

PCC Secretary Report 2023

## Report from the PCC Secretary

I have the pleasure of providing the following PCC Secretary's report for 2022-23.

It has been a busy but progressive year with a new management structure being further developed. I have been responsible for not only preparing and minuting the meetings of the PCC (four quarterly business meetings and two on congregational life) throughout the year but also the monthly Senior Management Team meetings (which also meets informally on a weekly basis). I act as Secretary to the Audit Committee which, it was decided shortly prior to the APCM, will for a year combine both the Audit function and that of a Finance Committee. I am both Clerk to the Wren Project and also Secretary & Treasurer of the American Friends of SJP, the transatlantic fundraising arm of the Wren Project. The new structure seems to work well and the meetings invariably have a full agenda – a testament to the degree of activity that is generated at SJP. New tools have been prepared for the better knowledge of the PCC. Principal among these has been a new living dashboard (updated regularly and accessible online to all PCC members at any time). This combines the five programme areas with an assessment of their practical and financial success through green, red and amber markings as well as the risks with a candid examination of these. Training has been given to PCC members on how to use the dashboard.

I hope that those of you who take an interest in the governance of SJP have found useful on the website (under About Us – Governance – Select Documents – PCC Summary Reports) the digest of each PCC meeting setting out the issues and other matters that arise in the meetings. This is designed to keep you informed about what is going on, especially for those who are not directly involved. This summary of each PCC meeting is posted as soon as possible after the meeting to which it relates and I encourage all congregation members to read it and ask questions of me or of any member of the PCC so that you can stay as involved as possible.

You will all be aware that SJP has been successful in obtaining both planning permission from the local authority and a faculty from the Diocese to proceed with the full Wren Project so it is now a matter of when the funds will allow us to start and what will take priority. The next year will be an exciting one.

As always, I remain available to any member of the congregation who wishes to ask me anything or seek clarification on any matters and one of the great pleasures of this role has been meeting and getting to know so many of you.

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