THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

England & Wales · Charity number 1127813

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-02-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Religious activities

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Environment/conservation/heritage, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LOCAL
- Peterborough City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£184,599	£201,075	-	-
2023-12-31	£139,813	£174,758	-	-
2022-12-31	£132,168	£142,670	-	-
2021-12-31	£108,025	£146,193	-	-
2020-12-31	£108,071	£132,589	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Michelle Aleysha Caron Dalliston	Chair	2022-03-20
Alun Meirion Williams		2021-05-23
Brian Peter Deller Bell		2026-05-17
Christopher Foglietta		2026-05-17
Emma Gilbert		2025-05-18
Gemma Doherty		2026-05-17
JUDITH JANE BARSBY SRN SCM		2021-05-23
Jim Sebastian Reynolds		2025-05-18
LUCY JANE GEORGIOU		2024-05-26
Lilian June Swingler		2023-05-14
Malikia Brewster		2022-05-15
Petrus Tomas		2025-05-18
Rhiannon May Bradley-Stow		2026-05-17
SARA ANNE MORE		2024-05-26
SOLBJORN EVELYN PHI COWNE-GEMMELL		2025-05-18
Severina Dvyliene		2026-05-17

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PETERBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

St. John the Baptist with St. Luke

Charity registration number 1127813

Annual Report

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Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31st December 2024

Incumbent:
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PARISH INFORMATION

Parish	Peterborough Parish Church St John the Baptist with St Luke.
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OUR PARISH VISION AND MISSION

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. St John's and St Luke's are open and inclusive communities of faith, welcoming all and seeking to be living witnesses to God in Jesus Christ. This is expressed through our Ethos and Vision.

- Our **aim** is to be a beacon of faith, hope and love in the heart of our city.
- Our **mission** is to proclaim God's love in Jesus Christ so that others will be drawn to follow him and find a place in our community.
- The **values** that we espouse of being open and inclusive, worshipping and faithful, loving and serving, guide everything we do.

In these we seek to live the mission of the church and draw others into its life and community.

Everything we do falls under five key areas:

- **Prayer and worship –** prayer and worship is the foundation of all we do
- **Serving and caring** - being an active presence in the community
- **Learning together** – nurturing faith, telling the story, providing a credible witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and enabling room for different understandings to exist alongside one another
- **Justice** – where faith leads to action for the wellbeing of all people
- **Stewardship** of the environment, promoting ecological concern and reducing the churches' carbon footprint.

These mirror the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion:

- **Tell** – Good news of God in Jesus Christ, God's Kingdom
- **Teach** – Faith, Baptism and Confirmation, help all grow and deepen faith
- **Tend** – Care and Love
- **Transform** – Make a difference in the world for the wellbeing of all
- **Treasure** – Creation, be good stewards of the earth and its resources.

OUR VISION FOR THE WIDER USE OF ST JOHN'S

As the historical parish church for Peterborough, The Church of St John the Baptist was consecrated to witness to the presence of the living God in the heart of the city and amid human life, in all its variety and complexity, in its joys and in its sorrows. In order to develop enhanced public benefit and make the most of its strategic location today, we aim to live the vision and mission through being:

- a place of welcome for all offering hospitality and refreshment and as a Community Support Hub, meeting the needs of some of our most vulnerable residents

- a concert and arts venue for the city – an inspiring space in which all that is good in human creativity and endeavour can be witnessed and celebrated, through the performing arts, public discourse, lecture and exhibition.
- a place of tranquillity at the centre of the city where appropriate professional advice and counselling services can be offered and signposted.

St Luke's is our daughter church on Mayor's Walk, built in 1901 as a Mission Room to serve the growing residential part of St John's Parish to the west of the railway. Dedicated to St Luke in 1983 it had a focus in supporting the now demolished District Hospital and is now in the midst of a residential community and small commercial area.

PREMISES

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings: The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Church Street, Peterborough and the daughter church of St Luke, Mayor's Walk, Peterborough. Our Vicar resides in The Deanery, in the Cathedral Precincts.

All Saints Mar Thoma Church signed a 25-year lease to rent St John's Hall in Mayor's Walk as of July 2018 and as such is responsible for the maintenance of this premises. An annual inspection by the PCC of St John's Hall was completed in December identifying some minor areas requiring improvement, which have been completed.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent	Reverend Michelle Dalliston
Curate	Reverend Becka Yates
Growing Faith Chaplain	Reverend Lex Bradley-Stow (from October 2024)
Wardens	Judy Barsby Alun Williams – Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) Vernon Bull – Church Warden Emeritus, Treasurer Jim Reynolds - Deputy Warden
Deanery Synod Representatives	Judy Barsby June Bull – Deanery Synod Standing Committee, Diocesan Synod Representative, Health and Safety Officer

Elected Members Malikia Brewster
Sol Cowne Gemmell
Lucy Georgiou
Lyn Green
Malcolm Hopkins
Margaret Lilliman
Henry Mosey *resigned March 2025*
Sara More
June Swingler - Electoral Roll Officer

Kajsa Gemmell was appointed as Clerk to the APCM and subsequently, PCC Secretary.

Michael Horspole attended some meetings as Independent Financial Adviser.
The PCC met on 8 occasions in 2024 with an average attendance of 13 members.
The number of members that could be elected to the PCC stands at 9 as the Electoral Roll numbers are below 100. The current Electoral Roll permits two representatives at Deanery Synod.

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee of the PCC is a statutory committee with power to transact emergency business between meetings and other business as instructed by the Council. The Standing Committee comprises the Vicar and Churchwardens together with the Treasurer, Parish Safeguarding Officer and Secretary, and this also serves as the Health and Safety Committee.

Working Groups and Other Appointments

The PCC has appointed several working groups for different areas of interest in the life of the church and the parish.

The Social and Fundraising Committee, consisting of the Vicar, the Curate, Judy Barsby, Lucy Georgiou, , Rosie Haynes, Margaret Lilliman, Di Sabel, Les Sabel and Sarah Warburton, provided and coordinated informal church events and activities including the Harvest and Patronal Festival lunches, the Beetle Drive and refreshments for special events.

The Finance Committee, consisted of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Rosie Haynes and Duncan Garfield (Administrator), the last two of who also fulfilled the role of cash counters.

The Fabric Committee, concerned with the care and maintenance of parish buildings, consisted of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Simon Crooke, Malcolm Hopkins, Jim Reynolds and Les Sabel.

Our Churchwardens were Judy Barsby and Alun Williams, Vernon Bull upon retiring as Churchwarden, took on the role of Churchwarden Emeritus. Jim Reynolds was appointed Deputy Warden by the PCC in August 2024. Alun Williams also acted as our Parish Safeguarding Officer overseeing Safeguarding policies and working practices. Stewardship Recording was carried out by Judy Barsby and Duncan Garfield, our Parish Administrator. Payroll services were provided by the Diocese with oversight by the Treasurer. June Bull was our Health and Safety Officer and June Swingler our Electoral Roll Officer. The PCC would like to thank everyone for their hard work and contribution throughout the year.

The PCC appointed Reg Tomblin and Sara More as representatives on the executive of Churches Together in Central Peterborough (CTiCP). In addition, the Vicar, Alun Williams and June Bull represented the PCC on the St John's Development Board Community Interest Company which exists to develop the use of the church for appropriate artistic and cultural purposes.

The PCC also established a Communications Team with the long-term aim of promoting and sharing information about our churches and their Mission – currently it has a role in reviewing and making recommendations on all aspects of our communications. The Parish Administrator deals with church administration, financial processing and events booking and coordination and during the year became our 'Lead Recruiter' for DBS checking purposes.

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC takes its responsibilities for the care of everyone in the church seriously. It follows the Safeguarding Policies for the Diocese of Peterborough and everyone who works with children, young people and adults at risk is recruited following the Safer Recruiting procedures, including checks made with the Disclosure and Barring Service, where appropriate or by the use of Confidential Declaration Forms and references. A Safeguarding Team, comprising, Alun Williams (PSO), the Vicar, the Curate, Youth Worker, MES Intern and parish volunteers familiar with Safeguarding practices, meet regularly to review the Parish Safeguarding Action Plan and use the online Parish Safeguarding Dashboard to ensure we are compliant with Safeguarding policies and procedures.

A Safeguarding Pack includes all the necessary Safeguarding documents appropriate for those volunteering at our churches and for our volunteer groups, including those volunteering at the Community Support Hub and Tuesdays 'Till Two Café. The Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually and any matters of concern are referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, in accordance with the Safeguarding Policy. Safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC Agenda.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE AND WIDER COMMUNITY

The Electoral Roll as at May 2025 (2025 has seen a new Electoral Roll established according to the Church of England rules for full renewal every six years) stands at 97 members, with 23 resident within the parish and 74 non-resident. As the Electoral Roll stands, under the 2020 Church Representation Rules, 9 persons may be elected to serve on the PCC in addition to 2 Deanery Synod representatives. The Deanery Synod representatives were elected for a three-year term at the 2023 APCM until 2026.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

It has been another year of encouraging advances. Attendances at Sunday Eucharist at St John's continued to increase with a wonderful diversity of people, of all ages, nationalities, and experiences and a growing number of people taking a part as volunteers in church and parish life. Services include a cycle of regular morning and evening prayer, additional services at key times of the Church Year, and joint working with the Cathedral – e.g. hosting Cathedral Evening Prayer when the Cathedral is unable to do so, and for the purposes of enriching the liturgy e.g.- a procession of the Liturgy of the Palms shared with the Cathedral complete with donkeys, and a new initiative this year – a City Nativity Play in December at the Guildhall followed by a Christingle Service in the Cathedral. Our monthly 'Together' Family Service – also part of joint working with the Cathedral - and regular family events continue to attract young families.

Our committed clergy team comprises of our Vicar, Revd Michelle, Curate, Revd Becka, and retired priest Canon Bill Croft. From October 2024, Revd Lex Bradley-Stow joined us as Growing Faith Chaplain, working jointly between the parish, the Cathedral and the King's School to help us further develop our ministry with children, young people and families and to connect with the Church of England's Growing Faith Foundation in working across the three spheres of church, school and home. We are also blessed to have Archdeacon Alison Booker and Canon Helen Dearnley, who both live within the parish and assist with occasional services. St Luke's is home to a small but growing, dedicated and faithful congregation at its Sunday Eucharist. The service of Healing and Wholeness is held there each month and the weekly drop in Chill and Chat meetings on Wednesdays followed by a short service of Midday Prayer. In the course of the year, Chris Royle, from St Luke's congregation, was selected for training as a Distinctive Deacon and began her ministerial training, with her placement being at St Luke's.

One of our key objectives established in 2022 was the growth of our church, numerically, spiritually and pastorally in all aspects of our relationship with the city centre and its resident population and visitors. This has continued to happen throughout 2024 as we have worked in partnership with the City Council in our role as the Civic Church, in collaboration with our Deanery and with other City Centre churches and faith groups. We continue to actively seek ways to work with community groups and agencies to serve the people of our City and to be open at both our churches as places of prayer and sanctuary, friendship and hospitality.

At both St John's and St Luke's there has been the introduction of a Prayer Space with a focus on peace and prayer cards available – at St John's throughout the year this has focused also on the situation in Ukraine, and the conflict in the Middle East. Many people light candles and pray and make use of the prayer cards and leaflets offering a simple form of Morning and Night Prayer to use at home. There have also been prayer trails and an additional prayer focus in Lent, Advent, and for Thy Kingdom Come with an invitation to pray for the streets of our parish. We have continued to support the ministry of the Street Chaplains from the Light Project Peterborough, providing a base from which they go out into the City on Fridays. Many activities for families are held in school holidays – in the summer these link with the Summer Exhibition at the Cathedral – in 2024 this was focused on Monsters of the Sea. Our Youth ministry has continued to grow through the work of our trainee Youth Worker, Honour Smith, who is based with us for her placement alongside her studies at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. From September we were also joined by Liv-Astrid Cowne Gemmell, one of the Deanery Youth Interns on the Diocesan Ministry Experience Scheme – a year long experience of parish ministry with a focus on youth work. Together, Liv and Honour have established a weekly Youth Group – City Alight Youth with a range of activities which is attracting young people from 8+.

We have welcomed many families for baptisms, and there were two weddings in 2024, as well as a number of funerals both held at St John's and also led by our Parish Clergy at Peterborough Crematorium.

Another glorious Flower Festival was held in the year – this time at the end of September over the Feast of Michaelmas. The theme was 'Rainbows of Hope' with flowers arranged in the colours of the rainbow around the whole of the church. Once again a whole host of arrangers, schools, musicians, welcomers and refreshment providers came together to put on an amazing event which brought in a great crowd to enjoy the displays and entertainments. Our Flower Team – Lai Julian, Margaret Lilliman, Jackie Prime, and Di & Les Sabel are to be congratulated and our grateful thanks to all those who took part.

The Community Support Hub based at St John's continued throughout 2024 and supports over a hundred people of all ages and situations who come to enjoy hot food and social and economic advice, health support and opportunities to engage with other support services from across Peterborough, working in partnership with the Light Project Peterborough and the Rough Sleeper Outreach Team from the Council to support those who are on the streets. This work is utterly dependent on our fantastic team of Hub Volunteers, led by Malikia Brewster and supported by Malcolm Hopkins. (Early in the new year 2025, Malcolm has been appointed as Head Verger at the Cathedral – many congratulations to him.)

Our choir at St John's has grown significantly under the leadership of our superb Director of Music, Jeremy Jepson, who joined us early in 2024. A Junior Choir was initiated on Mothering Sunday 2024 and continues to attract new members from 7 years and up. In addition to singing every Sunday at the main service, there have been a number of special services – such as Choral Evensong for our Patronal Festival in June 2024. We have continued to welcome the Cathedral Junior Choir who joined us once again for Mothering Sunday, for our Patronal Festival in June and Harvest Festival in October.

Our Civic Carol Service in December was an especial high point as was our CIC Christmas Concert, at which our adult and Junior Choir, joined by the Cathedral Junior Choir, sang with the City of Peterborough Concert Band and had the audience singing and dancing in their pews.

At St Luke's we are blessed to have Helen Bates to play for the Sunday Service once a month, and to have the support of Malcolm Hopkins in setting up for services. Our worship involves all members of the congregation in reading, serving and leading intercessions. We were overjoyed to hold our first baptism for many years at St Luke's when Sebastian Georgiou was baptized at the end of June 2024. We now also have a Children's Corner at St Luke's with toys and activities for families too.

Our financial situation once again improved during the year. We are very grateful to our Treasurer Vernon Bull and Administrator, Duncan Garfield, supported by Rosie Haynes and Michael Horspole. Assisted by the support of the Finance Committee, some of our investments were moved into more ethical funds, in conjunction with our efforts to be 'greener'. Although we are still dependent on our reserves, Stewardship giving continued to increase and we were able to meet all its financial obligations in 2024 and the Parish Share was paid in full.

Both churches remain in good structural order. The repaired stained glass window in the South Porch was installed with a new protective metal grill on the outside and perspex on the inner side. The void discovered under the north aisle floor at St John's is still awaiting repair and the staining on the ceiling of St Luke's is being monitored. A Quinquennial Inspection was carried out at St John's in 2024 and a report presented in September. A schedule of works for the urgent repairs will be produced by our Architect, Stephen Oliver.

St John's Community Interest Company (CIC):
St John's CIC events continued in 2024 with the series of regular Tuesday lunchtime concerts from 'Tuesdays 'Til Two' and 'Piccolo', a monthly concert for preschool children and their carers on the first Thursday of most months. As mentioned above, a very successful Christmas evening concert also took place. Altogether the CIC organised and ran 42 concerts during 2024. These initiatives contribute to an increased footfall by keeping St John's open, as well as raising the church's profile at the heart of the city centre. Our thanks to Alun Williams who works hard to generate and host these events as the CIC's programme manager. The CIC's activities generated over £2745 in church hire fees for St John's, and donations at the Christmas concert supported church funds.

On Saturdays, regular church volunteers staff the popular morning café at St John's, supported by many volunteers and on Wednesdays, students of Marshfields School in the first part of the year, and then from the autumn, students from City College Peterborough, ran a weekly Café which continues to grow in numbers attending. Wendy Dyer continued to offer a wonderful array of knitted clothes, toys, handmade jewellery and other items along with souvenirs from the welcome counter and Malikia Brewster maintained the 'Book Nook' book stall which regularly features special interest books and other relevant items. Margaret Lilliman and Helen Bates hosted Chill and Chat on Wednesday mornings at St Luke's, concluded by a simple service. The Ladies Group meet each month for a talk or activity and refreshments.

The Pastoral Team continued to work together to offer pastoral care across the whole church family, to take communion at home to those unable to attend Sunday services and to support monthly services of communion in The Maltings and St Margaret's House care homes. The Mission Team meets to consider areas to develop – in 2024 the focus was on our efforts to become an Eco-Church and we were delighted to be awarded a Bronze Award through the A Rocher Eco-Church scheme . We continue to support the Welcome Directory, providing help for prison leavers as they rejoin society. The congregation is well represented on the rota of servers, readers, intercessors, Eucharistic assistants, Sunday Wardens and sides-people. Fresh flowers were arranged in both churches each week by the Flower Team led by Lai Julian, Di Sabel and Jackie Prime.

Peterborough Art Society held two exhibitions at St John's and we were again open for the nationally run Heritage Open Days in September. We work closely with the Business Improvement District, Peterborough Positive, to improve the draw for residents and visitors to the city centre and also with the City Council in promoting Peterborough as a place of heritage and culture.

The worship at both churches has traditionally been based on Common Worship, with robed servers and choir complemented by the singing of a responsorial psalm and anthems during the Eucharist at St John's. At St Luke's, CDs provided the accompaniment for hymn singing with Helen Bates accompanying the service on keyboard once a month. Sunday services normally conclude with refreshments at both churches. These provide occasions for enjoyment and fellowship to complete our worship.

