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ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

FOR THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter-in-the-Forest, Walthamstow has the responsibility of cooperating with the Minister-in-Charge - the Reverend Canon Alex Summers, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of: the parish church building; the Peterhouse Church & Community Centre at 122 and 122a Forest Rise, Walthamstow.

As stated in the Preface to the Declaration of Assent (set out in Canon C 15 of the Canons of the Church of England): "The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, The Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider that the activities of the charity meet its objectives and provide a benefit to the public.

Fr Alex Summers

Minister in Charge Report

Dear Friends,

One of the main highlights of my own ministry this past year is to see both Bernard and Rachel ordained as deacons. They are both a blessing to our church and parish and it is a privilege to be Bernard's training incumbent. Rachel's training incumbent is Revd Dr Elizabeth Lowson, Rector of St Mary Woodford; and while Elizabeth is responsible for Rachel's training, we have a share in her formation as an ordained minister here at St Peter's. I'm blessed to minister alongside Bernard, Rachel, Sally and Sue.

2023 saw me take up a post as a secondary school English teacher (two days a week at The Urswick School in Hackney). I was originally trained as a primary school teacher and never thought I'd teach at secondary level. It has been both a steep learning curve and a joy!

I have continued to serve as the Chaplain (RNR) of HMS President and enjoy all the adventures and learning opportunities that come with naval chaplaincy.

2023

Numbers are steadily growing in our worshipping community and the introduction of a 'creative Sunday' Eucharist (every 4th Sunday of the month) has been a real success, not least because of the appeal to all ages. There has also been an increase in attendance at some of our main seasonal services, such as the carol service and the family crib service. We have continued to play to our gifts and strengths in offering outdoor activities and services and a place where all feel included and welcome. We are also so fortunate to have our very own café, wonderful volunteers, and an increasingly beautiful churchyard kept by a brilliant team of gardeners.

Looking ahead – May 2024 and beyond

The PCC has recently agreed to the establishment of new sub-committees to aid the smooth and more manageable running of the parish between PCC meetings. These can be put into good effect once new PCC has been formed:

Finance, Administration and Buildings (FAB) which would have oversight of those three areas and work with the churchwardens to support the parish operations manager (POM) and the Treasurer to help facilitate smooth and efficient operations and be in a position to bring any necessary recommendations or advice to either the PCC or the Standing Committee in a timely fashion. This committee would be able to work within the budgetary expenditure of the POM and to liaise with the Treasurer on routine matters of expenditure or within parameters previously agreed by the PCC.

Ministry, Mission and Evangelism (MME) which would comprise the Licensed Ministers of the parish together with other persons whose wisdom, skill and expertise would prove valuable to the work committee, on a temporary or permanent basis and assist in delivering the mission of God in the parish.

Additional members would be co-opted as necessary and anticipate being project or event specific.

The MME would have oversight of the existing ministry in the parish, including acts of worship, and work and liaise with the Incumbent and Lead Ministers (where designated). It would also be responsible for the spirituality across the parish and developing new ways of delivering mission and ministry within the parish. It should have in view the developing of mission partnerships (ecumenical or otherwise) with other bodies.

The core areas of activity would be Children and Families; Music; Pioneering; Worship; Spirituality.

Challenges and Opportunities (unashamedly copied from last year's report because they remain so!)

There are challenges (but these can also be read as exciting opportunities!) ahead: increased use and hire of our buildings, growth in mission and ministry presence, engaging more people in our worship and community activities (inside and outside the church building), becoming bolder and more confident in God's calling of each of us.

None of these things are insurmountable – they are simply opportunities to joyfully engage more, participate more, and trust more in God's goodness and provision. We have the greatest gift already – each of us!

Thank you!

As always, there are so many people to thank, so here's a big "thank you" to all all of you!

With love and blessings.

Father Alex Summers

Safeguarding

Emily Morrell took over as Parish Safeguarding Officer in July 2023 when Rachel Summers (the previous PSO) took up her curacy at St Peter's. Sally Lye is also supporting with this work, in particular any administrative requirements.

Emily has been familiarising herself with the safeguarding requirements and ensuring that all role holders' training and documentation is up-to-date. The new churchwardens will be DBS checked.

Anyone within the church community is encouraged to do basic safeguarding awareness training which can be accessed online via

<https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/church-of-england-safeguarding-courses>. Please put your parish name as 'Walthamstow St Peter's'.

