

Saint Andrew's Church, Walberswick
Parochial Church Council

Aims and Purposes

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has had the responsibility of cooperating with the Team Rector, the Interim Assistant Curate, and assistant and associate priests, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish and the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St Andrew's and to be part of our parish community. The PCC also supports the whole life of the church community within the Sole Bay Team. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, the reading of scripture, music, and sacraments.

We try to enable people to live out their faith within the parish and team community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for all people living in the parish.
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is the responsibility of the PCC to maintain the fabric of the church building.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

A variety of worship is offered during the course of a month, providing an opportunity for every generation to find a home in the church family. There is a monthly sung service of Choral Evensong with a choir drawn from parish members. There is a monthly All Age Service, which is more informal and contemporary, and is aimed at children and adults. We have Holy Communion once a month where we celebrate the whole life of the parish in word and

sacrament. When the month has a fifth Sunday, we join the Team service, which may be at one of the larger Team churches (usually St Edmund's, Southwold, Holy Trinity, Blythburgh or St Peter and St Paul, Wangford). In this way we foster and encourage shared life across the Sole Bay Team. Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday morning, there is a said Holy Communion, with refreshments on the first Wednesday of the month. The Women's Fellowship group has continued to encourage a deepening sense of faith and prayer and has encouraged a number of women to find a welcome in the church and in other local churches. In addition, the Friends of St Andrew's has continued to support events and projects during the year, with the hope that all villagers will have the opportunity to appreciate our beautiful building through increased access to events and activities.

Services at the major festivals at Christmas and Easter are very well attended, drawing many from the village and visitors too. During 2025, the planning group for the All Age Service has continued to engage with new ideas to help us to move to be as inclusive as possible within our community.

The church serves the community through the Ministry of weddings, funerals, baptisms and burials.

Pastoral Care

The church community together seeks to offer pastoral support to those who have been unable to attend because of age or infirmity

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Current Stewards

John Anderson
Stephanie Renouf
Sally East
Jane Ethell
Inger Edwards
Kevin Murphy
Sheilagh Murray
Jacki Neeves
John Ormerod
Joanna Saunders
Ben Skipp

Re-election to the PCC

Members of the PCC are re-elected every three years. The current timetable is as follows:

2024 Stephanie Anderson, Jane Ethell

2025 Jacki Neeves, Kevin Murphy, Sally East, Shirley Humphrey,
Sheilagh Murray

2026 Joanna Saunders, John Anderson

Penny Buncombe is the churchwarden and serves on the Deanery Synod.