Our dedicated team of Bellringers ring at St John's most Sundays calling us to worship and in the course of the year have rung several peals and supported ringing at the Cathedral and elsewhere in the Deanery.

Important links continue to be grown with the two schools in the parish- West Town Primary Academy and The Peterborough School and with the Day Nursery. Thomas Deacon Academy hold their Acts of Kindness Award ceremony at St John's and we have links with the King's (Cathedral) School too. A growing connection has been with St Augustine's Church of England (VC) Junior School in Woodston, who, since their neighbouring church St Augustine's closed, have been coming to St John's for their termly services. Our Vicar and Director of Music are also now visiting the school to assist with Collective Worship once a term.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Council

The Council is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of its state of affairs at the end of the year and of its income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements the council is required to:

i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
iii) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the church will continue as such.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

PCC Chairman:

Date: 8th May 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Baptist Peterborough ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name: Michael Horspole

Address: 30 Livermore Green, Werrington, Peterborough PE4 5DG

Date: 2nd May 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income From							
Voluntary Income	2(a)	65,529	5,659	1,368	-	72,556	57,940
Activities for Generating Funds	2(b)	1,746	6,116	-	-	7,862	5,948
Investment Income	2(c)	13,904	-	8,310	-	22,215	20,898
Church Activities	2(d)	25,444	150	-	-	25,594	22,823
Other Incoming Resources	2(e)	17,627	-	38,746	-	56,373	32,204
Total Income		**124,250**	**11,924**	**48,424**	**-**	**184,599**	**139,813**
Expenditure On							
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	186	-	-	-	186	186
Fundraising trading : cost of goods sold and other cost	3(b)	229	-	-	-	229	727
Church Activities	3(c)	157,525	6,671	36,264	-	200,459	173,644
Governance Costs	3(d)	200	-	-	-	200	200
Total Resources Expended		**158,140**	**6,671**	**36,264**	**-**	**201,075**	**174,758**
Net Incoming Resources Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses		**(33,890)**	**5,253**	**12,161**	-	**(16,476)**	**(34,945)**
Change in market value of investments		5,965			10,248	16,214	38,707
Transfers		3,076		(3,076)	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		**(24,849)**	**5,253**	**9,085**	**10,248**	**-263**	**3,762**
Balance bought forward at 1st January		218,070	265,453	105,802	303,358	892,683	888,921
Balance carried forward at 31st December		**193,221**	**270,706**	**114,887**	**313,606**	**892,420**	**892,683**

The notes on pages 16 to 23 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible	5	220,687	220,687
Investments	6	580,198	563,984
		800,885	784,671
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	7,143	5,822
Cash at Bank and In Hand	8	94,309	110,798
		101,453	116,620
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year	9	9,917	8,607
		9,917	8,607
Total Net Assets		**892,421**	**892,684**
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted	10	193,221	218,070
Designated	11	270,706	265,453
Restricted	12	114,887	105,802
Endowment Funds	13	313,606	303,358
		892,421	**892,684**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 8th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

PCC Chair

1 Accounting Policies

Charity Information

The Peterborough Parish Church (named after St John the Baptist)is the historic Parish Church for Peterborough. Today it is home to a vibrant Church community and is in the Church of England Diocese of Peterborough

1.1 Accounting Convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS102, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted
Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All income is accounted for gross, as long as it is capable of financial measurement.

1.4 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is occurred and accounted for gross.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

1.6 Financial Instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provision of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.
Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to a contractual provision of the instrument.

NOTES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting Policies

1.7 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.
Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for PCC and which Require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).
For anything acquired before 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore, such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.
No cost information is available for the church hall so it is included at a deemed cost being its 2012 valuation.

The property is not depreciated due to the high value placed on the building, the longevity of its existence, which in turn suggest the longevity of its future existence.
Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over four to five years.

1.8 Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where this is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the PCC for a specific purpose.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Endowment funds are funds held for the long term investment.

1.9 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

2 Income	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary Income						
Planned giving stewardship	41,436	-	-	-	41,436	33,736
Gift Aid	13,896	-	-	-	13,896	8,755
Collections (open plate)	5,890	-	-	-	5,890	7,194
Gift Aid envelopes	1,386	-	-	-	1,386	1,543
Donations and legacies	2,920	5,659	1,368		9,947	6,713
	65,529	5,659	1,368	-	72,556	57,940
2(b) Activities for Generating Funds						
Coffee mornings	-	6,116	-	-	6,116	4,812
Social event & Service Refreshments	475	-	-	-	475	816
Souvenirs/Traidcraft	1,271	-	-	-	1,271	320
	1,746	6,116	-	-	7,862	5,948
2(c) Investment Income						
Dividends	10,018	-	-	-	10,018	11,115
Interest	3,886	-	8,310	-	12,197	9,782
	13,904	-	8,310	-	22,215	20,898
2(d) Church activities						
Church hire and hall rent	19,368	-	-	-	19,368	19,669
Flowers (Including festival)	3,201	-	-	-	3,201	55
Fees	2,875	-	-	-	2,875	1,422
Trading income - cards and picture sales	-	150	-	-	150	1,677
	25,444	150	-	-	25,594	22,823
2(e) Other incoming resources						
Insurance claims	17,627	-	-	-	17,627	-
Tower fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant income	-	-	38,746	-	38,746	32,204
	17,627	-	38,746	-	56,373	32,204
Total Income	**124,250**	**11,924**	**48,424**	**-**	**184,599**	**139,813**

3 Resources expended	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) Cost of generating voluntary income					
Contactless Fees	186	-	-	186	186
	186	-	-	186	186
3(b) Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold & other costs					
Souvenirs/Traidcraft	-	-	-	-	38
Service Refreshments	229	-	-	229	689
	229	-	-	229	727
3(c) Church activities					
Missionary and charity giving	-	5,191	-	5,191	5,208
Parish share	72,279	-	-	72,279	70,174
Utilities	10,789	-	4,524	15,313	12,054
Routine maintenance	835	-	-	835	1,601
Church fabric maintenance	17,813	-	-	17,813	1,650
Quinquennial work	1,620	-	-	1,620	-
Organ maintenance	967	-	-	967	840
Incumbent & Curate expenses	1,187	-	684	1,871	1,080
Insurance	10,474	-	-	10,474	11,418
Upkeep of services	1,323	-	-	1,323	1,298
Music & Choir	155			155	-
Children & Youthwork	-	1,480	-	1,480	270
Administration	6,063	-	-	6,063	5,065
Wages and salaries	26,483	-	-	26,483	18,364
Organist fees for services	2,057			2,057	3,060
Stewarding and other hire costs	1,377	-	-	1,377	1,195
Flowers expenditure (Including festival)	3,218	-	-	3,218	464
Diocesan fees	886	-	-	886	521
Community Hub (1)	-	-	271	271	21,897
Community Hub (2)			12,686	12,686	9,909
Community Hub (3)			12,441	12,441	-
Community Hub (4)			5,099	5,099	-
Health Hub			558	558	5,497
Living Sports			-	-	900
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	1,180
	157,525	6,671	36,264	200,459	173,645
3(d) Governance costs					
Independent examiners fees	100	-	-	100	100
Accountancy fees	100	-	-	100	100
	200	-	-	200	200
Total Resources expended	**158,140**	**6,671**	**36,264**	**201,075**	**174,758**

4 Wages and salaries

During the year the PCC employed a number of people. The total cost of these appointments was £26,483 (2023 £18,364), including employers' national insurance contributions.

The average number of employees on the payroll during the year was 3 (2023- 2)

No employees have been paid more than £60,000 per annum during 2024 or 2023.

5 Fixed Assets	**Property**	**Equipment**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**
Tangible			
Cost or valuation:			
At 1 January 2024	220,000	12,029	232,029
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	220,000	12,029	232,029
Depreciation:			
At 1st January 2024	-	11,342	11,342
Charge for the year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	-	11,342	11,342
Net book value			
At 1 January 2024	220,000	687	220,687
At 31 December 2024	220,000	687	220,687

The property comprises of the church hall at Mayors Walk, Peterborough
A valuation of the property was undertaken by Joliffe Daking, Chartered Surveyors, on 6 December 2012

6 Investments

	2024	**2023**
	£	**£**
Bought forward	563,984	525,277
Sale of Investments (for payment of Parish Share)	-	-
Change in market value during the year	16,214	38,707
	580,198	563,984

The investments are administered by Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance on behalf of the Church and held with CCLA and M & G Equities.

7 Debtors

	Unrestricted Fund	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds**	
				2024	**2023**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Tax recoverable on stewardship	2,989	-	-	2,989	2,481
Accrued income	2,612	-	-	2,612	2,843
Prepayments and accrued interest	193	-	-	193	163
Other Debtors	1,350	-	-	1,350	335
	7,143	-	-	7,143	5,822

8 Cash at bank and in hand	**Unrestricted Fund**	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds**	
				2024	**2023**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
CCLA Investment accounts:					
CBF St John's Burial fund investment account	9,940	-	-	9,940	13,279
Deposit Account (Sale of Holdich Street)	-	33,778	-	33,778	32,076
St Johns Fabric fund	-	-	592	592	562
St Lukes Fabric fund	-	-	10,143	10,143	9,632
Barclays current account	(81,517)	16,928	101,256	36,667	53,664
Cash in hand	980	-	2,208	3,189	1,585
	(70,597)	50,706	114,200	94,309	110,798

9 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	**Unrestricted Fund**	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds**	
				2024	**2023**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Accruals for utilities and other costs	9,917	-	-	9,917	8,607
	9,917	-	-	9,917	8,607

10 Unrestricted funds	**Balance as at 1.1.24**	**Incoming Resources**	**Resources Expended**	**Transfers**	**Balance as at 31.12.24**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
General Account	0	124,250	127,326	3,076	-
CBF St John's Burial Fund Interest Account	-		-		-
St John's Fund - for the Ecclesiastical Purposes of the parish	218,070	5,965	30,814	-	193,221
	218,070	130,215	158,140	3,076	193,221

The CBF St John's Burial Ground Interest Account unrestricted fund, is money held separately from the main account but can be used for any purpose.

11 Designated funds	**Balance as at 1.1.24**	**Incoming Resources**	**Resources Expended**	**Transfers**	**Balance as at 31.12.24**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Holdich Street sale	37,025	-	-	-	37,025
Church hall	220,000	-	-	-	220,000
Dilapidation settlement	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
Coffee shop	1,941	6,116	5,191	-	2,865
Mission Fund	1,803	2,664	-	-	4,467
Children & Youth		2,994	1,480	-	1,514
Craft Fair for Defibrillator	685	150	-	-	835
	265,453	11,924	6,671	0	270,706

The Holdich Street Sale fund relates to proceeds from the sale of a property on Holdich Street as well as the sales of treasury stock, which have been designated for the purpose of the fabric of the church. The PCC decided to use Holdich Street designated funds to maintain a minimum reserve of unrestricted funds to cover annual wages.

The Church hall fund is the designated funds represented by the investment in the church hall and dilapidation settlement.

The coffee shop is the designated funds from incoming donations and sales less any charitable donations made as a result of the fundraising activity.

12 Restricted Funds	**Balance as at 1.1.24**	**Incoming Resources**	**Resources Expended**	**Transfers**	**Balance as at 31.12.24**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
St John's Fabric fund & LPoW Grant	2,589	-	-	-	2,589
St Luke's Fabric fund	10,707	-	-	-	10,707
Income from G Wyman Fund	681	557	500		738
Income from Reichmann Bequest Fund	2,912	946	184	-	3,674
Music & Choir	-	1,368	-	-	1,368
Income from St John's fund - for the Ecclesiastical purposes of the parish	73,808	6,807		-	80,615
Income from Muriel Elizabeth Snowdon fund	559	-	-	-	559
Community Hub (1)	909	-	355	(554)	-
Community Hub (2)	11,358	5,000	15,400	(958)	-
Community Hub (3)	-	17,250	13,160	-	4,090
Community Hub (4)	-	15,000	5,951	-	9,049
Health Hub	1,663	-	714	(949)	-
Mind Café	-	1,496	-	-	1,496
Living Sport	615	-	-	(615)	-
	105,802	48,424	36,264	(3,076)	114,887

The St John's fabric fund represents funds held for the purpose of the fabric of St John's Church

The St Luke's fabric fund represents funds held for the purpose of the fabric of either St Luke's Church or St John's Church.

Income from Reichman Bequest represents income from the endowment fund in resect of the assistant curated fund.

As described in noted 13, the 'income from the Sunday School maintenance fund' has been redesignated as 'The St John's fund- for the Ecclesiastical purposes of the parish'. This fund represents the income from the related endowment fund which may be applied for the Ecclesiastical purposes of the parish.

The Community Hubs 3 & 4 have been set up with grants from Peterborough City Council to assist those in need of support in the City using funds from the DWP household support fund.

The Mind Café is a grant from the charity MIND and is to provide warmth and shelter.

13 Endowment funds

	Balance as at 1.1.24 £	Sale of Treasury Stock £	Changes in Market Value £	Transfer £	Balance as at 31.12.24 £
Reichmann Bequest	18,672	-	427		19,099
Burial Ground Fund	284,686	-	9,821		294,507
	303,358	-	10,248	0	313,606

The Reichmann Bequest represents an investment from a bequest in the will of Mrs A E Reichmann in 1934, from which the income is to be paid as an augmentation to the Assistant Curates fund.

The Burial Ground fund represents funds received from the Peterborough Development Corporation following the compulsory purchase of the old burial ground. The funds can be used for any purpose.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 represented by:						
Fixed Assets		266,592	220,000	687	313,606	800,885
Current Assets:						
Debtors	**7**	7,143				7,143
Bank	**8**	(70,597)	50,706	114,200		94,309
Current Liabilities	**9**	(9,917)				(9,917)
		193,221	270,706	114,887	313,606	892,420

15 Related party transactions

The church is one of 7 legal members of Churches Together in Central Peterborough, a separate charity.

The church received rental income from St John the Baptist (Peterborough) Development C.I.C. in respect of events held in the church.
There are directors and members common to both organisations.

The George Wyman bequest to the curate fund. The church wardens are the trustees with interest received being paid to the church. During the year £557 (£2023: £550) was received. This is used to assist the clergy in their duties within the Parish.

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for the year ended 31st December 2023

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COUNCILS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is pleased to present its report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023.

OUR PARISH VISION AND MISSION

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. St John's and St Luke's are open and inclusive communities of faith, welcoming all and seeking to be living witnesses to God in Jesus Christ. This is expressed through our Ethos and Vision.

- Our **aim** is to be a beacon of faith, hope and love in the heart of our city.
- Our **mission** is to proclaim God's love in Jesus Christ so that others will be drawn to follow him and find a place in our community.
- The **values** that we espouse of being open and inclusive, worshipping and faithful, loving and serving, guide everything we do.

In these we seek to live the mission of the church and draw others into its life and community.

Everything we do falls under five key areas:

- **Prayer and worship** – prayer and worship is the foundation of all we do
- **Serving and caring** - being an active presence in the community
- **Learning together** – nurturing faith, telling the story, providing a credible witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and enabling room for different understandings to exist alongside one another
- **Justice** – where faith leads to action for the wellbeing of all people
- **Stewardship** of the environment, promoting ecological concern and reducing the churches' carbon footprint.

These mirror the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion:

- **Tell** – Good news of God in Jesus Christ, God's Kingdom
- **Teach** – Faith, Baptism and Confirmation, help all grow and deepen faith
- **Tend** – Care and Love
- **Transform** – Make a difference in the world for the wellbeing of all
- **Treasure** – Creation, be good stewards of the earth and its resources.

OUR VISION FOR THE WIDER USE OF ST JOHN'S

As the historical parish church for Peterborough, The Church of St John the Baptist was consecrated to witness to the presence of the living God in the heart of the city and amid human life, in all its variety and complexity, in its joys and in its sorrows. In order to develop enhanced public benefit and make the most of its strategic location today, we aim to live the vision and mission through being:

- a place of hospitality and refreshment and centre for resources and information
- a concert and arts venue for the city – an inspiring space in which all that is good in human creativity and endeavour can be witnessed and celebrated, through the performing arts, public discourse, lecture and exhibition
- a place of tranquillity at the centre of the city where appropriate professional advice and counselling services can be offered and signposted.

St Luke's is our daughter church on Mayor's Walk, built in 1901 as a Mission Room to serve the growing residential part of St John's Parish to the west of the railway. Dedicated to
St Luke in 1983 it had a focus in supporting the now demolished District Hospital and is now in the midst of a residential community and small commercial area.

PREMISES

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings: The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Church Street, Peterborough and the daughter church of St Luke, Mayor's Walk, Peterborough. Our Vicar resides in The Deanery, in the Cathedral Precincts.

All Saints Mar Thoma Church signed a 25-year lease to rent St John's Hall in Mayor's Walk as of July 2018 and as such is responsible for the maintenance of this premises. An annual inspection by the PCC of St John's Hall was completed in December identifying some minor areas requiring improvement, which have been completed.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent	Reverend Michelle Dalliston
Curate	Reverend Becka Yates
Wardens	Vernon Bull – (Treasurer) Judy Barsby Alun Williams – Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)
Deanery Synod Representatives	Judy Barsby June Bull – Deanery Synod Standing Committee, Diocesan Synod Representative, Health and Safety Officer
Elected Members	Malikia Brewster Lyn Green Malcolm Hopkins Margaret Lilliman Henry Mosey *elected to fill a casual vacancy from June 2023* Tony Pickering (Secretary) Di Sabel Les Sabel June Swingler (Electoral Roll Officer) Sara More *co-opted to the PCC without voting rights from June 2023*

Michael Horspole attended some meetings as Independent Financial Adviser.

The PCC met on 8 occasions in 2023 with an average attendance of 13 members.

The number of members that could be elected to the PCC stands at 9 as the Electoral Roll numbers are below 100. The current Electoral Roll permits two representatives at Deanery Synod.

