

## 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.



# PCC Nominations

## 2024

**St. James**, as a church in the Anglican family of churches, 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 members are elected by the members of the church on the Electoral Roll. In St. James, as in many churches, one third of the PCC members are elected each year for a three-year term. It is good practice for there to be a change of members, especially in a church like ours with lots of people with gifts, abilities and views on things; so the norm is to serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms.

The PCC has a vital role in providing 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 are effectively the board of an organisation charged with enlarging God's kingdom and discipling his people – through worship, teaching, pastoral care, outreach, young people's work and church facilities - for all sections of the church community and beyond.

We meet monthly on a Monday evening apart from August and May.

**So – how about it? Do you feel called to stand for election to the PCC?** It would be really good if there were lots of people 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 as 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 your possible calling to be a PCC member.

*Fabian*

## Who is currently on the PCC?

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

### Clergy

Fabian Wuyts

### Churchwardens

Nigel Bright (standing for re-election)

Joyce Kirk

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

### Deanery Synod

Richard Carpenter

Chris Rickard

Martin Wakefield

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

*These places next come up for election in 2026*

### Elected members

Term ends in 2024

**All four places come up for election this year.**

Martin Bluemel

Sue Lucas

Jenny Wakefield

(one vacancy)

Term ends in 2025

Roger Fenton

Lyn Jones

Richard Sainsbury

Vashti Smit

Term ends in 2026

Marilyn Gibson

Fiona Hope

David Jordan

Johan Smit

### Co-opted and ex-officio members

none

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

*(Nic Tall will be moving to Gloucester diocese shortly, so will no longer be ex-officio on our PCC as a member of General Synod.)*

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):

.....  
I am on the Electoral Roll of St James.

**Secunder** (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.*

### **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: .....

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Telephone: .....

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Email: .....

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Date of birth (needed for the CC): .....

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: ..... 2024

### **Submitting the form**

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