A new Church of England Safeguarding poster has been put up in church.

If anyone has any questions or safeguarding concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Emily (07830 147511, emslondon@gmail.com).

Emily Morrell (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Data Protection (GDPR)

The PCC agreed we need to receive permission from the congregation to store their data on Church Desk and indicate that what we will be using their information for. This information is stored on Church Desk which is GDPR compliant and where we have a secure routine back up to preserve our data.

In 2023 there were no reported breaches of GDPR. We will continue to uphold the GDPR regulations.

Pam Bollen (Parish Data Controller)

Parochial Church Council Business

This report covers the period January to December 2023.

The number of Parochial Church Council Members (and therefore trustees) numbered at the end of 2023 s within the legal number required for a congregation of our size.

In 2023 met 7 times during the year including the mini meeting we held immediately after the APCM when the following roles were proposed and approved.

Role	Nominated
Vice Chair	Tony Doherty
PCC Secretary	Pam Bollen
Treasurer	Ruth Williams
Electoral Roll	Debbie Carson
Standing Committee	Father Alex, Pam Bollen, George Marshall, Brian Cook, Ruth Williams (Non voting), Bernard Eaton and Dan Hall

All PCC meetings were held face-to-face as well as by zoom for those unable to attend in person. The PCC has a Parish Safeguarding Officer Emily Morrell who took over this role during the year from Rachel Summers. Thank you Rachel for all your hard work and the handover to Emily and thank you to Emily for taking over this role.

In 2023 we had a good cross section of the congregation on the PCC however, Frances Burley felt that their input was limited due to personal reasons and therefore resigned. It was a shame and hopefully they will wish to become part of the PCC again.

At the beginning of the year Fr Alex was welcomed into the church as the Priest-in-charge with a service held in February. This was a lovely service and, I believe, that the whole congregation heaved a sigh of relief that we had such a lovely vicar at St Peter's.

After the APCM last year and after many years Frances Downing stepped down from being church warden after an extremely long period of service over a very difficult time including the church building project, interregnum and covid. It is with sincere gratitude to Frances for all her hard work over the years. George Marshall and Brian Cooke are now the new church wardens. The Standing Committee after the APCM was agreed and this included: Alex, Bernard, George, Brian, Ruth (non-voting), Dan and Pam.

Red Balloon

2023 has been a busy year for the PCC with a vast variety of subjects. One of the main subjects was to review the SLA we have with Red Balloon which took some time with a variety of comments from the PCC members and then a small group (Father Alex, Bernard, George and Brian – the church wardens) to take the review forward with Luke Lowrie. This resulted in reduced services to the church and therefore our payment for these services was reflected. Red Balloon also vacated the office premises which reduced their monthly payment to us which also helped with their budgeting. It was felt by some PCC members that any work with Red Balloon was not required however at the end of 2023 there was still a working agreement in place.

Peterhouse

Under the excellent administration and management of Peterhouse and our chch space, Sally Lye continued to ensure our buildings remained clean, even during bookings and any maintenance work was carried out with the approval of the PCC. Peterhouse is now adhering to legislation regarding Legionnaire testing and Sally is now the contact for Fire Safety for policies and procedures. A Fire Risk Assessment is also in place now. Anita is the Fire Safety Manager. There is a requirement for more Fire Marshalls as well as more people to take First Aid courses

Community Engagement Officer

We employed Sarah Sharpton to replace Francis Ball as our new CEO at the start of the year and she carried out all the functions as per Francis. She left after 9 months (the period that we wished to employ her) but also she went back to the USA with her husband. We thanked Sarah for all her hard work over that period.

PCC Governance

Work started by Alex on future PCC working introducing various sub-committees and governance. This was well received by the PCC and work continued into 2024 when full reporting will be in next APCM report, however one item is that not all members of the sub-committee need be on the PCC as members of the congregation could also be asked to join.

Church

The church was used for various use during 2023:

- Londonn Forest Choir – they performed on Holy Saturday and a £200 donation was received. They would like to use St Peter's more as the sound quality is very good but ideally would like a piano or be able to put the electronic keyboard through the speakers.
- Community Living Room – an initiative run by the Council as well as a Warm Room during the winter months. This proved to be popular with local residents.

PCC members received regular reports on the church finances from the Treasurer. Maintaining a balance of the expenditure against the actual income and forecasting budgets continues to be challenging and members have appreciated the detailed updates from the Treasurers.