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee of the PCC is a statutory committee with power to transact emergency business between meetings and other business as instructed by the Council. The Standing Committee comprises the Vicar and Churchwardens together with the Treasurer, Parish Safeguarding Officer and Secretary, and this also serves as the Health and Safety Committee.

Working Groups and Other Appointments

The PCC has appointed several working groups for different areas of interest in the life of the church and the parish.
The Social and Fundraising Committee, consisted of the Vicar, Becka Yates, Judy Barsby, Di & Les Sabel, Margaret Lilliman, Rosie Haynes, Sarah Warburton and Malikia Brewster, who provided and co-ordinated informal church activities including the Harvest meal and Patronal Festival meal as well as lunches and corporate parish meals.
The Finance Committee consisted of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer, June Bull (until May 23), Rosie Haynes and Duncan Garfield, the last two of who fulfilled the role of cash counters.

The Fabric Committee, concerned with the care and maintenance of parish buildings, consisted of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Margaret Lilliman, Malcolm Hopkins, and Les Sabel.

Our Churchwardens were Vernon Bull, Judy Barsby and Alun Williams. Alun Williams also acted as our Parish Safeguarding Officer overseeing Safeguarding policies and working practices. Stewardship Recording was carried out by Judy Barsby and Duncan Garfield, our Parish Administrator. Payroll services were provided by the Diocese with oversight by the Treasurer. June Bull was our Health and Safety Officer.
June Swingler took on the role of Electoral Roll Officer. The PCC would like to thank everyone for their hard work and contribution throughout the year.

The PCC appointed Reg Tomblin and Alun Williams as representatives on the executive of Churches Together in Central Peterborough (CTiCP). In addition, the Vicar, Alun Williams and June Bull represented the PCC on the St John's Development Board Community Interest Company which exists to develop the use of the church for appropriate artistic and cultural purposes.

The PCC also established a Communications Team with the long-term aim of promoting and sharing information about our churches and their Mission – currently it has a role in reviewing and making recommendations on all aspects of our communications. The Parish Administrator deals with church administration, financial processing and events coordination and during the year became our 'Lead Recruiter' for DBS checking purposes.

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC takes its responsibilities for the care of everyone in the church seriously. It follows the Safeguarding Policies for the Diocese of Peterborough and everyone who works with children, young people and adults at risk is recruited following the Safer Recruiting procedures, including checks made with the Disclosure and Barring Service, where appropriate or by the use of Confidential Declaration Forms and references. A Safeguarding Team, comprising, Alun Williams (PSO), the Vicar, the Curate, and parish volunteers familiar with Safeguarding practices, meet regularly to review the Parish Safeguarding Action Plan and use the online Parish Safeguarding Dashboard to ensure we are compliant with Safeguarding policies and procedures. A Safeguarding Pack includes all the necessary Safeguarding documents appropriate for those volunteering at our churches and for our volunteer groups, including those volunteering at the Community Support Hub and Tuesdays 'Till Two Café.

The Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually and any matters of concern are referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, in accordance with the Safeguarding Policy. Safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC Agenda.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE AND WIDER COMMUNITY

The Electoral Roll on 31 December 2023 stood at 70 members, with 19 resident within the parish and 51 non-resident. As the Electoral Roll stands, under the 2020 Church Representation Rules, 9 persons may be elected to serve on the PCC in addition to 2 Deanery Synod representatives. The Deanery Synod representatives were elected for a three-year term at the 2022 APCM until 2025.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

A year of encouraging advances. Attendances at Sunday Eucharist at St John's increased with people of different age groups and social spectrums, many of whom have become permanent members of the congregation. Services generally have been expanded to include a cycle of regular morning and evening prayer, additional services at key times of the Church Year, and joint working with the Cathedral – e.g. hosting Cathedral Evening Prayer when the Cathedral is unable to do so, and for the purposes of enriching the liturgy e.g.- a procession of the Liturgy of the Palms shared with the Cathedral complete with donkeys. An important, especially happy, service of the year took place at the Cathedral in June, when our Curate, Revd Becka, was ordained priest. Her first Eucharist followed that afternoon and was a joyful occasion. Our monthly Family Service and regular family craft activities in which she is actively involved continue to attract young families. Canon Bill Croft has played an important supporting role in presiding and preaching, and it is always a pleasure to welcome Archdeacon Alison Booker and Canon Helen Dearnley who both live within the parish and assist with occasional services. None of these great benefits would have happened without the devotion, commitment and enthusiasm of our much-loved Vicar, Revd Michelle. St Luke's is home to a small but dedicated and faithful congregation at its weekly services with some encouraging signs of growth here too. The service of Healing and Wholeness is held there each month and the weekly drop in Chill and Chat meetings on Wednesdays followed by a short service of Midday Prayer.

One of our key objectives established in 2022 was the growth of our church, numerically, spiritually and pastorally in all aspects of our relationship with the city centre and its resident population and visitors. This has continued to happen throughout 2023 as we have worked in partnership with the City Council in our role as the Civic Church, in collaboration with our Deanery and with other City Centre churches and faith groups. We are actively seeking ways to work with community groups and agencies to serve the people of our City and to be open at both our churches as places of prayer and sanctuary, friendship and hospitality. At both St John's and St Luke's there has been the introduction of a Prayer Space with a focus on peace and prayer cards available

at St John's throughout the year this has focussed also on the situation in Ukraine, and after October 7th 2023, the conflict in the Middle East. Many people light candles and pray and make use of the prayer cards and leaflets offering a simple form of Morning and Night Prayer to use at home. There have also been prayer trails and an additional prayer focus in Lent, Advent, and for Thy Kingdom Come with an invitation to pray for the streets of our parish. We have continued to support the ministry of the Street Chaplains from the Light Project Peterborough, providing a base from which they go out into the City on Fridays. By way of change, we decamped to St Luke's to share their Patronal Festival in October for a very happy joint occasion. A follow up to the Parish wide Mission Day was a morning focussing on our mission at St Luke's which was held early in December and led by Canon Bill Croft. Many activities for families are held in school holidays – in the summer these links with the Summer Exhibition at the Cathedral – in 2023 this was focused on Star Wars. A new initiative to set up a Youth Group began in September and in October we were pleased to welcome Honour Smith on placement alongside her studies at Ridley Hall, Cambridge and training in ministry as a Youth Worker. Honour is expanding our work with young people and has plans for a bible study group and a youth café.

The Community Support Hub based at St John's continued throughout 2023 and supports over a hundred people of all ages and situations who come to enjoy hot food and social and economic advice, health support and opportunities to engage with other support services from across Peterborough, working in partnership with the Light Project Peterborough and the Rough Sleeper Outreach Team from the Council to support those who are on the streets. This work is utterly dependent on our fantastic team of Hub Volunteers, led by Malikia Brewster and Malcolm Hopkins. We were delighted when Malikia and Malcolm were awarded Community Service certificates for their co-ordination and management of the Hub and congratulate them. During the year, in addition, Malikia has completed training as an Anna Chaplain, and Malcolm has been appointed as the Bishop's Verger at the Cathedral – many congratulations to them both.

At the start of the year Elizabeth Arkell, our Director of Music for 8 years stepped down and Sarah Burston was appointed as an interim replacement. Sarah enjoyed her time with us and grew the choir, with the assistance of John Arkell and Stephen Barber as organists, but decided that her busy schedule would not permit her to continue as a permanent member of staff. We were very grateful to John, Stephen and others who continued to assist us until we were fortunate to be able to appoint Jeremy Jepson, an accomplished choir leader and organist, who joins us in 2024. Choir numbers have grown and there are plans to develop a Junior Choir too. We continue to work with Sarah in her capacity as Director of the Cathedral Junior Choir who joined us once again for Mothering Sunday, our Patronal Festival in June and our Harvest Festival in October.

Our financial situation improved during the year and looked more optimistic than 2022 mainly due to the efforts and expertise of Vernon Bull and mentor Michael Horspole. Various adjustments were made to the financial accounting regime, new systems and protocols were introduced and certain investments were modified. The Parish is not out of the financial woods yet, but we are more in control of the management of these affairs and more confident about the future. A Stewardship Review was conducted in the Autumn during Creationtide with significant improvements of 27% to our pledged income. The parish met all its financial obligations in 2023 and the Share was paid in full.

Both churches remain in good structural order. There was a minor void discovered under the north aisle floor at St John's and the ceiling of St Luke's is marked by some pattern staining. The vandalised window in the south porch of St John's has been repaired by the specialist and will be re-installed during 2024 with additional protection agreed with the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

On Saturdays, regular church volunteers staff the popular morning café at St John's, supported by volunteers from the East Anglia Children's Hospice and students of Marshfields School on the first Wednesday of the month. Wendy Dyer continued with her welcome counter and Malikia Brewster maintained her 'Book Nook' which regularly features special interest books and other relevant items. Malcolm Hopkins and Margaret Lilliman hosted Chill and Chat on Wednesday mornings at St Luke's, concluded by a simple service. The Ladies Group meet each month for a talk or activity and refreshments.

Mission and Pastoral Teams were appointed and received on-line and in-house training and were commissioned. We continue to support the Welcome Directory, providing help for prison leavers as they rejoin society. The congregation is well represented on the rota of servers, readers, intercessors, Eucharistic assistants, Sunday Wardens and sides-people. Fresh flowers were arranged in both churches each week by the Flower Team led by Lai Julian, Di Sabel and Jackie Prime.

Sunday services normally conclude with coffee at St Luke's and coffee and sherry at St John's. These provide occasions for enjoyment and fellowship to complete our worship. The Traidcraft stall managed by Reg and Gill Tomblin was sadly discontinued because the parent company went bust. The charity group, Cards for Good Causes also returned, and the Art Society held two exhibitions. St Johns was again open for the nationally run Heritage Open Days in September. A successful Craft Fair was held in November in aid of the Defibrillator Fund and we now have a Defibrillator installed at St John's, with grateful thanks to Gemma's Hearts for their provision and support for this.

The worship at both churches has traditionally been based on Common Worship, with robed servers and choir complemented by the singing of a responsorial psalm and anthems during the Eucharist at St John's. At St Luke's, CDs provided the accompaniment for hymn singing with Helen Bates accompanying the service on keyboard once a month. During the year we were able to dispose of the old organ at St Luke's and are very grateful for the gift of a new keyboard which very much enriches our worship there.

At St John's a team manage the sound system to improve audibility. As in previous years, a service of Night Prayer with prayers for wholeness and healing at St Luke's continued with a small but faithful group of attendees. Remembrance Sunday was marked with an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial led by the Vicar, supported by a Serving party and choir from St John's. The Easter memorials and celebrations all followed the traditional pattern. Mothering Sunday was packed as were both Patronal Festivals. Home communion has been administered by the clergy and members of the congregation to those unable to attend our churches, and regular services were held at The Maltings Care Home and St Margaret's House.

Ties were maintained and grown with the two schools in the parish- West Town Primary Academy and The Peterborough School and others visited St John's for their carol and other services. We are growing links too with the Day Nursery and there is an active play area for toddlers at St John's.

Our dedicated team of Bellringers ring at St John's most Sundays calling us to worship and in the course of the year have rung several peals and supported ringing at the Cathedral and elsewhere in the Deanery.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Council

The Council is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of its state of affairs at the end of the year and of its income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements the council is required to:

i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
iii) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the church will continue as such.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

PCC Chairman

Date: 25th April 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Baptist Peterborough ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name: Michael Horspole

Address: 30 Livermore Green, Werrington, Peterborough PE4 5DG

Date: 26th April 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Charity information

The Peterborough Parish Church (named after St John the Baptist) is the historic Parish Church for Peterborough. Today it is home to a vibrant Church community and is in the Church of England Diocese of Peterborough.

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102. The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All income is accounted for gross, as long as it is capable of financial measurement.

1.4 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

1.6 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provision of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to a contractual provision of the instrument.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

1.7 Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than

No cost information is available for the church hall so it is included at a deemed cost being its 2012 valuation.

The property is not depreciated due to the high value placed on the building, the longevity of its existence, which in turn suggests the longevity of its future existence.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years.

1.8 Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the PCC for a specific purpose.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Endowment funds are funds held for the long-term investment.

1.9 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees and required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income From							
Voluntary Income	2(a)	53,775	2,165	2,000	-	57,940	48,798
Activities for Generating Funds	2(b)	1,136	4,812	-	-	5,948	6,991
Investment Income	2(c)	12,714	-	8,184	-	20,898	19,045
Church Activities	2(d)	22,138	685	-	-	22,823	24,330
Other Incoming Resources	2(e)	-	-	32,204	-	32,204	33,004
Total Income		**89,763**	**7,662**	**42,389**	**-**	**139,813**	**132,168**
Expenditure On							
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	186	-	-	-	186	386
Fundraising trading : cost of goods sold and other cost	3(b)	727	-	-	-	727	872
Church Activities	3(c)	123,690	5,208	44,747	-	173,644	141,212
Governance Costs	3(d)	200	-	-	-	200	200
Total Resources Expended		**124,803**	**5,208**	**44,747**	**-**	**174,758**	**142,670**
Net Incoming Resources Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses		**(35,040)**	**2,453**	**(2,358)**	-	**(34,945)**	**(10,502)**
Change in market value of investments		22,412			16,295	38,707	(63,302)
Transfers		-			-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		**(12,628)**	**2,453**	**(2,358)**	**16,295**	**3,762**	**(73,804)**
Balance bought forward at 1st January		230,698	263,000	108,160	287,063	888,921	962,725
Balance carried forward at 31st December		**218,070**	**265,453**	**105,802**	**303,358**	**892,683**	**888,921**

The notes on pages 13 to 18 form part of these accounts.

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible	5	220,687	221,867
Investments	6	563,984	525,277
		784,671	747,144
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	5,821	6,326
Cash at Bank and In Hand	8	110,798	144,396
		116,619	150,722
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year	9	8,607	8,945
		8,607	8,945
Total Net Assets		**892,683**	**888,921**
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted	10	218,070	230,698
Designated	11	265,453	263,000
Restricted	12	105,802	108,160
Endowment Funds	13	303,358	287,063
		892,683	**888,921**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf by:

M A Dallison 26th May 2024

PCC Chair

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2 Income **Notes for the financial statements (continued)**
For the year ended 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary Income						
Planned giving stewardship	33,736	-	-	-	33,736	29,152
Gift Aid	8,755	-	-	-	8,755	10,095
Collections (open plate)	7,194	-	-	-	7,194	4,674
Gift Aid envelopes	1,543	-	-	-	1,543	940
Donations and legacies	2,548	2,165	2,000		6,713	3,937
	53,775	2,165	2,000	-	57,940	48,798
2(b) Activities for Generating Funds						
Coffee mornings	-	4,812	-	-	4,812	4,379
Social event & Service Refreshments	816	-	-	-	816	1,462
Traidcraft	320	-	-	-	320	1,150
	1,136	4,812	-	-	5,948	6,991
2(c) Investment Income						
Dividends	11,115	-	-	-	11,115	10,218
Interest	1,598	-	8,184	-	9,782	8,826
	12,714	-	8,184	-	20,898	19,045
2(d) Church activities						
Church hire and hall rent	19,669	-	-	-	19,669	15,857
Flowers (Including festival)	55	-	-	-	55	2,526
Fees	1,422	-	-	-	1,422	3,620
Interregnum Claim	-				-	636
Trading income - Souvenir, Books, and Knitting	992	685	-	-	1,677	1,691
	22,138	685	-	-	22,823	24,330
2(e) Other incoming resources						
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	2,249
Tower fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant income	-	-	32,204	-	32,204	30,755
	-	-	32,204	-	32,204	33,004
Total Income	**89,763**	**7,662**	**42,389**	-	**139,813**	**132,168**

3 Resources expended	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) Cost of generating voluntary income					
Contactless Fees	186	-	-	186	386
	186	-	-	186	386
3(b) Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold & other costs					
Souvenirs/Traidcraft	38	-	-	38	872
Service Refreshments	689	-	-	689	-
	727	-	-	727	872
3(c) Church activities					
Missionary and charity giving	-	5,208	-	5,208	4,067
Parish share	70,174	-	-	70,174	70,174
Utilities	6,402	-	5,652	12,054	6,752
Routine maintenance	1,601	-	-	1,601	549
Church fabric maintenance	1,650	-	-	1,650	5,158
Quinquennial work	-	-	-	-	7,168
Organ maintenance	840	-	-	840	792
Incumbent & Curate expenses	188	-	892	1,080	991
Insurance	11,418	-	-	11,418	10,156
Upkeep of services	1,298	-	-	1,298	2,519
Children & Youthwork	270			270	108
Administration	5,065	-	-	5,065	4,813
Wages and salaries	18,364	-	-	18,364	18,991
Organist fees for services	3,060			3,060	-
Stewarding and music services	1,195	-	-	1,195	986
Flowers expenditure (Including festival)	464	-	-	464	1,499
Diocesan fees	521	-	-	521	1,505
Community Hub (1)	-	-	21,897	21,897	3,804
Community Hub (2)			9,909	9,909	-
Health Hub			5,497	5,497	-
Living Sports			900	900	-
Depreciation	1,180	-	-	1,180	1,180
	123,690	5,208	44,747	173,644	141,212
The parish share for 2024 is £72,279					
3(d) Governance costs					
Independent examiners fees	100	-	-	100	100
Accountancy fees	100	-	-	100	100
	200	-	-	200	200
Total Resources expended	**124,803**	**5,208**	**44,747**	**174,758**	**142,670**

4 Wages and salaries

During the year the PCC employed a number of people. The total cost of these appointments was £18,364 (2022 £18,991), including employers' national insurance contributions.
The average number of employees on the payroll during the year was 2 (2022- 3)
No employees have been paid more than £60,000 per annum during 2023 or 2022

5 Fixed Assets

	Property	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible			
Cost or valuation:			
At 1 January 2023	220,000	12,029	232,029
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	220,000	12,029	232,029
Depreciation:			
At 1st January 2023	-	10,162	10,162
Charge for the year	-	1,180	1,180
At 31 December 2023	-	11,342	11,342
Net book value			
At 1 January 2023	220,000	1,867	221,867
At 31 December 2023	220,000	687	220,687

The property comprises of the church hall at Mayors Walk, Peterborough
A valuation of the property was undertaken by Joliffe Daking, Chartered Surveyors, on 6 December 2012

6 Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bought forward	525,277	588,579
Sale of Investments (for payment of Parish Share)	-	-
Change in market value during the year	38,707	(63,302)
	563,984	525,277

The investments are administered by Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance on behalf of the Church and held with CCLA and M & G Equities.

