

**PCCs**

The Church Representation Rules

# Purpose

- Co-operation with the Minister in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.
- Other religious matters and of public interest.
- Putting into effect decisions of synods and giving advice and raising matters with them

# Powers of PCC

- Co-operation in the whole mission
- Financial
- Type and time of services (joint decision)
- Translation of the Bible
- Vesture (by consultation and must be acceptable)
- But provide...alms box, registers, etc

- Are Readers entitled to be on PCC as of right ?

# Membership of PCCs

- All licensed clergy – parish priest the Chairman
- Churchwardens (deputy wardens only by a special scheme)
- Readers – only according to decision of APCM
- Synod reps
- Then elected reps

- How many elected lay members can you have on a PCC ?
- How many retired clergy can be elected to a PCC ?

# Elected Reps according to ER

- 6 – where not more than 50 on ER
- 9- where there are not more than 100
- Another 3 for next 100 (12)
- Another 3 for next 100 (15)
- Not allowed any more than 15
- (co-options not more than a fifth of elected members – including unlicensed clergy – and over 16 yrs)

# Term of Office

- For three years
- A third retiring each year
- All eligible for re-election
- Casual vacancy – filled by PCC (unless within 2 months of APCM)
- BUT if APCM decides then can be for one year only.



# PCC officers

- Parish Priest is Chairperson
- PCC `may` appoint Lay Vice Chairperson
- PCC `may` appoint one of their number as Secretary – someone else but not a member.
- Same with Treasurer
- Must have ER officer
- Must have Independent Auditor/examiner

- How many PCC meetings in any one year ?

# Meetings

- No less than four each year – called by Chairperson
- One third of PCC can call a meeting if Chairperson refuses – after seven days.
- 10 days notice of PCC –with time/date/place on door/noticeboard – signed.
- Agendas to members 7 days before – no surprise business.
- Quorum is a third/ or three quarters for items not on agenda.

# Minutes

- Available to members of PCC
- Members of ER can see approved minutes except confidential matters.
- Other person can have access if PCC agrees.

# Standing Committee

- Not less than five people
- Parish Priest
- Churchwardens
- At least Two others elected by PCC
- `power to transact business between meetings..subject to any directions of PCC`
- Other committees – Vicar always member.

# Church building and PCC

- Guardianship of Bishop
- Under Consistory Court
- Faculty Jurisdiction (Ecclesiastical exemption)
- No right to do anything to the Church building inside or out unless permission is sought.
- DAC – watching your back with advice.