



Parish of Stoke & Fenton

Including the churches of All Saints, Hanley; Christ Church, Fenton;
St Paul's, Mount Pleasant and Stoke Minster (St Peter ad Vincula)

Aims and Purposes

Stoke-upon-Trent & Fenton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector, the Reverend Canon Andrew Wickens, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The parish comprises of four districts, each with its own place of worship and associated district church council (DCC) that is responsible for the maintenance of the district's church building. The Reverend Geoffrey Eze has special responsibility for the district of All Saints, Hanley, where the DCC is also responsible for the maintenance of All Saints Church Hall, adjacent to the church. The Reverend Father Tommy Merry has special responsibility for the districts of Christ Church, Fenton and of St Paul's, Mount Pleasant. The district of the Minster Church of St Peter ad Vincula rests directly under the responsibility of the Rector.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to supporting each district church welcome as many people as possible to worship and enabling them to become part of the Christian community. The PCC coordinates the activity of district church councils as they promote worship locally. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the four district churches and All Saints Church Hall.

Achievements and Performance

In the course of 2017, from the last APCM, the PCC has met four times including the inaugural PCC meeting. The Council has considered the implications of the amalgamation creating the new Team Parish, incorporating the former parish of Christ Church, Fenton with the former Stoke Team Ministry. To this end, the PCC has sought to revise the scheme made under Rule 18 of the Church Representation Rules which clarifies how district church councils within the parish relate to the PCC.

The PCC has in addition considered policy issues (notably safeguarding), finance issues as well as oversight of buildings. In particular, the PCC has received reports on the major repair works and improvements at All Saints, Hanley.

Statement on Safeguarding

The Parochial Church Council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Mrs Susan Sayer has been appointed as the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator. The Parish Safeguarding Policy was reviewed in November 2017 and is available to view on the [website](#). A copy is also available on display on the noticeboard of district churches.

Acknowledgements

The PCC and its associated district churches receive financial support from many individual donors, many of whom give sacrificially as part of what they consider their Christian expression of gratitude to the God who gives us all things. Just as they are too numerous to mention individually, so too are those who also give of their time and talents to carry out the mission and ministry of the parish. Our thanks to each and every one. The parish has also benefited from the support of various visiting clergy in taking services, especially during the vacancy prior to my appointment as Rector. Our thanks especially to the Revd Pauline Lockley and the Revd Ann Ballard. I'd like to express my thanks also to Andrea Badland and Mike Shaw who have both stepped down from their roles as PCC Secretary and Parish Warden respectively and with them Roger Brammer, who resigned from ministry as a Lay Reader in the course of the year.

Structure, Governance and Management

PCC members are appointed as set out in the Church Representation Rules (CRR) and in the Scheme for the parish made under CRR Rule 18 of 1 February 2018. All those who attend services at our churches are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election on the PCC and their respective DCC. The members of the PCC were as follows:

The Clergy (ex-officio):

The Revd Canon Andrew Wickens

The Revd Geoff Eze
The Revd Fr Tommy Merry
The Revd Bill Durose
The Revd Vivienne Flanagan

The Laity:

Ex-Officio:

Susan Sayer	Deanery Synod Representative (St Paul's)
Tracy Bates	Deanery Synod Representative (Christ Church)
Jonathan Hill	Deanery Synod Representative (Stoke Minster)
Mike Shaw	Parish Warden and Diocesan Synod Representative
Marion Parkes	District Warden (Stoke Minster)

Elected:

Chris Machin	Lay Representative (Christ Church)
Paul Adams	Lay Representative (Stoke Minster)

Co-opted Members:

Pauline Clayton

Officers:

Wardens (as above)

PCC Secretary: Vacant

Vice-Chair: Jonathan Hill

PCC Treasurer: Mandy Lewis-Brammer (non-voting, in attendance)

Administrative Information

The parish of Stoke-upon-Trent & Fenton is part of the Diocese of Lichfield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Stoke Rectory, 172 Smithpool Road, STOKE-ON-TRENT ST4 4PP. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2017) and a charity currently exploring registration with the Charity Commission.

Andrew Wickens

Canon Andrew Wickens, Rector, Parish of Stoke & Fenton 10 April 2018



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