times a year due to the larger than usual workload whilst Rev Griff has stepped back from parish ministry.

We meet from 7pm to 9pm (arriving from 6.30pm for those who like to start with a tea or coffee!). We start and end with prayer led by PCC members. Some items are always included on the agenda: Matters arising from previous meeting; Safeguarding and Finance which are the biggest items. They are followed by reports and feedback from subgroups regarding worship; building; grounds; eco; health and safety; events; youth and children's work; ICT; and finally, any other business (notified beforehand).

In addition, we have a themed topic at each meeting.

March Church policies were updated and those required by the diocese approved (you can look at these in the folders on top of the service books bookcase near the door to the vestry, but please do not take them away).

April Our focus was on Safeguarding and the progress St Benedict's is making towards being compliant with Church of England requirements. We were also updated on the level we have reached on the diocesan safeguarding hub. There is still much to do but progress is now good.

June Our ICT and our use of it was discussed and how we could make better use of it. This included discussions on who should have @stbens.uk email addresses, aspects of GDPR and central record keeping and whether to use the 'A Church Near You' website rather than a bespoke website.

July our focus was on finance and how the Treasurer's role can be divided into manageable parts for people to take over when our current treasurer retires at the end of this year. We have also considered, updated and/or rewritten other policies; risk assessments; lettings agreements and charges.

After an August break, our next PCC meeting will be on **Monday 7th September** (not our usual Wednesday). The focus will be on outreach through our existing regular events and how we can encourage more "non-church" people to attend them. This could include MU; Church Café; Welcome Spaces; Bell plates; Bell ringing; Tots and Toddlers; Youth Group; St Bens@4; and anything else! If you are involved in any of these groups and have ideas, please share them with any member of your PCC.

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