

## Parish of Witney PCC report 2021

The PCC is responsible for a lot of the administration involved in running the parish including: approving PCC and DCC budgets; monitoring the parish finances; appointing trusteeships and Foundation Governors for schools; and approving applications for faculties for work on our churches.

Since the last APCM in September 2020 the PCC has held five meetings over Zoom.

- The PCC has worked alongside the ministry team, and made decisions on the need to temporarily close church buildings or restrict their use during the Covid-19 pandemic. Worship has continued online.
- The Health & Safety Policy 2020 was revised to include reference to opening churches during the Covid-19 pandemic
- The Electronic Communication & Social Media Policy 2020 was revised to include using Zoom for church services and meetings, including young people.
- The General & Fire risk assessments for each of the four churches in the parish have been revised.
- In line with Church of England guidance, risk assessments have been written to reflect the use of church buildings during the Covid-19 pandemic and have been regularly updated as the situation changes.
- The Safeguarding Policy has been reviewed and the PCC has monitored the safeguarding training of volunteers within the parish.
- The PCC has started the process of employing a Schools Chaplain/Youth worker.
- The PCC is supporting the newly formed Benefice Environment Group and their Action plan.
- The PCC is supporting members of the congregation as they discern calls to ministry.

Policies and church risk assessments are available on the website under the PCC tab on the home page.

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