

Electoral Roll Report

Sadly, we lost two members of the Electoral Roll due to death during the last year (2022) but for this year's revision (2023) we have acquired three new members. The total Electoral Roll figure is now 69.

Mr John Sutton

Deanery Synod Report

For various reasons the Deanery Synod only met twice in 2022 and recently on 23 February this year (2023).

The meetings are attended by Reverend Vivien and the elected representatives Diane Bellis and Ann Brown.

It is helpful to meet up with other church representatives from within the Deanery and to learn of their successes and difficulties which often mirror our own.

Last year we learned about how parishes responded to the Ukrainian problem and how they were dealing with low congregations following Covid.

Of course, finance always raises its ugly head and the Diocese is asking us to 'aspire' to pay more than our Parish Share but at least reach 100%. It is interesting to note that compared with quite a few parishes we have done extremely well in raising funds and paying our full parish share.

The CofE wants to be carbon neutral by 2030. This aspiration was met with disbelief by some parishes. The matter of church heating is often discussed and there is a lot of interest in our pew heating.

There is always a report from the Food Bank.

At all the meetings there was discussion about the Mission Action Plan (MAP). Now all the parishes have submitted their plans the whole thing is being collated into a workable document.

It is good to know that we are part of a wider church community and Diane and I enjoy going to the meetings.

Mrs Ann Brown

Safeguarding Report

The parish of Graffham with Woolavington renews its commitment to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice,

'to promote the welfare of children, young people and adults, work to prevent abuse from occurring, seek to protect those that are at risk of being abused and respond well to those that have been abused.

All PCC members and Church Bellringers are required to complete Diocesan Safeguarding at Basic level, which is taking place at present.

Certain posts require a higher level of training. Reverend Vivien has recently renewed Safeguarding Leadership. Safeguarding Officer Sonya and Churchwarden Ginny Barrett are about to renew Leadership Training. Tower Captain elect Howard Pescott is also about to complete Safeguarding Leadership training.

DBS checks are being undertaken or renewed for Reverend Vivien, Mrs Ginny Barrett, Mrs Sonya Gillespie and Mr Howard Pescott.

Safeguarding charts which show completed relevant training and renewal dates are to be placed on OneDrive.

At our most recent meeting it was requested to place Safeguarding higher on the Agenda of PCC meetings to give it more attention and significance.

It was proposed to request one Sunday each year to highlight the importance of good Safeguarding practice in parishes.

Safeguarding Officer Sonya has expressed willingness to be co-opted onto the PCC to report on good practice in the parish.

Reverend Vivien on behalf of Mrs Sonya Gillespie

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The PCC would like to express grateful thanks to Mr John Sutton our Electoral Roll Officer, Mrs Diane Bellis and Mrs Ann Brown our Deanery Synod Members, and Mrs Sonya Gillespie our Parish Safeguarding Officer, for their valuable contribution to Parish Life and good management.

We are also hugely grateful to Mrs Yvonne Churchward our Treasurer, and Mrs Ros Britton our External Examiner for their work in managing and moderating our Financial Affairs and Statement.

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