

PCC COMMITTEES: SPECIFIC ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Standing Committee

The role of the Standing Committee is to transact the business of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) between its full meetings. The Committee shall act as a sounding-board for the incumbent in all matters temporal and spiritual as may be deemed appropriate. The Committee shall ensure the operation of effective financial systems which provide regular recording, monitoring, and reporting to the full PCC. The committee shall ensure that any financial issues which it may identify are reported to the PCC as promptly as is practically feasible, together with suitable proposals to tackle such issues in a timely and effective manner. The Committee shall co-ordinate the provision of employment contracts and pensions as necessary. The Committee shall seek to ensure that both the clergy and lay leaders within the church are adequately resourced in financial terms in order that the mission and ministry of the Church may be carried out effectively. The Committee shall assist with the creation of a suitable agenda for each meeting of the full PCC, review the minutes and work of each PCC sub-committee, and seek to encourage and promote full co-operation between those sub-committees. The Committee shall assist with the smooth implementation of all matters pertaining to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The Committee shall report upon its deliberations and activities to each full meeting of the PCC.

Mission Committee

The role of the Mission Committee is to communicate the whole gospel of Jesus Christ to individuals, particularly within the local parish community, and to encourage them to enter into a personal relationship with Him. The Committee shall seek to develop plans, strategies and support systems, and through suitable training and prayerful development, call out, encourage and assist those who once said ***“This is not for me”***, that they may be enabled to share their faith effectively with others. The Committee shall also provide practical and spiritual support to those working in the mission field, and to those described as ‘link missionaries’, whether they are at home or abroad. The Committee shall report upon its deliberations and activities to each full meeting of the PCC.

The Mission Committee will seek to bring people within the local community to a saving faith, and to support those, both at home and abroad, who are involved in the work of mission.

Ministry Committee

The role of the Ministry Committee is to work towards establishing a deeper prayer life and commitment to Bible study and pastoral care, both personally and corporately, within the whole of the Church family. The Committee shall seek to bring about a continuously deepening commitment to our Lord through teaching and training activities, including homegroups and weekend events, as well as encouraging those who have recently come to faith to develop and deepen their relationship with God. The Committee shall report upon its deliberations and activities to each full meeting of the PCC.

With prayer at the heart of all we do, the Ministry Committee shall be concerned with the continuing growth in faith of all Church members and their involvement in regular worship, prayer, Bible study, ongoing learning and pastoral care.

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Worship Committee

The role of the Worship Committee is to endeavour to create an atmosphere through which meaningful and appropriate worship is provided for each of the different congregations. The Committee shall seek to advise the clergy and others on matters relating to worship, and will endeavour to ensure that all of our worship is in Spirit and in truth. The Committee shall seek to provide prayer and pastoral support for all those involved in leading and resourcing the regular liturgical life of our church. The Committee shall report upon its deliberations and activities to each full meeting of the PCC.

The Worship Committee will seek to ensure that we have a church ready to meet the spiritual needs of all people within the local community whether they be members of Saint Michael's or those who currently seek its services through the occasional offices.

Resources Committee

This role of the Resources Committee is to ensure that our properties are properly insured and maintained to the highest of possible standards. The committee shall ensure that both the clergy and lay leaders within the church are adequately provided with all possible practical and material resources in order that the mission and ministry of the Church might be effectively carried out. In many respects, this Committee is at the centre of everything which takes place, and shall seek to ensure that it serves the other sub-committees so that Saint Michael's might be the spiritual heart of the local community. The Committee shall report upon its deliberations and activities to each full meeting of the PCC.

The Resources Committee will seek to ensure that we have a church ready to meet the challenges which face it through the endowment of finance, well maintained property and the effective provision of all necessary resources.

Communications Group

The role of the Communications Group is to ensure that the message of the Church is clearly and effectively communicated to the whole local parish community. The Group, following due liaison with the incumbent, is responsible for overseeing the creation and distribution of posters, flyers and regular newsletters as is deemed appropriate for each activity, event or ecclesiastical season. The Group shall report upon its deliberations and activities to each full meeting of the PCC.

PCC members are reminded that their work is primarily a spiritual venture and of the need to be aware that the decisions and actions of the above committees/group, particularly those of a financial nature, remain their responsibility, individually and collectively, hence the importance of ensuring that all matters referred to the PCC are given detailed and prayerful consideration.

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Children and Young People Committee

The Children and Young Peoples Committee will endeavour to bring children and young people to the Lord by means of teaching, training and enjoying life in His presence. The skills and understanding of adults will be utilized in order that the children and young people may realize that Jesus is their personal friend. Concern will be expressed in ensuring that the growth of young Christians is a continuing process, and that they are helped to withstand the pressures of life within education and the local community. The committee will be concerned to ensure that all workers for the Lord in this area are equipped through training and other suitable resources.

At the heart of the committees work is the vision that all children should be nurtured, protected and kept from harm.

Through people committed to the Lord, children and young people will be encouraged to accept Jesus as their friend and helped to maintain and develop a strong faith in Him.

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