

*The PCC is the main committee
that governs our church life at St. John's.*

Could you become a PCC member?

What is the PCC?

The Parochial Church Council is the main committee that governs our parish life and our church life at St. John's.

At our meetings we read the Bible and pray. And then we might discuss our church services, evangelism and outreach, pastoral care, safeguarding, programme of events, children's and youth work, finances, buildings, mission links, group life, policies, etc. Occasionally we have to make decisions and sometimes we vote about things. The PCC is also the legal employer of our paid church staff.

The PCC has a chair (James D-S), and a secretary, a treasurer, and a standing committee. We have about five PCC meetings each year, which take place on weekday evenings.

You don't need to understand everything at the start, but you'll soon get the hang of things, and find that the meetings are interesting, and often enjoyable.

Could YOU join the PCC?

Please think and pray about that; it's an important and responsible job. In order to stand for election you need to be on the church electoral roll, and you need to sign the election sheets that will appear at the back of St. John's two or three weeks before the Annual Meeting which is on April 22nd.

Who should stand for election?

You need to be committed to Christ, committed to our church, and able to join in conversations about church life, money, and buildings. You need to be able to listen and understand other people's ideas, as well as saying what you think.

You do not have to be an expert, a theologian, or a perfect Christian! PCC members are servants and leaders in the church. They should be committed to prayer (privately, at First Wednesday, in a Fellowship Group or a prayer triplet), committed to God's word, and committed to supporting James and Ben and the church staff. Please have a word with James or Ben if you are interested.

Who gets to vote?

At the Annual Meeting (April 22nd) we shall elect churchwardens, PCC members, and Deanery Synod members; we will review last year, hear about our church finances, pray, and look ahead. ALL ARE WELCOME. We try to make it an enjoyable meeting; please come if you can.

You can only vote if you come to the Annual Meeting, and if you are on the electoral roll.

***The St. John's Annual meeting is in the
Schoolrooms on Weds April 22nd at 7:30***

Anyone can come to the Annual Meeting, but only electoral roll members are eligible to vote. (Not on the electoral roll? Or not sure? Ask Emma Handcock about it – office@sjyeovil.org.uk).

Churchwardens are elected for one year at a time. A few PCC members are elected each year. And this year we also need to elect three people to represent St. John's on the Yeovil Deanery Synod (which meets three times a year, with members from other local C of E churches). Deanery Synod members also get to sit and vote on our PCC. This year (2026) we need to elect three Deanery Synod reps, and four other members of the PCC.

Confused? Feel free to ask James or Ben or the churchwardens!

Thank you for considering all this. Please continue to pray for the leadership of your church.