7 Debtors

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Tax recoverable on stewardship	2,481	-	-	2,481	3,811
Accrued income	2,843	-	-	2,843	2,516
Prepayments and accrued interest	163	-	-	163	-
Other Debtors	335	-	-	335	-
	5,821	-	-	5,821	6,326

8 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
CCLA Investment accounts:					
CBF St John's Burial fund investment account	13,279	-	-	13,279	6,901
Deposit Account (Sale of Holdich Street)	-	32,076	-	32,076	31,080
St Johns Fabric fund	-	-	562	562	545
St Lukes Fabric fund	-	-	9,632	9,632	9,333
Barclays current account	(53,687)	12,693	94,658	53,664	63,668
Virgin savings account	-	-	-	-	32,046
Cash in hand	126	-	1,459	1,585	823
	(40,281)	44,769	106,311	110,798	144,396

9 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Accruals for utilities and other costs	8,607	-	-	8,607	8,945
	8,607	-	-	8,607	8,945

10 Unrestricted funds

	Balance as at 1.1.23	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.23
	£	£	£	£	£
General Account	(14,417)	83,385	124,803	55,835	-
CBF St John's Burial Fund Interest Account	6,901	6,378	-	(13,279)	-
St John's Fund - for the Ecclesiastical Purposes of the parish	238,214	22,412		(42,556)	218,070
	230,698	112,175	124,803	-	218,070

The CBF St John's Burial Fund Interest Account unrestricted fund, is money held separately from the main account, but can be used for any purpose.

11 Designated funds

	Balance as at 1.1.23	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.23
	£	£	£	£	£
Holdich Street sale	37,025	-	-	-	37,025
Church hall	220,000	-	-	-	220,000
Dilapidation settlement	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
Coffee shop	1,129	4,812	4,000	-	1,941
Mission Fund	846	2,165	1,208		1,803
Craft Fair for Defibrillator		685			685
	263,000	7,662	5,208	0	265,453

The Holdich Street Sale fund relates to proceeds from the sale of a property on Holdich Street as well as the sales of treasury stock, which have been designated for the purpose of the fabric of the church. The PCC decided to use Holdich Street designated funds to maintain a minimum reserve of unrestricted funds to cover annual wages.

The Church hall fund is the designated funds represented by the investment in the church hall and dilapidation settlement.

The coffee shop is the designated funds from incoming donations and sales less any charitable donations made as a result of the fundraising activity.

12 Restricted Funds

	Balance as at 1.1.23	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.23
	£	£	£	£	£
St John's Fabric fund & LPoW Grant	589	2,000	-	-	2,589
St Luke's Fabric fund	10,707	-	-	-	10,707
Income from G Wyman Fund	581	550	450		681
Income from Reichmann Bequest Fund	2,844	510	442	-	2,912
The St John's fund - for the Ecclesiastical purposes of the parish	66,685	7,124	-	-	73,809
Income from Muriel Elizabeth Snowdon fund	559	-	-	-	559
Community Hub (1)	26,196	-	25,287	-	909
Community Hub (2)		22,689	11,331		11,358
Health Hub		8,000	6,337		1,663
Living Sport		1,515	900		615
	108,160	42,389	44,747	-	105,802

The St John's fabric fund represents funds held for the purpose of the fabric of St John's Church

The St Luke's fabric fund represents funds held for the purpose of the fabric of either St Luke's Church or St John's Church.

Income from Reichman Bequest represents income from the endowment fund in respect of the assistant curate fund.

As described in noted 13, the 'income from the Sunday School maintenance fund' has been redesignated as 'The St John's fund- for the Ecclesiastical purposes of the parish'. This fund represents the income from the related endowment fund which may be applied for the Ecclesiastical purposes of the parish.

The Community and Health Hubs and the Living Sport project have been set up with grants from Peterborough City Council to provide food, warmth and shelter for anyone struggling with the cost of living crisis.

13 Endowment funds

	Balance as at 1.1.23	Sale of Treasury Stock	Changes in Market Value	Transfer	Balance as at 31.12.23
	£	£	£	£	£
Reichmann Bequest	17,066	-	1,606		18,672
Burial ground fund	269,997	-	14,689		284,686
	287,063	-	16,295	0	303,358

The Reichmann Bequest represents an investment from a bequest in the will of Mrs A E Reichmann in 1934, from which the income is to be paid as an augmentation to the Assistant Curates fund.

The Burial Ground fund represents funds received from the Peterborough Development Corporation following the compulsory purchase of the old burial ground. The funds can be used for any purpose.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 represented by:						
Fixed Assets		260,626	220,000	687	303,358	784,671
Current Assets:						
Debtors	7	5,821				5,821
Bank	8	(39,770)	45,453	105,115		110,798
Current Liabilities	9	(8,607)				(8,607)
		218,070	265,453	105,802	303,358	892,683

15 Related party transactions

The church is one of 7 legal members of Churches Together in Central Peterborough, a separate charity.

The church received rental income from St John the Baptist (Peterborough) Development C.I.C. in respect of events held in the church. There are directors and members common to both organisations.

The George Wyman bequest to the curate fund. The church wardens are the trustees with interest received being paid to the church. During the year £550 (£2022: £548) was received.

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PETERBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

St. John the Baptist with St. Luke

Charity registration number 1127813

Annual Report

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Financial Statements

of the

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for the year ended 31st December 2022

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Vacant until 19 March 2022,
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish	Peterborough Parish Church St John the Baptist with St Luke.
Incumbent	Vacant until 19 March 2022, thereafter Reverend Michelle Dalliston The Deanery, 14 Minster Precincts Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE1 1XX
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COUNCILS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is pleased to present its report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022.

OUR PARISH VISION AND MISSION

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. St John's and St Luke's are open and inclusive communities of faith, welcoming all and seeking to be living witnesses to God in Jesus Christ. This is expressed through our Ethos and Vision.

- Our **aim** is to be a beacon of faith, hope and love in the heart of our city.
- Our **mission** is to proclaim God's love in Jesus Christ so that others will be drawn to follow him and find a place in our community.
- The **values** that we espouse of being open and inclusive, worshipping and faithful, loving and serving, guide everything we do.

In these we seek to live the mission of the church and draw others into its life and community.

Everything we do falls under five key areas:

- **Prayer and worship –** prayer and worship is the foundation of all we do
- **Serving and caring** - being an active presence in the community
- **Learning together** – nurturing faith, telling the story, providing a credible witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and enabling room for different understandings to exist alongside one another
- **Justice** – where faith leads to action for the wellbeing of all people
- **Stewardship** of the environment, promoting ecological concern and reducing the churches' carbon footprint.

These mirror the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion:

- **Tell** – Good news of God in Jesus Christ, God's Kingdom
- **Teach** – Faith, Baptism and Confirmation, help all grow and deepen faith
- **Tend** – Care and Love
- **Transform** – Make a difference in the world for the wellbeing of all
- **Treasure** – Creation, be good stewards of the earth and its resources.

OUR VISION FOR THE WIDER USE OF ST JOHN'S

As the historical parish church for Peterborough, The Church of St John the Baptist was consecrated to witness to the presence of the living God in the heart of the city and amid human life, in all its variety and complexity, in its joys and in its sorrows. In order to develop enhanced public benefit and make the most of its strategic location today, we aim to live the vision and mission through being:

- a place of hospitality and refreshment and centre for resources and information
- a concert and arts venue for the city – an inspiring space in which all that is good in human creativity and endeavour can be witnessed and celebrated, through the performing arts, public discourse, lecture and exhibition
- a place of tranquillity at the centre of the city where appropriate professional advice and counselling services can be offered and signposted.

St Luke's is our daughter church on Mayor's Walk, built in 1901 as a Mission Room to serve the growing residential part of St John's Parish to the west of the railway. Dedicated to
St Luke in 1983 it had a focus in supporting the now demolished District Hospital and is now in the midst of a residential community and small commercial area.

PREMISES

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings: The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Church Street, Peterborough and the daughter church of St Luke, Mayor's Walk, Peterborough. Our Vicar resides in The Deanery, in the Cathedral Precincts.

All Saints Mar Thoma Church signed a 25-year lease to rent St John's Hall in Mayor's Walk as of July 2018 and as such is responsible for the maintenance of this premises. An annual inspection will be undertaken by the PCC of St John's Hall and was completed in December identifying some minor areas requiring improvement, which have been completed.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent	Reverend Michelle Dalliston
Curate	Revd Becka Yates
Wardens	Vernon Bull – (Acting Treasurer) Judy Barsby Alun Williams – Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)
Deanery Synod Representatives	Judy Barsby June Bull – Electoral Roll Officer, Deanery Synod Standing Committee, Diocesan Synod Representative, Health and Safety Officer
Elected Members	Malikia Brewster Wendy Dyer Malcolm Hopkins Lai Julian Margaret Lilliman Tony Pickering Di Sabel Les Sabel Jim Reynolds

Michael Horspole has attended some meetings as Independent Financial Adviser.

The PCC met on 9 occasions in 2022 with an average attendance of 11 members.

The number of members that could be elected to the PCC stands at 9 as the Electoral Roll numbers are below 100. The current Electoral Roll permits two representatives at Deanery Synod.

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee of the PCC is a statutory committee with power to transact emergency business between meetings and other business as instructed by the Council. The Standing Committee comprises the Vicar and Churchwardens together with the Treasurer (when appointed), Parish Safeguarding Officer and Secretary, and this also serves as the Health and Safety Committee.

Working Groups and Other Appointments

The PCC has appointed several working groups for different areas of interest in the life of the church and the parish. The Social and Fundraising Committee, consisted of Judy Barsby, Wendy Dyer, Margaret Lilliman, Rosie Haynes, Sarah Warburton and Malikia Brewster, who provided and co-ordinated informal church activities including the Harvest meal and Patronal Festival meal as well as lunches and corporate parish meals.

The Finance Committee consisted of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer (when in post), June Bull, Rosie Haynes and Duncan Garfield, the last two fulfilled the role of cash counters.

The Fabric Committee, concerned with the care and maintenance of parish buildings, consisted of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Margaret Lilliman and Malcolm Hopkins, assisted by Les Sabel.

Our Churchwardens were Vernon Bull, Judy Barsby and Alun Williams. Alun Williams also acted as our Parish Safeguarding Officer overseeing Safeguarding policies and working practices. Stewardship Recording was carried out by Judy Barsby and Duncan Garfield, our Parish Administrator. Payroll services were provided by Baldwins Chartered Accountants until August and subsequently by the Diocese with oversight by the Treasurer. June Bull was our Electoral Roll Officer and Health and Safety Officer. The PCC would like to thank everyone for their hard work and contribution throughout the year.

The PCC appointed Reg Tomblin and Alun Williams as representatives on the executive of Churches Together in Central Peterborough (CTiCP). In addition, the Vicar, Alun Williams and June Bull represented the PCC on the St John's Development Board Community Interest Company which exists to develop the use of the church for appropriate artistic and cultural purposes.

The PCC also established a Communications Team with the long-term aim of promoting and sharing information about our churches and their Mission – currently it has a role in reviewing and making recommendations on all aspects of our communications. The Parish Administrator deals with church administration, financial processing and events coordination and during the year became our 'Lead Recruiter' for DBS checking purposes.

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC takes its responsibilities for the care of everyone in the church seriously. It follows the Safeguarding Policies for the Diocese of Peterborough and everyone who works with children, young people and vulnerable adults is recruited following the Safer Recruiting procedures, including checks made with the Disclosure and Barring Service, where appropriate or by the use of Confidential Declaration Forms and references. During the year use of the Safeguarding Dashboard was adopted to help the PSO and incumbent ensure we are compliant with these policies. A Safeguarding Pack for volunteers was produced which included all the necessary Safeguarding documents appropriate for those volunteering at our churches and is being introduced to our volunteer groups, beginning with those volunteering at the Support Hub and Tuesdays Till Two.

The Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually and regular meetings of an informally appointed safeguarding group, whose membership includes the vicar, the curate, the PSO, and a regular worshipper at St Luke's, are held to review its implementation. Matters of concern are referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, in accordance with the Safeguarding Policy. Safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC Agenda.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE AND WIDER COMMUNITY

The Electoral Roll on 31 December 2022 stood at 70 members, with 21 resident within the parish and 49 non-resident. As the Electoral Roll stands, under the 2020 Church Representation Rules 9 persons may be elected to serve on the PCC in addition to 2 Deanery Synod representatives. The Deanery Synod representatives will be elected for a three-year term at the 2023 APCM.

It is pleasing to report that during the course of the year there was a most encouraging increase in attendances at Sunday Eucharists at St John's of people from different age groups and social backgrounds. It is hoped that many of these new faces will become permanent members of the congregation.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The Ministry

An eventful year. As it began, we knew that a new incumbent had been appointed and that an end to the trying days of the vacancy was in sight. In the vacuum the Wardens had done a magnificent job in maintaining a regular stream of clergy to lead our Eucharistic services, in managing the financial affairs of the parish, in conserving the fabric of our buildings, and in ensuring that the social cohesion of the congregations was nurtured. We owe them a considerable debt of gratitude.

Following the vacancy, ten months after Canon Ian Black's installation as Dean of Newport, we were blessed in March with the collation and induction of the Revd Michelle Dalliston as the Vicar of Peterborough and our new parish priest. And not too long after those celebrations, we were doubly delighted to receive a Curate to support Revd Michelle, in the form of the Revd Becka Yates. The excitement and joy with which their ministry has been received within the parish is manifest. After the bleak years of the pandemic the Spirit of the congregation has been renewed by the grace, enthusiasm and vigour of this priestly team. It is also a pleasure to record Canon Bill Croft's contributions to the worshipping life of the parish, along with the support of both Archdeacon Alison Booker and Canon Helen Dearnley who both live within the parish and assist with occasional services.

Under their influence several new initiatives have been introduced. There is a cycle of Daily Prayer and a new Family Service once a month for young children at St John's. A similar service is offered monthly at the Cathedral and so working together we are currently able to offer a service specially aimed at families every other week. An occasional Taizé service takes place and the monthly Healing services continue at St Luke's. Some modest adjustments have been made to the times of some services: the Friday Eucharist has been moved to midday, and a well-attended Midnight service on Christmas Eve commenced at 11.00pm, followed on Christmas Day by noontide carol singing and open hospitality for visitors at St John's, with a 10am Christmas Eucharist at St Luke's. A prayer group by Zoom was restarted. A measurable effect of these changes and the influence of our priests has been a threefold increase in the number of communicants at St John's. While numbers at St Luke's remain more or less the same, there is a clear recognition of the importance of St Luke's and the potential for mission and ministry here.

One of our key objectives established early in 2022 was the growth of our church, numerically, spiritually and pastorally in all aspects of our relationship with the city centre and its resident population and visitors. Summer activities were held with art and craft days, linking with the Cathedral where a Dinosaur Exhibition took place throughout the summer months. There have also been prayer trails, and the introduction of a Prayer Space with a focus on peace and prayer cards available – throughout the year this has focussed also on the situation in Ukraine, and many people come to light a candle, say a prayer, and make use of the prayer cards and leaflets offering a simple form of Morning and Night Prayer to use at home. In addition, a base was provided for the Street Chaplains, from the Light Project Peterborough as we worked in partnership with them. Connections were made with the St John's Ambulance cadets who meet in Cowgate and with the junior Cathedral Choir who sang at our Patronal Festival in June and our Harvest Festival in October. By way of change, we decamped as a whole to St Luke's to share their Patronal Festival which was a very happy occasion. A Mission Day in October was well supported and provided many thoughts about next steps.

A high point of the year was the Flower Festival at St John's to celebrate the Patronal Festival weekend. An amazing array of floral arrangements were produced by our dedicated Flower Team – Di Sabel, Lai Julian, Jackie Edwards and Margaret Lilliman, along with members of the congregation. Inviting in many diverse community groups to provide displays they curated flowers and displays to illustrate the theme 'To the Glory of God.' Talented students from Thomas Deacon Academy played a variety of musical pieces to accompany the opening afternoon following a special service to begin the Festival at which we gave thanks for those who had made this possible and remembered those departed loved ones in whose memory many of the arrangements were dedicated. Students from both West Town Academy and Thomas Deacon Academy also produced painted paper flower garlands and a myriad of brightly coloured origami flowers to add the finishing touches to the celebrations.

At the start of the year the financial situation was not encouraging but, mainly due to the efforts and expertise of Vernon Bull and mentor Michael Horspole, by the end of 2022 things looked more optimistic. Various adjustments were made to the financial accounting regime, new systems and protocols were introduced and certain investments were modified. The Parish is not out of the financial woods yet, but we are more in control of the management of these affairs and more confident about the future. During the next year a Stewardship campaign is planned, and the advances made in 2022 will be helpful in informing our future direction of travel.

The structural and maintenance items identified in the quinquennial review were finally completed by the end of the year, along with improvements and repairs to the heating system. The chancel roof was recovered at no cost to the parish. It is disappointing to record continuing damage to stained glass and other windows, particularly the window in the south porch which was badly affected by an act of vandalism, and which has been removed for restoration. Both churches remain in reasonably good order.

