



## St Mary's Church, Thorpe

### Governing Documents of Thorpe Parochial Church Council

Charities have a range of Governing Documents. Charitable Trusts are governed by Trust Deeds, Charitable Companies will have a Memorandum and Articles whilst Charitable Associations usually have a Constitution. Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) are charities, which are governed by two pieces of Church of England legislation, called Measures.

These are :

**the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956** as amended. This defines the principal function, or purpose, of the PCC as “promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church”. You can find the full text of the PCC Powers Measure in its currently amended form on the [legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) database.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukcm/Eliz2/4-5/3/contents>

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**the Church Representation Rules** (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended)  
You can find the full text of the Church Representation Rules in its currently amended form on the [legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) database. The Church Representation Rules can be purchased in hardcopy from Church House Publishing.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/structure/churchlawlegis/church-representation-rules/church-representation-rules-online.aspx>