

St Lawrence Church, Napton Parochial Church Council

St Lawrence Church is part of the Bridges Group of Parishes. We have a rich variety of people and traditions, and we embrace Coventry Diocese's mission of "worshipping God ...making new disciples ...transforming communities".

Members of the PCC were elected by the annual PCC meeting (held in church 2 April 2023) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules but can also be co-opted, to support specific projects or responsibilities. All are volunteers.

The PCC and church wardens are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Lawrence. Our vision for the future is to see more people connecting with God in a deeper way, through worship, personal discipleship and helping others. Following the recent retirement of Rev Gillian Roberts, we face a period of vacancy and the many challenges this will bring. The support of our church by everyone living in this parish will help to sustain the life of our local church and the lifeblood of our community.

There have been many ways of sharing the love of God this past year. Local community groups are asking for the church's support with events big and small. They want the church to be involved in their lives. The experience of the Covid pandemic has heightened awareness of the role of our church in offering both support and a peaceful place to pray and reflect, for people with faith and non-believers alike. The 'Knit and Natter' group has done sterling work, provided mutual friendship and support but also reached out to support our church. A focus on supporting young children and families continues with Messy Church and Napton 'Babies and Toddlers' group. St Lawrence supports the primary school with services in school and church, volunteering in school, helping at parent-school events and on the governing body.

The PCC wants to thank all those who lovingly and generously give gifts of time, prayers, finances and fundraising. We recognise there are many unseen ministries and acts that help this church and God's work here. This has been amply illustrated by the response to recent break-ins and damage to the stained glass window, now beautifully restored. We welcome everyone's offer of help to care and support the church family and our work in the parish, the church building and the beautiful churchyard.

We pray for God's blessing on you all.

Helen Eadon
Churchwarden

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