Following the suspension of all its activities on 17th March 2020 at the start of the pandemic, St John's CIC was able to resume its regular Tuesday lunchtime concerts from 15th March 2022. Piccolo, a monthly concert for preschool children and their carers, also resumed from April, and a Christmas evening concert also took place. Altogether the CIC organised and ran 38 concerts during 2022. These initiatives contribute to an increased footfall by keeping St John's open, as well as raising the church's profile at the heart of the city centre. Our thanks to Alun Williams who worked hard to generate and host these events as the CIC's programme manager. The CIC's activities generated over £2000 in church hire fees for St John's, and £1100 in donations to the DEC Ukraine appeal, and donations at the Christmas concert supported both Garden House and church funds.

On Saturdays, regular church volunteers staff the morning café at St John's, supported by volunteers from the East Anglia Children's Hospice. The students of Marshfields School returned to run the café on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning in October and operating during term time. Wendy Dyer raised the remarkable sum of £1000+ by selling souvenirs and knitted items while staffing the welcome counter at both the Saturday and Tuesday cafés. We were saddened by the loss of the late Marina Jones whose initiatives with her bookstall and other enterprises raised a great deal of money during her lifetime for the direct benefit of the church. We are grateful to Malikia Brewster who has taken on developing the bookstall as 'Book Nook' which regularly features special interest books and other items for sale. A new enterprise put forward by Malcolm Hopkins in September saw the introduction of Chill and Chat on Wednesday mornings at St Luke's, a drop-in time for social engagement and refreshments – a meeting open to all and concluded by a simple service. The Ladies Group for the Parish meet at St Luke's on the second Tuesday of each month for a talk or activity and refreshments.

Towards the end of the summer, we learned of government proposals to provide funds to local councils through the Household Support Fund to establish and finance 'Warm Hubs'. These Community Support Hubs were to be places where hot food, advice and companionship could be provided for people in need as well as being a warm space to gather for those who would struggle to heat their own homes due to the cost-of-living crisis and rising fuel costs. St John's applied and was awarded funding to become one of the Hubs for Peterborough and due to a phenomenal response from volunteers to make this possible, and with the dedicated commitment of Malikia Brewster and Malcolm Hopkins as Hub Co-ordinators, we opened our doors to welcome people in the third week of November. By the end of the year, we were serving food and offering support to as many as 90 people on Tuesdays and Fridays when the Hub was operating, with many attending at different times too when the church was open.

The PCC maintained a good relationship with All Saints Mar Thoma Church who lease St John's Hall. Both our churches joined the Welcome Directory intended to provide known support for prison leavers as they re-join society. Current policies were reviewed regularly and managed via a Policy Schedule to ensure that correct working practices were followed within the churches. The Safeguarding Policy was updated. Links have been maintained with Eco Church, with which work will continue during 2023. During services at St John's Pew Bags for children are now available again and a new play area with books and toys was set up in the north aisle, along with a craft table near the Café area for younger children and their families attending worship enabling them to remain in the body of the church and be included in the service.

St John's musical tradition has been led for 8 years by our Director of Music and Organist, Elizabeth Arkell, and we are sorry that she will be stepping back from this role in the New Year, although her husband John will still be available to play at some services. Our choir performed gallantly under difficult circumstances during the year and, with the acquisition of one or two new members as the year progressed became a much appreciated and valuable resource that enhanced our worship.

The congregation is well represented on the rota of servers, readers, intercessors, Eucharistic assistants, Sunday Wardens and sides-people. Fresh flowers were arranged in both churches each week by the Flower Team led by Di Sabel, who must take great credit for proposing and implementing a superb Flower Festival dedicated to the Glory of God that generated many visitors to St John's and many compliments during our Patronal Festival at the end of June.

Usually Sunday services conclude with coffee at St Luke's and coffee and sherry at St John's. These provide occasions for enjoyment and fellowship to complete the worship. A Traidcraft stall operated at St John's on these occasions. During the Autumn, for the first time since the Covid Pandemic, we were glad to host again the charity group, Cards for Good Causes. Not only were they able to sell excellent quality cards on behalf of many charities, but also enabled St John's to be open every day, with many people enjoying and appreciating that.

Worship and Mission

The worship at both churches has traditionally been based on Common Worship, with robed servers and choir complemented by the singing of a responsorial psalm and anthems during the Eucharist at St John's. At St Luke's, CDs provided the accompaniment for hymn singing.

At St John's technology has been introduced to permit live and recorded streaming of services, along with a sound system to improve audibility. As in previous years a service of Night Prayer with prayers for wholeness and healing at St Luke's continued with a small but faithful group of attendees. An annual Memorial service at All Souls-tide to which those bereaved during the year were invited was resumed after lockdown and Remembrance Sunday was marked with an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, supported by a Serving party and choir from St John's.

It ought to be recorded at this juncture that the Vicar, who would normally lead such proceedings, experienced a nasty injury to her foot following an accident in the Cathedral precincts and was partly rendered *hors de combat* for the remainder of the year. Notwithstanding an impressive orthopaedic boot, she continued her duties in full until restored to good health.

Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were all marked with the usual special services. Mothering Sunday was packed as were both Patronal Festivals. On the 8th September we joined a nation mourning the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II and offered a space for prayer, candle lighting and signing a Book of Condolence in the days leading up to the funeral on 19th September. Significant numbers of people visited St John's during this time and our services at both churches on the Sundays either side of funeral offered prayers of remembrance and thanksgiving. The popular Crib Service at Christmas again took place in church with the first outing for a Children's Choir which we hope to be able to grow more fully in time. We were honoured to host a special Royal Carol Service organised by the Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Julie Spence, to thank those who make an outstanding contribution to the life of the community. Early in December, the church was packed, and the service was much appreciated by all who attended. Our Carol Service on 18th December was this year established as a Civic Carol Service, attended by the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Peterborough and Leader of the Council. Home communion has been administered by the clergy and members of the congregation to those unable to attend our churches, and services at The Maltings Care Home resumed with visits to St Margaret's House to begin in the new year.

Ties were maintained with the two schools in the parish, The Peterborough School, where the Vicar visits to preach at the school Eucharist, and West Town Academy, who supported the Flower Festival by producing paper flowers. Our links with Marshfields were developed and also with Thomas Deacon Academy, where the Vicar is a member of the Foundation Charity, and pupils from TDA took part in both our Flower Festival and Royal Carol Service in providing music of exceptional standard. Pupils from The Peterborough School also resumed their termly visits to play music to accompany the Marshfields Café.

We began to renew our ministry with children, young people and families with a number of special events, activities and services, and introduced a regular Wednesday holiday Family Activity session supported by volunteers from St John's and the Cathedral.

Our dedicated team of Bellringers ring at St John's most Sundays calling us to worship and in the course of the year have rung several peals and supported ringing at the Cathedral and elsewhere in the Deanery.

Church Buildings

St John's church remains sturdy and of sound structure and good order throughout. The fabric of St Luke's is also in a good state of repair.

Following the quinquennial inspection carried out in 2019 by our architect, Stephen Oliver, major projects were undertaken and completed in 2022. A survey was also undertaken at St Luke's with work being completed towards the end of the year.

Financial

The parish met all its liabilities during 2022, with the Parish Share being paid in full.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Council

The Council is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of its state of affairs at the end of the year and of its income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements the council is required to:

i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
iii) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the church will continue as such.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

PCC Chairman: M Hallston

Date: 15th May 2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PAROCHIAL CHURCH

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Baptist Peterborough ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name: Michael Horspole

Address: 30 Livermore Green, Werrington, Peterborough PE4 5DG

Date: 2nd May 2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income From							
Voluntary Income	2(a)	47,508	972	319	-	48,798	48,090
Activities for Generating Funds	2(b)	2,612	4,379	-	-	6,991	1,336
Investment Income	2(c)	10,905	-	8,140	-	19,045	18,649
Church Activities	2(d)	24,330	-	-	-	24,330	11,991
Other Incoming Resources	2(e)	3,004	-	30,000	-	33,004	24,949
Total Income		**88,358**	**5,351**	**38,459**	**-**	**132,168**	**105,015**
Expenditure On							
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	386	-	-	-	386	186
Fundraising trading : cost of goods sold and other cost	3(b)	872	-	-	-	872	791
Church Activities	3(c)	127,552	4,067	9,593	-	141,212	151,202
Governance Costs	3(d)	200	-	-	-	200	1,613
Total Resources Expended		**129,010**	**4,067**	**9,593**	**-**	**142,670**	**153,792**
Net Incoming Resources Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses		**(40,652)**	**1,284**	**28,866**	**0**	**(10,502)**	**(48,777)**
Change in market value of investments					(63,302)	(63,302)	79,565
Transfers		238,214			(238,214)	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		**197,562**	**1,284**	**28,866**	**(301,516)**	**(73,804)**	**30,788**
Balance bought forward at 1st January		33,136	261,716	79,294	588,579	962,725	931,937
Balance carried forward at 31st December		**230,698**	**263,000**	**108,160**	**287,063**	**888,921**	**962,725**

The notes on pages 15 to 22 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible	5	221,867	223,047
Investments	6	525,277	588,579
		747,144	811,626
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	6,326	27,201
Cash at Bank and In Hand	8	144,396	126,424
		150,722	153,625
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year	9	8,945	2,526
		8,945	2,526
Total Net Assets		**888,921**	**962,725**
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted	10	230,698	33,136
Designated	11	263,000	261,716
Restricted	12	108,160	79,294
Endowment Funds	13	287,063	588,579
		888,921	**962,725**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26th April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

PCC Chair

The notes on pages 15 to 22 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

NOTES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

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1 Accounting Policies Charity Information

The Peterborough Parish Church (named after St John the Baptist)is the historic Parish Church for Peterborough. Today it is home to a vibrant Church community and is in the Church of England Diocese of Peterborough

1.1 Accounting Convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS102, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest pound

1.2 Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.
Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable.
All income is accounted for gross, as long as it is capable of financial measurement.

1.4 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due.
Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is occurred and accounted for gross.
Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to a contractual provision of the instrument.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

1.6 Financial Instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provision of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

1 Accounting Policies

1.7 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).
For anything acquired before 2001 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

No cost information is available for the church hall so it is included at a deemed cost being its 2012 valuation.

The property is not depreciated due to the high value placed on the building, the longevity of its existence, which in turn suggest the longevity of its future existence.
Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four to five years.

1.8 Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.
Where this is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the PCC for a specific purpose.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Endowment funds are funds held for the long-term investment.

1.9 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

NOTES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022 (continued)

2 Income	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary Income						
Planned giving stewardship	29,152	-	-	-	29,152	36,318
Gift Aid	10,095	-	-	-	10,095	2,200
Collections (open plate)	4,674	-	-	-	4,674	1,941
Gift Aid envelopes	940	-	-	-	940	295
Donations and legacies	2,646	972	319		3,937	7,336
	47,508	972	319	-	48,798	48,090
2(b) Activities for Generating Funds						
Coffee mornings	-	4,379	-	-	4,379	636
Social event & Service Refreshments	1,462	-	-	-	1,462	-
Traidcraft	1,150	-	-	-	1,150	700
	2,612	4,379	-	-	6,991	1,336
2(c) Investment Income						
Dividends	10,218	-	-	-	10,218	9,361
Interest	686	-	8,140	-	8,826	9,288
	10,905	-	8,140	-	19,045	18,649
2(d) Church activities						
Church hire and hall rent	15,857	-	-	-	15,857	11,326
Flowers (Including festival)	2,526	-	-	-	2,526	-
Fees	3,620	-	-	-	3,620	615
Interregnum Claim	636				636	-
Trading income - cards and picture sales	1,691	-	-	-	1,691	50
	24,330	-	-	-	24,330	11,991
2(e) Other incoming resources						
Insurance claims	2,249	-	-	-	2,249	12,489
Tower fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant income	755	-	30,000	-	30,755	12,460
	3,004	-	30,000	-	33,004	24,949
Total Income	**88,358**	**5,351**	**38,459**	**-**	**132,168**	**105,015**

3 Resources expended

3 Resources expended	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	2021
3(a) Cost of generating voluntary income	£	£	£	£	£
Contactless Fees	386	-	-	386	186
	386	-	-	386	186
3(b) Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold & other costs					
Traidcraft & Souvenirs	872	-	-	872	791
	872	-	-	872	791
3(c) Church activities					
Missionary and charity giving	-	4,067	-	4,067	-
Parish share	70,174	-	-	70,174	63,392
Utilities	6,752	-	-	6,752	7,437
Routine maintenance	549	-	-	549	894
Church fabric maintenance	-	-	5,158	5,158	28,844
Quinquennial work	7,168	-	-	7,168	15,162
Organ maintenance	792	-	-	792	408
Incumbent & Curate expenses	359	-	631	991	286
Insurance	10,156	-	-	10,156	9,401
Upkeep of services	2,519	-	-	2,519	1,155
Children & Youthwork	108			108	-
Administration	4,813	-	-	4,813	3,918
Wages and salaries	18,991	-	-	18,991	18,929
Stewarding and music services	986	-	-	986	50
Flowers expenditure (Including festival)	1,499	-	-	1,499	102
Diocesan fees	1,505	-	-	1,505	44
Community Hub	-	-	3,804	3,804	-
Depreciation	1,180	-	-	1,180	1,180
	127,552	4,067	9,593	141,212	151,202
3(d) Governance costs					
Independent examiners fees	100	-	-	100	100
Accountancy fees	100	-	-	100	1,513
	200	-	-	200	1,613
Total Resources expended	**129,010**	**4,067**	**9,593**	**142,670**	**153,792**

* The Parish Share for 2022 increased from June 2022 following the departure of the Incumbent.
The parish share for 2022 is £70,173.

4 Wages and salaries

During the year, the PCC employed a number of people. The total cost of these appointments was £18,991 (2021 £18,929), including employers' national insurance contributions.
The average number of employees on the payroll during the year was 3 (2019 - 3)
No employees have been paid more than £60,000 per annum during 2022 or 2021

5 Fixed Assets

	Property	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible			
Cost or valuation:			
At 1 January 2022	220,000	12,029	232,029
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	220,000	12,029	232,029
Depreciation:			
At 1st January 2022	-	8,982	8,982
Charge for the year	-	1,180	1,180
At 31 December 2022	-	10,162	10,162
Net book value			
At 1 January 2022	220,000	3,047	223,047
At 31 December 2022	220,000	1,867	221,867

The property comprises of the church hall at Mayors Walk, Peterborough
A valuation of the property was undertaken by Joliffe Daking, Chartered Surveyors, on 6 December 2012

6 Investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bought forward	588,579	560,014
Sale of Investments (for payment of Parish Share)	-	51,000
Change in market value during the year	(63,302)	79,565
	525,277	588,579

The investments are administered by Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance on behalf of the Church and held with CCLA and M & G Equities,

7 Debtors

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Tax recoverable on stewardship	3,811	-	-	3,811	2,200
Accrued income	2,516	-	-	2,516	4,000
Prepayments and accrued interest	-	-	-	-	20,228
Other Debtors (Interregnum claim)	-	-	-	-	773
	6,326	-	-	6,326	27,201

8 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
CCLA Investment accounts:					
CBF St John's Burial fund investment account	-	-	6,901	6,901	11,884
Deposit Account (Sale of Holdich Street)	-	31,080	-	31,080	30,676
St Johns Fabric fund	-	-	545	545	538
St Lukes Fabric fund	-	-	9,333	9,333	9,211
Barclays current account	63,668	-	-	63,668	41,771
Virgin savings account	-	32,046	-	32,046	31,962
Cash in hand	141	-	682	823	382
	63,809	63,126	17,461	144,396	126,424

9 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Accruals for utilities and other costs	8,945	-	-	8,945	2,536
	8,945	-	-	8,945	2,536

10 Unrestricted funds

	Balance as at 1.1.22	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.22
	£	£	£	£	£
General Account	21,252	78,069	113,738		(14,417)
CBF St John's Burial Fund Interest Account	11,884	10,289	15,272		6,901
St John's Fund - for the Ecclesiastical Purposes of the parish				238,214	238,214
	33,136	88,358	129,010	238,214	230,698

The CBF St John's Burial Fund Interest Account unrestricted fund, is money held separately from the main account, but can be used for any purpose.

11 Designated funds

	Balance as at 1.1.22	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.22
	£	£	£	£	£
Holdich Street sale	37,025	-	-	-	37,025
Church hall	220,000	-	-	-	220,000
Dilapidation settlement	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
Coffee shop	691	4,379	3,941	-	1,129
Mission Fund	-	972	126	-	846
	261,716	5,351	4,067	0	263,000

The Holdich Street Sale fund relates to proceeds from the sale of a property on Holdich Street as well as the sales of treasury stock, which have been designated for the purpose of the fabric of the church.
The PCC decided to use Holdich Street designated funds to maintain a minimum reserve of unrestricted funds to cover annual wages.

The Church Hall fund is the designated funds represented by the investment in the church hall and dilapidation settlement.

The coffee shop is the designated funds from incoming donations and sales less any charitable donations made as a result of the fundraising activity.

12 Restricted Funds

	Balance as at 1.1.22	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.22
	£	£	£	£	£
St John's Fabric fund & LPoW Grant	5,332	319	5,062	-	589
St Luke's Fabric fund	10,802	-	95	-	10,707
Income from G Wyman Fund	533	548	500	-	581
Income from Reichmann Bequest Fund	2,468	508	131	-	2,844
The St John's fund - for the Ecclesiastical purposes of the parish	59,600	7,085	-	-	66,685
Income from Muriel Elizabeth Snowdon fund	559	-	-	-	559
Community Hub	-	30,000	3,804	-	26,196
	79,294	38,459	9,593	-	108,160

The St John's fabric fund represents funds held for the purpose of the fabric of St John's Church
The St Luke's fabric fund represents funds held for the purpose of the fabric of either St Luke's Church or St Johns.

Income from Reichman Bequest represents income from the endowment fund in resect of the assistant curated fund.

As described in noted 13, the 'income from the Sunday School maintenance fund' has been redesignated as 'The St John's fund- for the Ecclesiastical purposes of the parish'. This fund represents the income from the related endowment fund which may be applied for the Ecclesiastical purposes of the parish.

