

Elder & Deacon Roles

Elders

The elders seek to be servant leaders who serve by overseeing and shepherding the congregation. The qualifications and motivations for the office are described in 1 Peter 5:2-3, 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9.

As overseers the elders act on behalf of the congregation to encourage the staff to implement our mission, vision and values, as well as to provide appropriate financial controls and accountability.

Shepherding means they provide for the spiritual care and nurture of the congregation. They are accountable to and voted on by members of the congregation.

Their role involves:

- Attending monthly elders meetings and PCC meetings
- Facilitating healing prayer times for the congregation
- Teaching and providing pastoral care
- Ensuring the church remains Biblically faithful
- Being aware of who are church members
- Final responsibility for church property

Deacons/PCC

The qualifications and motivations for the office are described in 1 Tim 3:8-13

The deacons are a group of men and women who contribute to building a holy and happy community through loving people and speaking the truth in love. They assist the elders in their ministry. They seek to meet practical needs and help people change through engaging with Jesus Christ and engaging in community. They fulfil Jesus' command to love our neighbour as ourselves. Like the elders they too are accountable to and voted on by members of the congregation.

Their role involves

- Attending monthly PCC meetings
- Practically helping and encouraging church members and regular attenders who are in challenging circumstances
- Praying and pastorally caring for people
- Help with administrative and practical tasks and roles
- Responsibility to be good stewards of our finances