The PCC is grateful to everyone who works hard to make sure that the various services and activities run by St Peter's. We are also extremely grateful to all people who work in our churchyard, Peterhouse, the church and the cafe to make St Peter's a unique church.

Pam Bollen - PCC Secretary

Church Wardens Report

This is both an easy and a difficult report to write. Difficult, because there are no major achievements, nor sustained efforts towards an achievement, which I personally have brought about in the time since I became churchwarden a year ago. Easy, because many others have quietly and effectively given of their time to various aspects of what might be considered churchwardenly responsibilities and it's time to acknowledge this.

At the risk of leaving someone important out, here are some names.

Frances: Her light touch succession handling has been greatly appreciated. She has highlighted the important things a churchwarden should do and refrained from judgment if/when one of her successors has failed to do them. She continues to be everywhere and in everything, running the café, planning social events, making announcements in church, ringing the bell and so much more.

Sally Holman, Bernard and Rachel: Each probably fulfils many more churchwardenly duties than I am aware of and sometimes I find this out after the event. In particular I'd like to mention Rachel's forest school for children which she runs entirely independently and is a huge success.

Philippa and her graveyard gardening team: Thanks to them the graveyard has never in my memory looked as glorious and well kept.

Beryl: who quietly takes on practical things which only she gets to. Her care for the message our buildings and notices are sending out is remarkable and much valued.

Elizabeth Perl: Looking at what people produced in them, I wish I had attended her practical "art for all" sessions. I believe this is a wonderful addition to what St Peter's does.

Sally Lye: Her efficient management of Peterhouse, its hirings and all aspects of building maintenance are hugely appreciated.

There are of course many others whom I haven't mentioned. I hope they forgive me!

Other items of note from the year follow.

On becoming churchwardens Brian and I were plunged straight away into the problems with Red Balloon. Led by Alex and Bernard we sat in on the re-negotiation of the agreement we have with them, in the hope that a reduction of RB's obligations towards St Peter's would enable them to catch up with their financial and regulatory responsibilities. Present indications are that this turns out not to have succeeded so far and we have felt obliged, with the PCC's approval, to put the entire future relationship on hold. A decision needs to be taken well before the new school year in September.

Thanks to Frances, a dangerously leaning tree in the graveyard close to the south-west corner of the church was removed without fuss.

At Peterhouse Sally has efficiently managed amendments to the plumbing, redecoration of the upstairs rooms and staircase, a thorough cleaning of the hall and installation of storage cupboards for tables and chairs.

Sincere thanks are due to Brian for funding purchase of the red admiral butterfly picture which now hangs in the church.

At its 23rd November meeting the PCC assigned to me the responsibility of getting a new noticeboard installed facing Woodford New Road to show service times and contact details. A quote from a company specialising in church noticeboards has been obtained and approval given by the PCC in March. The advice from the diocese mentions the need to be sure of planning consent, so I have enquired with Waltham Forest council and am waiting for a reply.

In February Waltham Forest council informed us that they intend to renew the railings to the left of the entrance to the churchyard on Woodford New Road. Thanks to Philippa we have concluded that they are referring to some almost entirely overgrown railings along the border of the churchyard between the gate and the toilet/shed building. We have informed them that we would like to be told in advance of this work happening. So far there has been no further news.

I have started work on keeping the register of buildings and property up to date to include a record of the lottery grant renovations.

George Marshall with input from Brian Cook (Church Wardens)

Electoral Roll

As of 27th April 2024 there are 59 names on the Electoral Roll of St Peter in-the-Forest. Two have been removed: Bernard Eaton, who has been ordained and is no longer eligible to be on a parish electoral roll, and Stanley Bird, who passed away last year. In 2025 there will be a complete revision of the roll. Three new members have been added.

