

The PCC of St Andrew, Maghull

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the Trustee Body of the Charity 'THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST ANDREW, MAGHULL, LIVERPOOL' and is responsible for promoting the mission of God in the parish, looking after the general running of the Church, overseeing the finances and delivering its charitable outcomes in accordance with Ecclesiastical, Charity and Employment Law. St Andrew's PCC consists of: the Team Rector and Team Clergy; a Reader rep; 2 Churchwardens; 2 Deputy Churchwardens; 4 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 Ormskirk Deanery and the wider Diocese.

All members, except the Clergy and the Reader rep, must be nominated and elected at an Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) before they can serve on the PCC.

The PCC normally meets 9 times a year. There is a **Standing Committee**, which consists of the Rector, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary plus other PCC representatives, as appropriate. The Standing Committee deals with emergency issues that arise between meetings.

PCC members, also known as Trustees, are elected annually and serve for a

maximum period of three consecutive years, after which they are required to stand down for at least one year before seeking re-election. **Churchwardens** are elected annually, but can serve up to four years consecutively. **Deanery Synod Representatives** are elected for three years at a time. The PCC **Secretary**, **Treasurer** and a number of other positions are appointed from within the PCC or from the general church membership. All Trustees 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 them to:

- seek to maintain a living faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour;
- support the mission of St Andrew's 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, bible study, Lent and other courses as appropriate;
- pray regularly for the people and the mission of St Andrew's and the Diocese.

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

A commitment to prepare for, prioritise and attend the 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 and the Diocese.

PCC Structure

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

<p>Mission and Outreach Committee – considers the mission of the church, including consideration of worship and young people's and family work.</p> <p>Social Committee – oversees the social calendar for St Andrew's</p> <p>Fabric Committee – responsible for supporting the Churchwardens and Rector in maintaining the buildings and keeping the fabric of St Andrew's in good order</p> <p>Finance Committee – oversees the setting of the annual budget work with the Treasurer to ensure our finances are in good order and are efficiently managed and promotes giving to the mission of St Andrew's</p>

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 Rector. 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 the St Andrew'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 St Andrew's (Electoral Roll membership may be checked in the record book kept in the church vestry)

5. Find two people to nominate you (they too must be on the Electoral Roll)
6. Complete a nomination paper available at the back of church 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 Andrew's and the community it serves

Maghull St Andrew

Part of the Maghull and Melling Team Ministry



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St Andrew Maghull

Mission Statement

St Andrew's church seeks to encourage people to encounter Jesus through Welcome, Worship and Witness



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 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)**