

**Report from PCC meeting on 16th February 2023.**  
**for SHS meeting on 10th March 2023.**

The PCC is unlikely to use the Hall in the future for Sunday services. The PCC has followed the guidance of the churchwardens to find a way to ensure the services can be held in the Church. This will require installing an adequate heating system and special arrangements to keep the organist warm.

The APCM has been pencilled in for Thursday 4th May. although the exact time has yet to be agreed as there are existing regular hirers on Thursdays.

Jackie has passed the following to PCCs and others who require DBS checks. These checks do apply to us as not only are we a sub-committee of the PCC but we do work with vulnerable people either young children or the elderly.

“We now have one account for our DBS checks rather than individual accounts for each church. This enables Lead Recruiters to work across churches without additional complexity and provide support to churches who may not be able to find suitable Lead Recruiters.

June Horsfall - Brighstone, Brook and Mott  
Colin Reeves - Shorwell and Shalfleet  
Debs Downer - Calbourne  
Brian Meredith - Thorley  
Newtown to be confirmed.

A general note re: safeguarding. Portsmouth's policy is for all PCC members to undergo a DBS check, regardless of whether individuals are directly involved in children's work or not. This is best recommended practice by the CofE because PCC members are trustees of a church charity and as leaders are called to lead the way for others.. Following best practice provides an example to the wider church and reassurance to the wider community.

However, some PCC members have declined to undergo a check. There is no legal compunction for DBS checks, but the reasons for declining a DBS check should be minuted at PCC.

I would encourage all our PCC members to undergo the safeguarding training offered by the diocese.

I recognise and appreciate the contributions of all our PCC members over many years and don't want to lose valued PCC members. However I must stress that new PCC members are recruited on the understanding that they will adhere to Portsmouth's Policy regarding safeguarding, with no exceptions.

Please do contact your lead recruiter if you are not yet DBS checked and speak to Theresa at Diocese if you are unsure of your training needs.”

Michael            9th March 2023