

Parochial Church Council Report for Annual General Meeting 2018



The year started with 15 members on the Parochial Church Council consisting of:

Vicar - Revd Norma Rao,
2 Church Wardens
3 elected Deanery Synod representatives,
9 elected members.

The council met 14 times during the year including 7 extra meetings for urgent business. During the year we had a number of changes Ron Lowes leaving for health reasons, Norma and Peter Crane resigning, Stewart Shaller and Gillian Appleton joined in May but both resigned in August. This left the Council of 12 members four short with no one interested in filling the vacant positions. It was therefore a tribute to the existing members that attendance at meetings actually improved from 2016 to an excellent 78.76%.

At the Annual General Meeting in April both Bob Willis and Jenny Lomas were re-elected as Churchwardens.

Margaret Morrell, Jill Carr and Brian Livingstone were elected to serve on Deanery Synod for three years. It was also agreed that as from AGM 2018 elected members to the Council would be reduced from 12 to 9 persons.

In May the first meeting of the Council appointed the following people:

Chairperson:	Revd Norma Rao
Treasurer:	No Appointment
Secretary:	Brian Livingstone
Gift Aid Secretary:	David Dorman-Smith
Electoral Roll Officer:	Margaret Dabbs
Envelope Secretary:	Mabel McGurk
Health & Safety Officer:	Brian Marchant
Child Protection Officer:	Gillian Dorman-Smith
Independent Assessor:	Colin Shaughnessy

The PCC has met on alternate months to hear from outside bodies and discuss their involvement with our parish. They included a Dementia Friendly Course which has helped our support of the Middlesbrough Dementia group by hosting meetings in our church hall on a fortnightly basis. They have been a great success with around 30 people coming and we have two church members in attendance giving out refreshments.

Another presentation was given by Ste Corner and Sam Durrant of the Big Kids charity who are working in our deanery to target Christian Youth work among 7-14 year olds and are concentrating on TS5 area in churches and schools. They are helping with our Sunday night Youth group and assist our Vicar in the uniformed organisations services on a Sunday. Their expertise and enthusiasm has been appreciated.

It has been a difficult year with so many changes and the workload increasing on the remaining members. A great deal of progress however has been made in reducing costs in particular energy costs thanks to David Dorman-Smith.

The church pathway and outside lighting have been improved with thanks to Bob Willis for his many hours in ensuring contractors carried out work efficiently.

The Sunday Family service has continued to be changed over the year to suit the needs of people starting towards a faith in Christ. The service will continue to change as the Vicar assesses the best format for the people and children attending needs.

In June the Council appointed David Dorman-Smith as Treasurer with Victoria Crooks replacing David as Gift Aid Secretary.

I would to express my thanks once again to those people who raised their reports on committee meetings in advance of PCC meetings which helps reduce the length of meetings

Brian Livingstone- PCC Secretary