

100 Days of Prayer

Travelling Well Together – Sustaining Ministry

Week 10

Theme for the week: PCC's & Governance

Every member of a PCC is a trustee of the charity of the PCC; this comes with governance responsibilities as well as regulations and requirements. It is a significant calling, and many serve in this way throughout our diocese. The PCC is responsible for the governance of the church and makes decisions that will both impact generations to come and decisions that are about the day to day running of the church. Creative meetings where mission and ministry needs are held in balance with the demands of the maintenance of the building, finance, and safeguarding are sometimes tricky to navigate. PCCs are for the governance of one parish and in multi-parish benefices this creates a lot of meetings. In one part of our diocese this means 15 PCCs in one benefice; and in another 7 churches have joined together and have one PCC with sub-committees for building needs. Part of our challenge is how to effectively and safely govern our churches without over burdening incumbents and church officers and wardens. The passage below reminds us of Paul encouraging the church in Colossae – may his words encourage us to be wise, understanding and to bear fruit for God.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his

glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1: 9-13)

This week, we **give thanks...**

- for all who serve on our PCCs
- for wardens, treasurers, secretaries safeguarding officers and synod reps
- for wise decisions, good systems and processes
- for church administration and administrators

We **pray** that...

- we would use our time and talents wisely and carefully, seeking God's insight and God's grace
- our PCCs would be spirit filled and courageous in action
- that all who are called to serve do so with purpose and generosity

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all who serve on our PCCs, synods and committees. Grant them the spirit of wisdom, counsel, and fortitude. Lord, inspire their decision-making, that everything they do may reflect your holy will, aiming for the spiritual transformation of our parishes. Fill them with the grace to love you and their neighbours, the unity to work as one body, and the courage to face challenges with confidence in you. Protect them in their service, and may their efforts bring glory to your name and growth to your Church. In Jesus' Name, Amen.