

## **PCC - What's That All About?**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC), not to be confused with the village Parish Council, which is the civil unit of local government, is the 'committee' who manage Lydeard St Lawrence Church. It meets several times a year and most of its members are elected annually.

At the recent Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) the two churchwardens were elected for another year – Pat Coles and David Young, and four existing members were also re-elected – Dick and Helen Foster, Don Hobson and Barbara Vearncombe. Debbie Telling was also elected to be a PCC member.

The work of the PCC is varied – obviously its prime purpose is to enable the Christian message to be heard and practised in our community. So decisions have to be made about the building, to ensure it is properly maintained and best used. With a beautiful medieval building this has its challenges and is often expensive. At the last two meetings, in March and April the various reports to the APCM were approved, there have been discussions about renewing the boiler for the heating system and, of course, much discussion about our future plans for re-ordering the pews and creating more space as well as, and perhaps most importantly, bringing water into the church to have a WC and washing facilities.

These days too, the PCC has a responsibility for Safeguarding and Health and Safety so these two important matters are kept under regular review. At the PCC meeting following the APCM the several officers were elected – Secretary – David Young, Treasurer – Don Hobson, Electoral Roll – Pat Coles and Safeguarding – Helen Foster. At that meeting members were pleased to learn that the Parish Council has agreed to make a grant of £2500 towards the re-surfacing of the approach to the village War Memorial. This was very welcome news as the church will have to find the balance of the cost. Some money has already been allocated for that purpose.

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