The Community Hub has been set up with a grant from Peterborough City Council to provide food, warmth and shelter for anyone struggling with the cost-of-living crisis

13 Endowment funds

	Balance as at 1.1.22 £	Sale of Treasury Stock £	Changes in Market Value £	Transfer £	Balance as at 31.12.22 £
Reichmann Bequest	19,343	-	(2,277)		17,066
St John's Fund - for the Ecclesiastical Purposes of the parish	269,998	-	(31,784)	(238,214)	-
Burial ground fund	299,238	-	(29,241)		269,997
	588,579	-	(63,302)	(238,214)	287,063

The Reichmann Bequest represents an investment from a bequest in the will of Mrs A E Reichmann in 1934, from which the income is to be paid as an augmentation to the Assistant Curates fund.

The Sunday School Maintenance fund has been redesignated this year as the St John's Fund for the Ecclesiastical Purposes of the parish. This has been agreed by the Trustees and the Diocesan Board of Finance and has therfore been transferred to unrestricted funds.

The Burial Ground fund represents funds received from the Peterborough Development Corporation following the compulsory purchase of the old burial ground. The funds can be used for any purpose.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 represented by:						
Fixed Assets		238,214	220,000	1,867	287,063	747,144
Current Assets:						
Debtors	7	6,326				6,326
Bank	8	63,809	63,126	17,461		144,396
Current Liabilities	9	(8,945)				(8,945)
		61,191	283,126	19,328	287,063	888,921

15 Related party transactions

The church is one of 7 legal members of Churches Together in Central Peterborough, a separate charity.

The church received rental income from St John the Baptist (Peterborough) Development C.I.C. in respect of events held in the church. There are directors and members common to both organisations.

The George Wyman bequest to the curate fund. The church wardens are the trustees with interest received being paid to the church. During the year £533 (£2021: £568) was received.

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for the year ended 31st December 2021

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COUNCILS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is pleased to present its report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021.

OUR PARISH VISION AND MISSION

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. St John's and St Luke's are open and inclusive communities of faith, seeking to be living witnesses to God in Jesus Christ. This is expressed through three core values: being

- open and inclusive,
- worshipping and faithful, and
- loving and serving.

In these we seek to live the mission of the church and draw others into its life and community.

Everything we do falls under five key areas:

- **Prayer and worship**
- **Serving and caring**, being an active presence in the community
- **Learning together** – nurturing faith, telling the story, providing a credible witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and enabling room for different understandings to exist alongside one another
- **Justice** – where faith leads to action for the wellbeing of all people
- **Stewardship** of the environment, promoting ecological concern and reducing the churches' carbon footprint.

These mirror the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion:

- **Tell** – Good news of God in Jesus Christ, God's Kingdom
- **Teach** – Faith, Baptism and Confirmation, help all grow and deepen faith
- **Tend** – Care and Love
- **Transform** – Make a difference in the world for the wellbeing of all
- **Treasure** – Creation, be good stewards of the earth and its resources.

OUR VISION FOR THE WIDER USE OF ST JOHN'S

As the historical parish church for Peterborough, The Church of St John the Baptist was consecrated to witness to the presence of the living God in the heart of the city and amid human life, in all its variety and complexity, in its joys and in its sorrows. In order to develop enhanced public benefit and make the most of its strategic location today, we aim to live the vision and mission through being:

- a place of hospitality and refreshment and centre for resources and information
- a concert and arts venue for the city – an inspiring space in which all that is good in human creativity and endeavour can be witnessed and celebrated, through the performing arts, public discourse, lecture and exhibition
- a place of tranquillity at the centre of the city where appropriate professional advice and counselling services can be offered and signposted.

PREMISES

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings: The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Church Street, Peterborough and the daughter church of St Luke, Mayor's Walk, Peterborough. The vicarage is situated at 26 Minster Precincts, Peterborough and is maintained by the Diocese.

All Saints Mar Thoma Church signed a 25-year lease to rent St John's Hall in Mayor's Walk as of July 2018 and as such is responsible for the maintenance of these premises. An annual inspection of St John's Hall should be undertaken by the PCC but due to the COVID-19 pandemic it had not been completed in 2021.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Vestry Meeting, were not held until 25th May 2021, chaired by the Rural Dean. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent	Reverend Canon Ian Black until 22 May 2021, thereafter vacant
Wardens	Vernon Bull Judy Barsby – Acting Vice-Chair May 2021 to December 2021 Alun Williams – Acting Vice-Chair January 2021 to April 2021
Deanery Synod Representatives	Judy Barsby – Churchwarden June Bull – Electoral Roll Officer, Diocesan Synod Representative, Health and Safety Officer
Elected Members	Wendy Dyer Lai Julian Margaret Lilliman Tony Pickering Jim Reynolds Di Sabel Les Sabel

Trevor Brewer was our Treasurer until February 2021 but was unable to attend any PCC meetings.

Frances Donaldson-Badger attended PCC meetings as Secretary in a non-voting capacity from January 2021 to April 2021. Tony Pickering acted as Secretary for the remainder of the year.

The PCC met on 10 occasions in 2021 with an average attendance of 10 members.

The number of members eligible for election to the PCC stands at 9. The current electoral roll permits two representatives at Deanery Synod. Deanery Synod members were elected at the 2021 APCM.

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee of the PCC is a statutory committee with power to transact emergency business between meetings and other business as instructed by the Council. The Standing Committee comprised the Vicar during his incumbency and Churchwardens, together with the Treasurer and Secretary.

Working Groups and Other Appointments

The PCC has appointed several working groups for different areas of interest in the life of the church and the parish. The Social Committee provides and co-ordinates informal activities including the Harvest meal, Patronal Festival meal as well as lunches. Due to the pandemic many planned social events had to be cancelled, but a Bring-Your-Own Harvest meal with social distancing was enjoyed.

The Finance Committee consisted of the Incumbent, Treasurer, Administrator, Judy Barsby, June Bull and Rosie Haynes.

Our Churchwardens were Vernon Bull, Judy Barsby and Alun Williams, whose indefatigable work to sustain the worshipping needs of the congregation, financial stewardship and conservation of the fabric of the churches has been exceptional. The PCC wishes to record its thanks to the Wardens for all their hard work and service over the year. The finance team included Trevor Brewer, Rosie Haynes and the Office Administrator (Duncan Garfield) both the latter acting as Cash Counters. Stewardship Recording was carried out by Trevor Brewer until February 2021thereafter Judy Barsby plus the Administrator. Payroll services were provided by Azets Chartered Accountants. June Bull was our Electoral Roll Officer and the Health and Safety Officer. The PCC thanks everyone for their hard work throughout a difficult year.

The PCC was represented on the executive of Churches Together in Central Peterborough (CTiCP) by Alun Williams and Reg Tomblin.

In addition, the Vicar, Alun Williams and June Bull represented the PCC on the St John's Development Board Community Interest Company. This exists to promote the use of the church for appropriate artistic and cultural purposes. The Vicar was Chair until April 2021 thereafter June Bull took over pending the appointment of a new Vicar

Throughout 2021 the Parish Administrator, Duncan Garfield, has provided support with church administration, financial processing and events coordination. The PCC would like to thank Duncan for his hard work throughout the year.

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC takes its responsibilities for the care of everyone in the church seriously. It follows the Safeguarding Policies for the Diocese of Peterborough and everyone who works with children, young people and vulnerable adults is recruited following the Safer Recruiting procedures, including checks made with the Disclosure and Barring Service, where appropriate.

The Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually so that it is current. Matters of concern are referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors, in accordance with the Safeguarding Policy. Safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC agenda.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer was Sue Knight who took on the role from 29th January 2021 until June 2021 when the Churchwardens took on the responsibility until August 2021, after which Alun Williams agreed to take on the role.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE AND WIDER COMMUNITY

The Electoral Roll as of 31 December 2021 stood at 72, with 22 resident within the parish and 50 non-resident.

The Electoral Roll was unable to be revised in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the Roll stands, under the 2020 Church Representation Rules, 9 persons may be elected to serve on PCC in addition to 2 Deanery Synod representatives. The Deanery Synod representatives were elected for a three-year term at the 2021 APCM. June Bull was again elected by Deanery Synod to stand as a Diocesan Synod representative.

Worshipping during 2021 continued partly with streamed worshipping arrangements that prevailed during the lockdowns until we finally were able to resume normal services in St John's and St Luke's.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The Ministry

Canon Ian Black continued as our Vicar during part of 2021, with his additional roles as Rural Dean, and Residentiary Canon of the Cathedral for 25% of his time.

The announcement in January of Canon Ian's appointment as Dean of Newport Cathedral came as a surprise, but our Churchwardens quickly set about making arrangements for all aspects of our church life to continue during the coming vacancy. Although coronavirus restrictions prevented us from giving them quite the send-off we would have wished, Ian and Sue's final Sunday with us on 25 April was still a big day, when we gave thanks for Canon Ian's almost nine years of ministry with us, said goodbye to them with hopes and prayers for their new life together in Wales and sadness at their departure, and sought God's guidance for the future of our parish.

Initially we explored the possibility of linking our parish with that of St Jude's but they preferred to remain independent. The Archdeacon and the Rural Dean believed that we should have a full-time Vicar and, as we had the reserves to sustain an appointment, it was resolved to advertise the position. After interviewing three excellent candidates, we were blessed to be able to appoint the Revd Michelle Dalliston as Vicar of Peterborough for an initial term of 3 years. Revd Michelle will take up her duties in the Spring of 2022.

During the interregnum Alun Williams has undertaken valuable work in ensuring that we had a celebrant at our Sunday Eucharists and it has been an interesting and enriching experience hearing and learning from this diverse range of preachers. In particular, Canon Bill Croft, retired and resident in the parish, has been a source of liturgical strength. Thanks to all who have supported us in this way.

We embraced new technology with the introduction of cameras and sound equipment to facilitate on-line streaming of services and several members of the congregation were trained to operate the equipment.

The popular Saturday morning café co-ordinated by Judy Barsby resumed with the help of East Anglia Children's Hospice and our own volunteers. The hard work of Wendy Dyer with her knitted goods at her welcome counter is greatly appreciated. Tuesdays till Two concerts and Piccolo organised by the Community Interest Company with Alun Williams as its programme manager was disrupted by the pandemic and its programme is eagerly awaited.
Our good relations with the Mar Thoma church at St Johns Hall continue and links with Eco Church have been maintained. We remain conscious to be good stewards of Creation and to care for the environment and aspire to gaining an Eco Church award although it has been difficult to make great progress on this during 2021 due to the pandemic and the vacancy.

St John's musical tradition has been led by the Director of Music, Elizabeth Arkell, with assistance from her husband John. The choir has begun to sing again at services at St John's, accompanied by a masked congregation, and has gained a couple of new members.

The congregation is well represented on the rota of servers, readers, intercessors, Eucharistic assistants and sides-people. Fresh flowers were arranged in both churches each week when open by Lai Julian, Jackie Edwards, Di Sabel, Barbara Pickering and Lena Hartley, Judy Barsby and Margaret Lilliman, supported by additional volunteers at major festivals.

Usually, Sunday services concluded with coffee at St Luke's and coffee and sherry at St John's. These provide occasions for enjoyment and fellowship to complete the worship. It has been sad that this tradition had to be curtailed to reduce mixing as much as possible and the spreading of the virus. We were delighted when the practice was resumed in the summer. There was a Traidcraft stall at St John's at the beginning of the year. Unfortunately the charity Cards for Good Causes shop based at St John's was not able to run this year.

Worship and Mission

The worship at both churches has traditionally been based on Common Worship with robed servers and choir complemented by the singing of a responsorial psalm and anthems during the Eucharist at St John's. At St Luke's CDs provided the accompaniment for hymn singing. We have been able to return to worship at each church, observing social distancing and wearing masks. Prior to this we had the benefit of a grant from the "Allchurches Trust" which will enable us to have an online streamed service from St John's church.

A monthly service of Night Prayer with prayers for wholeness and healing has been conducted at St Luke's led by visiting clergy as well as an annual Memorial service to which those who have been bereaved during the year were invited. Remembrance Sunday was marked with an Act of Remembrance at St John's and during an online service. Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were all marked with special services online. We were able to hold the popular Crib Service as well as a Carol Service and Midnight Eucharist. The choir was allowed to sing but the congregation were not able to join in until July. Live events returned to St John's from August 2021 and the church was the venue for several evening concerts and a Christmas show based on Robin Hood.

House communion was provided for housebound members of the congregation and at the two care homes in the parish, although this was restricted to prevent the spread of the virus.

Ties were maintained with the two schools in the parish, The Peterborough School (where the Vicar is a governor) and West Town Primary Academy.

An important topic explored by the PCC was that of 'Growing our Church' by extending the influence of St John's and St Luke's in the wider community of Peterborough in helping people connect with God. We decided that in such a project we would need the guidance of our new incumbent.

Church Buildings

St John's church remains sturdy and of sound structure and good order throughout. The fabric of St Luke's is also in a good state of repair.

Following the quinquennial inspection carried out in 2019 by our architect, Stephen Oliver, major projects were required to care for St John's, such as works to replace some stonework, re-mortar and insert steel rods in the Tower and West Aisle Roof where loose mortar was removed and made safe. However, work only started in February 2021. Disappointingly, stonework repairs at St John's identified in the Quinquennial review were not correctly undertaken and remain to be properly completed. Contractors were appointed for the Quinquennial repairs at St Luke's and Chancel Roof re-covering at St Johns. In the former case, with work starting in March 2021. The Chancel Roof re-covering work was delayed due to the scaffolding design having to be resubmitted, with work not starting until 2022.

The PCC approved window grilles to be fixed to the three windows at the east end of St John's church late 2019 subject to the necessary funding becoming available, to protect the historically important stained glass from further damage. The Vestry Window-stained glass has been repaired and grilles have been fitted, further funding was received for the remaining two windows at the East End, secured from direct donations, online Crowdfunding page and a grant. The remaining grilles will be fitted during 2021. The PCC would like to extend its sincere thanks to everyone who donated so generously.

The City Council have approached the PCC with a view to changing the external lights to LED ones, which the PCC approved, for installation in 2021.

Financial

Our financial position remains less fragile than other churches but we cannot be complacent as our reserves are limited. Forensic investigations by Vernon Bull discovered a range of assets that enable us to pay our parish share and other outgoings, although accidental damages and vandalism of our external fabrics do not help.

The contactless donations box installed in 2019 does not seem to be a fruitful investment.

The parish met all its liabilities during 2021, with the Parish Share being paid in full despite the significant increase due to the revised calculation implemented during 2018.

We have successfully re-designated the fund known as the Sunday School Maintenance Fund to be used for the wider ecclesiastical purposes of the parish. Notice was submitted to the Charity Commission at the request of our auditors. The Charity Commission confirmed that it sees no reason to object to the change. The proposal had previously been approved by the Diocesan Board of Finance.

The PCC used the Government Furlough scheme where it was not possible for employees to work.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Council

The Council is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of its state of affairs at the end of the year and of its income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements the council is required to:

i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
iii) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the church will continue as such.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

PCC Vice-Chairman

Date:

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:
1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Charity information

The Peterborough Parish Church (named after St John the Baptist) is the historic Parish Church for Peterborough. Today it is home to a vibrant Church community and is in the Church of England Diocese of Peterborough.

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102. The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All income is accounted for gross, as long as it is capable of financial measurement.

1.4 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

1.6 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provision of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to a contractual provision of the instrument.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.7 Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than

No cost information is available for the church hall so it is included at a deemed cost being its 2012 valuation.

The property is not depreciated due to the high value placed on the building, the longevity of its existence, which in turn suggests the longevity of its future existence.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years.

1.8 Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the PCC for a specific purpose.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Endowment funds are funds held for the long-term investment.

