

Candidate

Please provide the following contact details.

Full name (needed for the Charity Commission):

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Address:

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Post Code:

Telephone:

Email:

Date of birth (needed for the CC):

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I declare that I meet all the conditions stated overleaf for standing for a place on the PCC.

I will sign the Fit and Proper Persons Declaration.

I will complete a Confidential Declaration form as part of the Safer Recruitment process for PCC members.

Please sign:

Date:
2026

Submitting the form

Please pass completed forms to Martin Wakefield, the PCC Secretary, or put them in the office letterbox.

Who is currently on the PCC?

The composition of the PCC is controlled by the CofE's *Church Representation Rules* (M15).

Clergy

Fabian Wuyts

Churchwardens

Nigel Bright (standing for re-election)

Fiona Hope (standing for re-election)

Both churchwarden posts come up for election annually, at the "meeting of parishioners" immediately preceding the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Deanery Synod

These places come up for election this year.

Richard Carpenter

Chris Rickard

Martin Wakefield

Parish representatives on Taunton Deanery Synod are ex-officio members of their PCC.

Elected members

Term ends in 2026

All four places come up for election this year.

Fiona Hope

David Jordan

Johan Smit

Vashti Smit

Fiona Hope does not need to stand for re-election if she is re-elected as churchwarden.)

Term ends in 2027

Jenny Wakefield

(three vacancies)

Term ends in 2028

Roger Fenton

Mike Gillingham

Lyn Jones

Richard Sainsbury

Co-opted and ex-officio members

Jane Price

Co-options (max 2) are decided by the PCC.

(Ex-officio members are those elected to Diocesan Synod or General Synod. We do not have any at present.)

PCC

St James
Church
TAUNTON

Nominations for 2026 APCM

What is the PCC?

St. James, as part of the Church of England, is run jointly by the vicar and the 'Parochial Church Council', or PCC for short. PCC members are also formally the trustees of the church, which is a registered charity.

PCC membership is ministry, a calling. Is it something God is leading you towards today?

Who is on the council?

PCC members are elected by the members of St. James Church (i.e. those on the Electoral Roll). As in many churches, one third of the PCC members are elected each year for a three-year term. We try to balance the twin needs for continuing experience in our decision making with a wish to bring in new members with fresh ideas, views and wisdom.

And what is its role?

A vital role of the PCC lies in its provision of strategic oversight – we need to be the body listening to God's will for our church, to ensure



that our ministry across the whole church is effective, relevant and resourced with people and finance.

With the vicar and wardens, the PCC is effectively the board of an organisation charged with enlarging God's kingdom and discipling his people. We therefore will need to consider our worship, teaching, pastoral care, outreach, young people's work, church facilities and more. Our gaze has to take in all sections of the church community and also those around us.

We meet monthly on a Monday evening apart from August (holidays) and May (Annual Meeting).

Right then, how can I be elected?

So – how about it? Do you feel called to stand for election to the PCC? Should this be part of your ministry here within St James?

It would be good if there were many willing to stand; a prayerful election for places is a sign of a healthy church. If you think you might be being called to ministry on the PCC, do please follow it up now. The opportunity only comes once a year. Have a word with me or one of the existing PCC members to find out more and then find two church members to nominate you for election.

Please pray for God's church here, and for your role in its future direction, and for the possibility of your becoming a member of our church council.

Fabian

Conditions for standing for a place on a Parochial Church Council

1. You must be able to attend the meetings

Candidates should not accept nomination if they are unlikely to be able to attend most PCC meetings. (*Church Representation Rules M8(3)*)

2. You must be on the Electoral Roll

PCC members are required to meet the conditions set out in the *Church Representation Rules M8(1)*:

- “(a) the person is aged 16 or over,*
- (b) he or she is an actual communicant, and*
- (c) his or her name is on the roll of the parish and, unless he or she is aged under 18 at the date of the election, has been on the roll for at least the preceding six months.”*

3. You must not be debarred from being a trustee

PCC members are also trustees of the church in its capacity as a Registered Charity. They must not be debarred by any of the following:

Unspent convictions for specific offences:

- dishonesty or deception
- specified terrorism offences
- specified money laundering offence
- specified bribery offences
- contravening a Charity Commission Order or Direction

- misconduct in public office, perjury, or perverting the course of justice
- aiding attempting or abetting the above offences

Other legal disqualifying reasons:

- Being on the sex offenders register
- Unspent sanction for contempt of Court
- Disobeying a Charity Commission Order
- Being a designated person (under specific antiterrorist legislation)
- Insolvency.

Refer to the Charity Commission guidance for more details if necessary.

Elected members will be asked to sign the HMRC Fit and Proper Persons declaration.

4. You must not be debarred for safeguarding reasons

It is now illegal to nominate anyone for a place on a PCC if their name is entered on a barred list for safeguarding reasons.

Candidates MUST sign a confidential declaration form before the election and pass it to the Parish Safeguarding Officer (Jenny Wakefield). This will be passed to candidates after their nomination is received.

Parish of St James, Taunton PCC NOMINATION FORM

We hereby nominate:

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as a candidate for election to The Parochial Church Council.

Proposer (please print your name):

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I am on the Electoral Roll of St James.

Seconder (please print your name):

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I am on the Electoral Roll of St James.

Note: For Safer Recruitment purposes, proposing and seconding are regarded by the diocese as providing character references for the candidate.

Deanery Synod Nominations

Tick here if you wish to nominate the candidate for election as a parish representative on the Deanery Synod. If the candidate is not elected to Synod, they can then stand for election to the PCC if they so wish.