1.9 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees and required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income From:							
Voluntary Income	2(a)	43,305	-	4,643	-	47,948	55,186
Activities for Generating Funds	2(b)	700	-	-	-	700	3,629
Investment Income	2(c)	9,562	22	9,065	-	18,649	18,327
Church Activities	2(d)	11,991	-	-	-	11,991	14,433
Other Incoming Resources	2(e)	16,272	-	12,465	-	28,737	16,496
Total Income		**81,830**	**22**	**26,173**	**-**	**108,025**	**108,071**
Expenditure On:							
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	186	-	-	-	186	-
Fundraising trading : cost of goods sold and other cost	3(b)	791	-	-	-	791	450
Church Activities	3(c)	113,481	-	30,722	-	144,203	129,979
Governance Costs	3(d)	1,013	-	-	-	1,013	2,160
Total Resources Expended		**115,471**	**-**	**30,722**	**-**	**146,193**	**132,589**
Net Incoming Resources Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses		**(33,641)**	**22**	**(4,549)**	**0**	**(38,168)**	**(24,518)**
Change in market value of investments					79,539	79,539	11,811
Transfers		51,000			(51,000)	0	-
Net Movement in Funds		**17,359**	**22**	**(4,549)**	**28,539**	**41,371**	**(12,707)**
Balance bought forward at 1st January		12,697	283,497	75,719	560,014	931,927	944,634
Balance carried forward at 31st December		**30,056**	**283,519**	**71,170**	**588,553**	**973,298**	**931,927**

The notes on pages 15 to 21 form part of these accounts

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible	5	223,047	224,227
Investments	6	588,553	560,014
		811,600	784,241
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	37,200	1,054
Cash at Bank and In Hand	8	126,424	150,900
		163,624	151,954
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year	9	1,926	4,268
		1,926	4,268
Total Net Assets		**973,298**	**931,927**
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted	10	30,056	12,697
Designated	11	283,519	283,497
Restricted	12	71,170	75,719
Endowment Funds	13	588,553	560,014
		973,298	**931,927**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on ……
and signed on its behalf by:

…….
Judy Barsby
PCC Vice Chairman

The notes on pages 15 to 21 form part of these accounts

2 Income	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary Income						
Planned giving stewardship	34,232	-	-	-	34,232	35,310
Tax recoverable	2,200	-	-	-	2,200	3,149
Collections (open plate)	4,027	-	-	-	4,027	824
Gift Aid envelopes	295	-	-	-	295	1,310
Donations and legacies	2,551	-	4,643	-	7,194	14,593
	43,305	-	4,643	-	47,948	55,186
2(b) Activities for Generating Funds						
Coffee mornings	-	-	-	-	-	2,821
Social event	-	-	-	-	-	288
Traidcraft	700	-	-	-	700	520
	700	-	-	-	700	3,629
2(c) Investment Income						
Dividends	9,361	-	-	-	9,361	17,484
Interest	201	22	9,065	-	9,288	843
	9,562	22	9,065	-	18,649	18,327
2(d) Church activities						
Church hire and hall rent	11,326	-	-	-	11,326	11,406
Flowers	-	-	-	-	-	305
Fees	615	-	-	-	615	2,272
Trading income - cards and picture sales	50	-	-	-	50	450
	11,991	-	-	-	11,991	14,433
2(e) Other incoming resources						
Insurance and dilapidation claims	16,272	-	-	-	16,272	6,788
Tower fund	-	-	-	-	-	145
Grant income	-	-	12,465	-	12,465	9,563
	16,272	-	12,465	-	28,737	16,496
Total Income	**81,830**	**22**	**26,173**	**-**	**108,025**	**108,071**

3 Resources expended	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
3(a) Cost of generating voluntary income					
Contactless Fees	186	-	-	186	-
	186	-	-	186	-
3(b) Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold & other costs					
Traidcraft	791	-	-	791	450
	791	-	-	791	450
3(c) Church activities					
Missionary and charity giving	-	-	-	-	41
Parish share	52,620	-	-	52,620	52,620
Utilities	7,437	-	-	7,437	6,721
Routine maintenance	894	-	-	894	434
Church fabric maintenance	17,475	-	15,152	32,627	31,924
Quinquennial work	-	-	15,162	15,162	-
Organ maintenance	-	-	408	408	768
Incumbent expenses	286	-	-	286	2,551
Insurance	9,401	-	-	9,401	9,037
Upkeep of services	1,155	-	-	1,155	885
Administration	3,908	-	-	3,908	5,699
Wages and salaries	18,929	-	-	18,929	16,754
Stewarding and music services	50	-	-	50	766
Flowers expenditure	102	-	-	102	84
Diocesan fees	44	-	-	44	516
Depreciation	1,180	-	-	1,180	1,179
	113,481	-	30,722	144,203	129,979
3(d) Governance costs					
Independent examiners fees	-	-	-	-	1,260
Accountancy fees	1,013	-	-	1,013	900
	1,013	-	-	1,013	2,160
Total Resources expended	**115,471**	**-**	**30,722**	**146,193**	**132,589**

4 Wages and salaries

During the year the PCC employed a number of people. The total cost of these appointments was £18,929 (2020 £16,754), including employers' national insurance contributions.
The average number of employees on the payroll during the year was 3 (2020 - 3)
No employees have been paid more than £60,000 per annum during 2021 or 2020
Some Trustees receive payment when undertaking event steward duties.

5 Fixed Assets	**Property**	**Equipment**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**
Tangible			
Cost or valuation:			
At 1st January 2021	220,000	12,029	232,029
Additions	-	-	-
At 31st December 2021	220,000	12,029	232,029
Depreciation:			
At 1st January 2021	-	7,802	7,802
Charge for the year	-	1,180	1,180
At 31 December 2021	-	8,982	8,982
Net book value			
At 1 January 2021	220,000	4,227	224,227
At 31 December 2021	220,000	3,047	223,047

The property comprises of the church hall at Mayors Walk, Peterborough
A valuation of the property was undertaken by Joliffe Daking, Chartered Surveyors, on 6 December 2012

6 Investments

	2021	**2020**
	£	**£**
Bought forward	560,014	548,203
Sale of Investments (for payment of Parish Share)	51,000	-
Change in market value during the year	79,539	11,811
	588,553	560,014

The investments are administered by Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance on behalf of the Church and held with CCLA and M & G Equities.

7 Debtors

	Unrestricted Fund	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds**	
				2021	**2020**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Tax recoverable on stewardship	2,200	-	-	2,200	-
Accrued income	4,000	-	-	4,000	1,054
Prepayments and accrued interest	31,000	-	-	31,000	-
Other Debtors	-	-	-	-	-
	37,200	-	-	37,200	1,054

8 Cash at bank and in hand	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
CCLA Investment accounts:					
CBF St John's Burial fund investment account	-	-	11,884	11,884	2,520
Deposit Account (Sale of Holdich Street)	-	-	30,676	30,676	45,154
St Johns Fabric fund	-	-	538	538	7,035
St Lukes Fabric fund	-	-	9,211	9,211	15,004
Barclays current account	41,771	-	-	41,771	48,510
Virgin savings account		31,962	-	31,962	31,763
Cash in hand	176	-	206	382	914
	41,947	31,962	52,515	126,424	150,900

9 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Accruals for utilities and other costs	1,926	-	-	1,926	4,268
	1,926	-	-	1,926	4,268

10 Unrestricted funds

	Balance as at 1.1.21	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£	£
General Account	9,123				9,123
CBF St John's Burial Fund Interest Account	3,574				3,574
	12,697	-	-	-	12,697

The CBF St John's Burial Fud Interest Account unrestricted fund, is money held separately from the main account, but can used for any purpose.

11 Designated funds	Balance as at 1.1.21	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£	£
Holdich Street sale	37,003	22	-	-	37,025
Church hall	220,000	-	-	-	220,000
Dilapidation settlement	22,655	-	-	-	22,655
Coffee shop	3,839	-	-	-	3,839
St John's fabric fund	-				-
	283,497	22	-	-	283,519

The Holdich Street Sale fund relates to proceeds from the sale of a property on Holdich Street as well as the sales of treasury stock, which have been designated for the purpose of the fabric of the church.
The PCC decided to use Holdich Street designated funds to maintain a minimum reserve of unrestricted funds to cover annual wages.

The Church hall fund is the designated funds represented by the investment in the church hall and dilapidation settlement.

The coffee shop is the designated funds from incoming donations and sales less any charitable donations made as a result of the fundraising
activity.

12 Restricted Funds

	Balance as at 1.1.21	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£	£
St John's Fabric fund	-	20,499	15,162	-	5,337
St Luke's Fabric fund	11,213	7	418	-	10,802
Income from G Wyman Fund		533	-	-	533
Income from Reichmann Bequest Fund	1,977	491	-	-	2,468
Digital Equipment		4,643	14,734	-	10,091
The St John's fund - for the Ecclesiastical purposes of the parish	59,600	-	-	-	59,600
Income from Muriel Elizabeth Snowdon fund	559	-	-	-	559
Income from Book of Remembrance fund	538	-	-	-	538
Organ restoration	195	-	408	-	213
Special restriction fund	733	-	-	-	733
Contactless donation box	894	-	-	-	894
Toilet twinning	10	-	-	-	10
	75,719	26,173	30,722	-	71,170

The St John's fabric fund represents funds held for the purpose of the fabric of St John's Church

The St Luke's fabric fund represents funds held for the purpose of the fabric of either St Luke's Church or St John's Church.

Income from Reichman Bequest represents income from the endowment fund in respect of the assistant curated fund.

As described in noted 13, the 'income from the Sunday School maintenance fund' has been redesignated as 'The St
John's fund- for the Ecclesiastical purposes of the parish'. This fund represents the income from the related endowment fund which may be applied for the Ecclesial purposes of the parish.

The book of remembrance fundraising activity has reached its conclusion and the fund has been used to purchase
a book and to build a cabinet, in which to place the book. The cabinet and book have been included in the fixed assets
and the remaining fund will be reduced each year by a depreciation
factor.

	Balance as at 1.1.21	Incoming Resources	Sale of Treasury Stock	Changes in Market Value	Balance as at 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£	£
Reichmann Bequest	16,889	-	-	2,428	19,317
St John's Fund - for the Ecclesiastical Purposes of the parish	280,999	-	51,000	39,999	269,998
Burial ground fund	262,126	-	-	37,112	299,238
	560,014	-	51,000	79,539	588,553

The Reichmann Bequest represents an investment from a bequest in the will of Mrs A E Reichmann in 1934, from which the income is to be paid as an augmentation to the Assistant Curates fund.

The Sunday School Maintenance fund has been redesignated this year as the St John's Fund- for the Ecclesiastical Purposes of the parish. This has been agreed by the Trustees and the Diocesan Board of Finance.

The Burial Ground fund represents funds received from the Peterborough Development Corporation following the compulsory purchase of the old burial ground. The funds can be used for any purpose.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fund balances at 31st December 2021 represented by:						
Fixed Assets			220,000	3,047	588,553	811,600
Current Assets:						
Debtors	**7**	37,200				37,200
Bank	**8**	41,947	31,962	52,515		126,424
Current Liabilities	**9**	(1,926)				(1,926)
		77,221	251,962	55,562	588,553	973,298

15 Related party transactions

The church is one of 7 legal members of Churches Together in Central Peterborough, a separate charity. This year no contribution was required (2020 : £300) was made to the work of that charity

The church received rental income from St John the Baptist (Peterborough) Development C.I.C. in respect of events held in the church. There are directors and members common to both organisations.

The George Wyman bequest to the curate fund. The church wardens are the trustees with interest received being paid to the church. During the year £533 (£2020: £568) was received.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, P

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John the Baptist, Peterorough

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for the year ended 31st December 2020

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish	Peterborough Parish Church St John the Baptist with St Luke	
Incumbent	Reverend Canon Ian Black 26 Minister Precincts Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE1 1XZ	*Resigned 22 May 2021*
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

COUNCILLORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is pleased to present its report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020.

OUR PARISH VISION AND MISSION

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. St John's and St Luke's are open and inclusive communities of faith, seeking to be living witnesses to God in Jesus Christ. This is expressed through three core values: being

- open and inclusive,
- worshipping and faithful, and
- loving and serving.

In these we seek to live the mission of the church and draw others into its life and community.

Everything we do falls under five key areas:

- **Prayer and worship**
- **Serving and caring**, being an active presence in the community
- **Learning together** – nurturing faith, telling the story, providing a credible witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and enabling room for different understandings to exist alongside one another
- **Justice** – where faith leads to action for the wellbeing of all people
- **Stewardship** of the environment, promoting ecological concern and reducing the churches' carbon footprint.

These mirror the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion:

- **Tell** – Good news of God in Jesus Christ, God's Kingdom
- **Teach** – Faith, Baptism and Confirmation, help all grow and deepen faith
- **Tend** – Care and Love
- **Transform** – Make a difference in the world for the wellbeing of all
- **Treasure** – Creation, be good stewards of the earth and its resources.

OUR VISION FOR THE WIDER USE OF ST JOHN'S

As the historical parish church for Peterborough, The Church of St John the Baptist was consecrated to witness to the presence of the living God in the heart of the city and amid human life, in all its variety and complexity, in its joys and in its sorrows. In order to develop enhanced public benefit and make the most of its strategic location today, we aim to live the vision and mission through being:

- a place of hospitality and refreshment and centre for resources and information
- a concert and arts venue for the city – an inspiring space in which all that is good in human creativity and endeavour can be witnessed and celebrated, through the performing arts, public discourse, lecture and exhibition

- a place of tranquillity at the centre of the city where appropriate professional advice and counselling services can be offered and signposted.

PREMISES

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings: The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Church Street, Peterborough and the daughter church of St Luke, Mayor's Walk, Peterborough.

The vicarage is situated at 26 Minster Precincts, Peterborough and is maintained by the Diocese.

All Saints Mar Thoma Church signed a 25-year lease to rent St John's Hall in Mayor's Walk as of July 2018 and as such is responsible for the maintenance of this premises. An annual inspection will be undertaken by the PCC of St John's Hall and was completed in December identifying some minor areas requiring improvement, which have been completed.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the 2020 Annual Parochial Church Meeting was cancelled and members of the PCC rolled over from 2019. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent	Reverend Canon Ian Black	
Wardens	Vernon Bull Judy Barsby Alun Williams	
Deanery Synod Representatives	Judy Barsby June Bull – Electoral Roll Officer, Diocesan Synod Representative, Health and Safety Officer	
Elected Members	Frances Donaldson-Badger – Secretary (in attendance from APCM) Margaret Lilliman Jim Reynolds Sue Knight Lai Julian Megan Reynolds Wendy Dyer Ian Sherratt Louisa Sherratt	Until November 2020

Trevor Brewer is in attendance for PCC meetings as Treasurer in a non-voting capacity.

Frances Donaldson-Badger is in attendance for PCC meetings as Secretary in a non-voting capacity.

The PCC met on 8 occasions in 2020 with an average attendance of 12 members.

The number of members that could be elected to the PCC stand at 9 as the Electoral Roll numbers are below 100. The current electoral roll permits two representatives are allowed to the Deanery Synod. Deanery Synod members will be elected at the 2021 APCM.

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee of the PCC is a statutory committee with power to transact emergency business between meetings and other business as instructed by the Council. The Standing Committee comprised the Vicar and Churchwardens together with the Treasurer and Secretary and this also serves as the Health and Safety Committee.

Working Groups and Other Appointments

The PCC has appointed several working groups for different areas of interest in the life of the church and the parish. The Social Committee provides and co-ordinates informal activities including the Harvest meal, Patronal Festival meal as well as lunches. Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic the planned social events had to be cancelled. The Finance Committee consisted of the Incumbent, Treasurer, Administrator, Judy Barsby, June Bull and Rosie Haynes.

Our Churchwardens were Vernon Bull, Judy Barsby and Alun Williams. The PCC would like to thank the Wardens for all their hard work and service over the year. Megan Reynolds served as the Parish Safeguarding Officer until November 2020 and oversaw the Safeguarding policies and working practices. The finance team was Trevor Brewer (Treasurer & Parish Giving Officer), Rosie Haynes, and the Office Administrator (Jonathan Hanley until March 2020, Duncan Garfield from March 2020). Jonathan and Rosie acted as Cash Counters. Stewardship Recording was carried out by Trevor Brewer and the Administrator. Payroll services were provided Azets. June Bull was our Electoral Roll Officer and the Health and Safety Officer. The PCC would like to thank everyone for their hard work and contribution throughout a difficult year.

The PCC was represented on the executive of Churches Together in Central Peterborough (CTiCP) by Alun Williams and Reg Tomblin.

In addition, the Vicar, Alun Williams and June Bull represented the PCC on the St John's Development Board Community Interest Company. This exists to promote the use of the church for appropriate artistic and cultural purposes.

The Parish Administrator provides support with church administration, financial processing and events coordination. Jonathan Hanley gave his notice from the Administrator role early January 2020; the PCC would like to thank Jonathan for his hard work over the years and wish him all the best for the future. Duncan Garfield took over the role in March 2020.

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC takes its responsibilities for the care of everyone in the church seriously. It follows the Safeguarding Policies for the Diocese of Peterborough and everyone who works with children, young people and vulnerable adults is recruited following the Safer Recruiting procedures, including checks made with the Disclosure and Barring Service, where appropriate.

The Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually so that it is current and regular meetings are held between the Vicar and Safeguarding Officer to review its implementation. Matters of concern are referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors, in accordance with the Safeguarding Policy. Safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC agenda.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer was Megan Reynolds until November 2020. We are grateful to her for work for the parish in this role over a number of years. Sue Knight took on the role from 28th November.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE AND WIDER COMMUNITY

The Electoral Roll as at 31 December 2020 stood at 76 members, with 25 resident within the parish and 51 non-resident.

The Electoral Roll was unable to be renewed in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the Electoral Roll stands under the 2020 Church Representation Rules, 9 persons may be elected to serve on the PCC in addition to 2 Deanery Synod representatives. The Deanery Synod representatives will be elected for a three-year term at the 2020 APCM.
2020 was an unprecedented year which saw our Churches close for the first time in history for a large part of the year. During imposed National Lockdowns services quickly moved to online streaming from 16th March until 19th July when Services could resume. Private Worship was re permitted from June 15th with St John's Church being one of the first Churches to re open. A further National Lockdown during November 2020 saw Churches close its doors again with St John's briefly opening in December. The streamed services reached St John's community well and also attracted new worshippers.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

COUNCILLORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The Ministry

Canon Ian Black continued as our Vicar during 2020. Ian Black continued his additional role as Rural Dean until 12th March. He was also a Residentiary Canon of the Cathedral, apportioned 75% (Parish), 25% (Cathedral).

Whilst it has been a year unlike any other, a lot has still been achieved within the parish, with several new initiatives being successfully introduced. The PCC remained the same as 2019 for much of the year as we were unable to hold the APCM meeting, the 2021 APCM meeting is scheduled to take place and additional volunteers and representatives are always needed and welcome.

Although much has been achieved in the parish, some areas have suffered as a result of the pandemic, it has been extremely difficult to understand our true financial position and the Accounts for 2019 were submitted late. The momentum and progress made increasing income via the Churches being used for events was lost as as a result of not being able to open for the majority of the year and the financial position remains challenging. The re-designation of the Sunday School Maintenance Fund was completed in January 2021 as St John's Fund for the Ecclesiastical Purposes of the Parish and will help in the short term.

Several meetings were held to refresh the vision and mission of the parish. These meetings were open to the congregation and the fruit of this work is reflected at the beginning of this report.

The PCC approved window grilles to be fixed to the three windows at the east end of St John's church late 2019 subject to the necessary funding becoming available. The grilles are to protect the historically important stained glass from further damage. The Vestry Window stained glass has been repaired and grilles have been fitted, further funding was received for the remaining two windows at the East End, secured from direct donations, online Crowdfunding page and a grant. The remaining grilles will be fitted during 2021. The PCC would like to extend its sincere thanks to everyone who donated so generously.

The external lights and paving licence with the City Council was for ten years in 2010. After this point either party could give notice to terminate. The licence has not been terminated by either party and the agreement rolls on. Following legal advice, the PCC decided to keep the status quo and not renegotiate the terms with the Council at this time. The Council have approached the PCC with a view to changing the external lights to LED lights, which the PCC approved, the new lights will be installed during 2021.

A Contactless Donations Box was agreed and has been in use since late 2019. This was in response to research indicating that donations are moving towards contactless giving especially among younger people. We have been unable to measure the impact of this initiative as the

church footfall has been dramatically reduced whilst the church has been closed due to the pandemic.

St John's continues to reap the benefit of a closer relationship with civic and cultural influences in the city with St John's being used for a wide variety of events organised by the St John's Development Board, such as Tuesdays till Two and various concerts early in the year whilst it was possible. These initiatives when possible contribute to an increased footfall by keeping the church open, as well as raising the church's profile at the heart of the city centre. Our thanks to Alun Williams who worked hard to generate and host these events.

On Saturdays, the regular church volunteers staffed the café. We are grateful to Marshfields School for staffing the café on Wednesday mornings during term time and to teams from various charities during school holidays. Wendy Dyer sold souvenirs while staffing the welcome counter at both the Saturday and Wednesday cafés. In 2020 the café was only able to operate until 14th March, and during this time raised £1826.70 for church funds.

When the church is open a knitting group meets on Saturday mornings, which added to the knitted goods on sale. This also provides a valuable opportunity for people to meet socially.

The PCC maintained a good relationship with All Saints Mar Thoma Church who lease St John's Hall. This church provides a regional base for a church community, whose origins are in South India, which is in communion with the Church of England. Throughout the year the PCC considered plans brought by the Mar Thoma Church to adapt St John's Hall and approved the introduction of external security cameras. An annual inspection was undertaken by the PCC of St John's Hall and was completed in December identifying some minor areas requiring improvement. During the year All Saints Mar Thoma Church contacted the PCC requesting some financial support with regards to their lease payments, as of the end of the year payments have been made on time. The Insurance for the building was secured by the PCC and will have to be recouped from All Saints Mar Thoma in accordance with the lease agreement.
Policies were reviewed regularly and managed via a Policy Schedule to ensure correct working practices are followed within the churches. The Safeguarding Policy was updated.

Links have been maintained with Eco Church; work will continue during 2021.

Whilst services are available in the church, Pew Bags continue to be available containing resources for younger children attending worship. This enables them to remain in their pews so that they can take part in the service throughout. There is also additional space in the café should it be required.

St John's musical tradition has been led by the Director of Music, Elizabeth Arkell. Unfortunately services have been unable to have a choir or signing for the majority of the year due to the pandemic, but music has been supplied for the online services.

The congregation is well represented on the rota of servers, readers, intercessors, Eucharistic assistants and sidespersons. Fresh flowers were arranged in both churches each week when open by Barbara Pickering, Lena Hartley, Judy Barsby and Margaret Lilliman, supported by additional volunteers at major festivals.

Usually Sunday services conclude with coffee at St Luke's and coffee and sherry at St John's. These provide occasions for enjoyment and fellowship to complete the worship. It has been very sad that this tradition has not been able to continue during the pandemic to reduce mixing as much as possible and the spreading of the virus. There was a Traidcraft stall at St John's at the beginning of the year. Unfortunately the charity Cards for Good Causes shop based at St John's was not able to run this year.

Worship and Mission

The worship at both churches has traditionally been based on Common Worship with robed servers and choir complemented by the singing of a responsorial psalm and anthems during the Eucharist at St John's. At St Luke's CDs provided the accompaniment for hymn singing.

This in the main has had to be replaced with an online streamed service from St John's church which the congregation and wider community have been pleased to watch and contribute to. A grant from AllChurches was obtained to provide a professional online streaming of services and events going forward, this will be implemented during 2021.

In previous years a monthly service of Night Prayer with prayers for wholeness and healing at St Luke's led by Canon Ian was held as well as an annual Memorial service to which those who have been bereaved during the year were invited, where possible these have been continued online.

Remembrance Sunday was also marked with an Act of Remembrance during an online service due to restrictions.

Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were all marked with special services online.

Communion has not been able to continue at the care homes in the parish – St Margaret's House and The Maltings since the beginning of the year, as well as regular communion to housebound members of the congregation to prevent the spread of the virus.

The popular Crib Service at Christmas had to be replaced with an online Christingle service with carols.
Christmas was celebrated with a mix of online and Eucharists in St John's.

Despite the pandemic, services continued to be held in St John's, subject to the regulations and guidance issued by the authorities. Unfortunately, partly due to the timing of the online service,

it was not possible for services to resume in St Luke's, although a special service to mark St Luke's patronal festival was held there in October.

Ties were maintained with the two schools in the parish, The Peterborough School (where the vicar is a governor) and West Town Academy

We remained an accredited member of Inclusive Church and are working towards gaining an Eco Church award.

Church Buildings

St John's church remains sturdy and of sound structure and good order throughout. The fabric of St Luke's is also in a good state of repair.

Following the quinquennial inspection carried out in 2019 by our architect, Stephen Oliver, major projects were undertaken to care for St John's, such as works to replace the stonework, re-mortar and insert steel rods in the Tower and West Aisle Roof loose mortar was removed and made safe. Contractors have been appointed for the Chancel Roof re-covering and Quinquennial repairs at St Luke's, with work starting January 2021.

Financial

The parish met all its liabilities during 2020, with the Parish Share being paid in full despite the significant increase due to the revised calculation implemented during 2018.

Work continued to re-designate the fund known as the Sunday School Maintenance Fund for the wider ecclesiastical purposes of the parish. Notice was submitted to the Charity Commission at the request of our auditors. The Charity Commission confirmed that it sees no reason to object to the change. The proposal had previously been approved by the Diocesan Board of Finance.
The PCC used the Government Furlough scheme where it was not possible for employees to work.

The 2019 Accounts were submitted late but have been ratified.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Council

The Council is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of its state of affairs at the end of the year and of its income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements the council is required to:
i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

iii) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the church will continue as such.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Alan Williams

PCC Vice-Chairman
Date: 17 September 2021

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

I report to the members of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Baptist, Peterborough ('the Church) for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 9 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the regulations'), and the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and the 2011 Act do not apply.

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M A Jackson FCA DChA
Azets Holdings Limited
Date: 22 · 9 · 2021

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £	2019 £
INCOME FROM:							
Voluntary Income	2(a)	45,452	-	10,302	-	55,754	55,762
Activities for Generating funds	2(b)	808	2,821	-	-	3,629	11,461
Investment income	2(c)	9,226	172	8,361	-	17,759	18,937
Church Activities	2(d)	13,912	-	521	-	14,433	23,455
Other Incoming Resources	2(e)	1,863	-	14,633	-	16,496	1,564
TOTAL INCOME		71,261	2,993	33,817	-	108,071	111,179
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold & other cost	3(b)	450	-	-	-	450	1,395
Church Activities	3(c)	96,749	1,987	31,243	-	129,979	114,885
Governance costs	3(d)	2,160	-	-	-	2,160	1,054
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		99,359	1,987	31,243	-	132,589	117,334
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		(28,098)	1,006	2,574	-	(24,518)	(6,155)
Change in market value of Investment		-	-	-	11,811	11,811	84,833
Transfers		28,701	(34,364)	5,663	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		603	(33,358)	8,237	11,811	(12,707)	78,678
BALANCE brought forward at 1 January		12,094	316,855	67,482	548,203	944,634	865,956
BALANCE carried forward at 31 December		12,697	283,497	75,719	560,014	931,927	944,634

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these accounts

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	5	224,227	225,406
Investments	6	560,014	548,203
		784,241	773,609
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	1,054	11,838
Cash at bank and in hand	8	150,900	173,587
		151,954	185,425
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year	9	4,268	14,400
		4,268	14,400
TOTAL NET ASSETS		931,927	944,634
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted	10	12,697	12,094
Designated	11	283,497	316,855
Restricted	12	75,719	67,482
Endowment funds	13	560,014	548,203
		931,927	944,634

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16-06-21 and signed on its behalf by

Alun Williams
PCC Vice-Chairman

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these accounts

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PETERBOROUGH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Charity information

The Peterborough Parish Church (named after St John the Baptist) is the historic Parish Church for Peterbrough. Today it is home to a vibrant Church community and is in the Church of England Diocese of Peterborough.

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the forseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All income is accounted for gross, as long as it is capable of financial measurement.

1.4 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

1.6 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provision of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Fincancial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to a contractual provision of the instrument.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.7 Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to the year 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

No cost information is available for the church hall so it is included at a deemed cost being its 2012 valuation.

The property is not depreciated due to the high value placed on the building, the longevity of its existence, which in turn suggests the longevity of its future existence.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four to five years.

1.8 Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the PCC for a specific purpose.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Endowment funds are funds held for the long term investment.

1.9 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees and required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2 INCOME

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) **Voluntary Income**					
Planned giving stewardship	35,310	-	-	35,310	34,670
Tax recoverable	2,562	-	587	3,149	9,690
Collections (open plate)	824		-	824	4,852
Gift Aid envelopes	1,310		-	1,310	2,159
George Wyman Bequest Income to Curate Fund	568	-	-	568	513
Donations and legacies	4,878	-	9,715	14,593	3,878
	45,452	-	10,302	55,754	55,762
2(b) **Activities for generating funds**					
Coffee mornings	-	2,821	-	2,821	9,256
Social event	288	-	-	288	665
Traidcraft	520	-	-	520	1,540
	808	2,821	-	3,629	11,461
2(c) **Investment income**					
Dividends	9,123	-	8,361	17,484	18,088
Interest	103	172	-	275	849
	9,226	172	8,361	17,759	18,937
2(d) **Church activities**					
Church hire and hall rent	11,406	-	-	11,406	18,972
Flowers	-	-	305	305	627
Fees	2,096	-	176	2,272	2,896
Trading income - cards & picture sales	410	-	40	450	960
	13,912	-	521	14,433	23,455
2(e) **Other incoming resources**					
Insurance and dilapidation claims	-	-	6,788	6,788	1,564
Tower fund	-	-	145	145	-
Grant income	1,863	-	7,700	9,563	-
	1,863	-	14,633	16,496	1,564
TOTAL INCOME	71,261	2,993	33,817	108,071	111,179

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) **Cost of generating voluntary income**					
Planned giving	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
3(b) **Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold & other costs**					
Traidcraft	450	-	-	450	1,395
	450	-	-	450	1,395
3(c) **Church activities**					
Missionary and charitable giving	31	-	10	41	6,170
Parish Share	52,620	-	-	52,620	51,231
Utilities	6,721	-	-	6,721	7,043
Routine maintenance	345	-	89	434	1,409
Church fabric maintenance	-	1,987	29,937	31,924	8,692
Quinquennial work	-	-	-	-	1,140
Organ maintenance	-	-	768	768	744
Incumbent expenses	2,551	-	-	2,551	1,450
Insurance	9,037	-	-	9,037	8,203
Upkeep of services	865	-	20	885	1,143
Administration	5,652	-	47	5,699	6,567
Wages and salaries	16,754	-	-	16,754	16,963
Stewarding and music services	478		288	766	2,347
Flowers expenditure	-	-	84	84	507
Diocesan fees	516	-	-	516	784
Depreciation	1,179	-	-	1,179	492
	96,749	1,987	31,243	129,979	114,885
3(d) **Governance costs**					
Independent examiners fees	1,260	-	-	1,260	1,054
Accountancy Fees	900	-	-	900	-
	2,160	-	-	2,160	1,054
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	99,359	1,987	31,243	132,589	117,334

4 WAGES AND SALARIES

During the year the PCC employed a number of people. The total cost of these appointments was £14,548 (2019 - £16,963), including employer's national insurance contributions.
The average number of employees on the payroll during the year was 3 (2019 - 3).
No employees have been paid over £60,000 per annum during 2020 or 2019.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

5 FIXED ASSETS

Tangible	Property £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation:			
At 1 January 2020	220,000	12,029	232,029
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	220,000	12,029	232,029
Depreciation:			
At 1 January 2020	-	6,623	6,623
Charge for the year	-	1,179	1,179
At 31 December 2020	-	7,802	7,802
Net Book value:			
At 1 January 2020	220,000	5,406	225,406
At 31 December 2020	220,000	4,227	224,227

The property comprises of the church hall at Mayors Walk, Peterborough.
A valuation of the property was undertaken by Jolliffe Daking, Chartered Surveyors, on 6 December 2012.

6 INVESTMENTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Brought forward	548,203	463,370
Change in market value during the year	11,811	84,833
Carried Forward	560,014	548,203

The investments are administered by Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance on behalf of the Church and held with CCLA and M&G Equities.

7 DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	2019 £
Tax recoverable on stewardship	-	-	-	-	9,160
Accrued income	1,054	-	-	1,054	761
Prepayments and accrued interest	-	-	-	-	65
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	1,852
	1,054	-	-	1,054	11,838

8 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
CCLA Investment Accounts:					
CBF St John's Burial Fund Interest Account	2,520	-	-	2,520	13,916
Deposit Account (Sale of Holdich Street)	-	27,507	17,647	45,154	44,963
Saint Johns Fabric Fund	-	-	7,035	7,035	7,005
Saint Lukes Fabric Fund	-	-	15,004	15,004	14,941
Barclays Current Account	12,785	-	35,725	48,510	59,716
Virgin Savings Account	-	31,763	-	31,763	31,763
Cash in hand	606	-	308	914	1,283
	15,911	59,270	75,719	150,900	173,587

9 CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Accruals for utilities and other costs	4,268	-	-	4,268	14,400
	4,268	-	-	4,268	14,400

10 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance as at 1.1.20	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£	£
General account	-	71,261	(99,359)	37,221	9,123
CBF St John's Burial Fund Interest Account	12,094	-	-	(8,520)	3,574
	12,094	71,261	(99,359)	28,701	12,697

The CBF St John's Burial Fund Interest Account unrestricted fund, is money held seperately from the main account, but can used for any purpose.

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11 DESIGNATED FUNDS

	Balance as at 1.1.20	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£	£
Holdich Street sale	71,195	172	-	(34,364)	37,003
Church hall	220,000	-	-	-	220,000
Dilapidations settlement	22,655	-	-	-	22,655
Coffee shop	1,018	2,821	-	-	3,839
Saint John's Fabric Fund	1,987	-	(1,987)	-	-
	316,855	2,993	(1,987)	(34,364)	283,497

The Holdich Street Sale fund relates to proceeds from the sale of a property on Holdich Street as well as the sale of treasury stock, which have been designated for the purpose of the fabric of the church. The PCC decided to use Holdich Street designated funds to maintain a minimum reserve of unrestricted funds to cover annual wages.

The Church hall fund is the designated funds represented by the investment in the church hall and dilapidation settlement.

The coffee shop is the designated funds from incoming donations and sales less any charitable donations made as a result of the fundraising activity.

12 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance as at 1.1.20	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£	£
Saint John's Fabric Fund	30	24,244	(29,937)	5,663	-
Saint Luke's Fabric Fund	11,302	-	(89)	-	11,213
Income from Reichmann Bequest Fund	1,503	474	-	-	1,977
The St John's Fund - for the Ecclesiastical Purposes of the Parish	52,021	7,887	(308)	-	59,600
Income from Muriel Elizabeth Snowdon Fund	559	-	-	-	559
Income from Book of Remembrance Fund	538	10	(10)	-	538
Organ restoration	66	897	(768)	-	195
Special restriction fund	512	305	(84)	-	733
Contactless donations box	941	-	(47)	-	894
Toilet twinning	10	-	-	-	10
	67,482	33,817	(31,243)	5,663	75,719

The Saint John's Fabric Fund represents funds held for the purpose of the fabric of St Johns Church.

The Saint Luke Fabric Fund represents funds held for the purpose of the fabric of either St Luke's Church or St John's Church.

Income from Reichman Bequest represents income from the endowment fund in respect of the assistant curated fund.

As described in note 13, the 'Income from the Sunday School maintenance fund' has been redesignated as 'The St John's Fund - for the Ecclesiastical Purposes of the Parish'. This fund represents the income from the related endowment fund which may be applied for the Ecclesiastical purposes of the Parish.

The Book of rememberance fundraising activity has reached its conclusion and the fund has been used to purchase a book and to build a cabinet, in which to place the book. The Cabinet and book have been included in fixed assets and the remaining fund will be reduced each by a depreciation factor.

13 ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	Balance as at 1.1.20	Incoming Resources	Sale of Treasury Stocks	Changes in Market Value	Balance as at 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£	£
Reichmann Bequest	15,834	-	-	1,055	16,889
The St John's Fund - for the Ecclesiastical Purposes of the Parish	263,441	-	-	17,558	280,999
Burial Ground Fund	268,928	-	-	(6,802)	262,126
	548,203	-	-	11,811	560,014

The Reichman Bequest represents an investment from a bequest in the will of Mrs A E Reichmann in 1934, from which the income is to be paid as an augmentation to the Assistant Curates Fund.

The Sunday School Maintenance Fund has been redesignated this year as The St John's Fund - for the Ecclesiastical Puposes of the Parish. This has been agreed by the Trustees and the Diocesan Board of Finance.

The Burial Ground fund represents funds received from the Peterborough Development Corporation following the compulsory purchase of the old burial ground. The funds can be used for any purpose.

14 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 represented by:						
Fixed Assets		-	220,000	4,227	560,014	784,241
Current Assets:						
Debtors	7	1,054	-	-	-	1,054
Bank	8	15,911	59,270	75,719	-	150,900
Current Liabilities	9	(4,268)	-	-	-	(4,268)
		12,697	279,270	79,946	560,014	931,927

15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The church is one of 7 legal members of Churches Together in Central Peterborough, a separate charity. During the year a contribution of £300 (2019: £450) was made to the work of that charity

The church receives rental income from St John The Baptist (Peterborough) Development C.I.C. in respect of events held in the church. There are Directors and members common to both Organisation.

The George Wyman bequest to the curate fund. The church wardens are the trustees with interest received being paid to the church. During the year £568 (2019: £513) was received.