Summary:

April 2018	90
April 2019	48 (complete revision)
Sept 2020	48
May 2021	49
May 2022	57
May 2023	58
April 2024	59

Debbie Carson (Electoral Roll Officer)

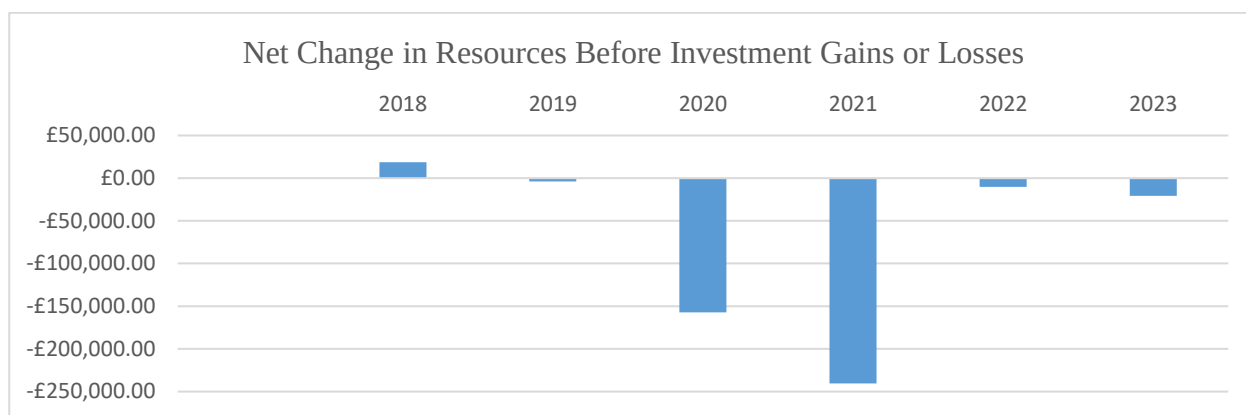
2023 Financial Review

Firstly, a reminder of some definitions: Restricted funds are those only expendable in accordance with the specific wishes of the donor and/or grant provider. Designated funds are those ear-marked by the PCC for a particular project or purpose. Unrestricted funds are those expendable at the discretion of the PCC, in furtherance of the objects of the parish.

Secondly, some information on the two types of annual accounts. Before 2018, the parish's annual accounts were prepared on the receipts and payments basis. All income or expenditure was recorded in the year that the money was actually received or paid out. If a charity's annual income or expenditure exceeds £250K, accounts must be prepared on the accrual basis. Income has to be recorded in the year that the entitlement to receive the money arose; expenditure has to be recorded in the year when the liability to pay the money arose. As the parish's annual income in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 was over £250K, the accounts for these years were presented on the accrual basis. The income for 2023 was under £250K, but, for ease of comparison with the previous five years, the 2023 accounts are presented on the accrual basis.

Overview

There was a deficit of £20.4K on total income of £190.7K.



The “St Peter’s: A Unique Forest Church” project finally ended at the end of July.

The parish is still heavily reliant on the income from hiring out spaces in Peterhouse. During 2023, The Red Balloon Family Foundation (RBFF) moved out of the Beech, Oak and Poplar Rooms.

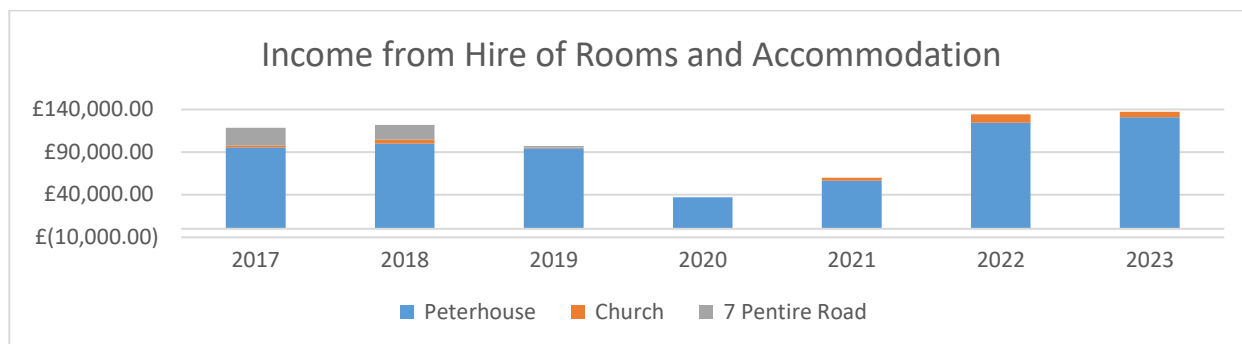
Income

Total unrestricted and designated income for the parish in 2023 was £176.0K (a fall of 13% compared to £202.0K in 2022). This fall was mainly due to the relative sizes of the insurance claims in the two years (2023: £1.8K, 2022: £30.9K).

Unrestricted income from planned voluntary donations was £13.6K (£14.3K in 2022), and a further £3.7K (£4.1K in 2022) was from Gift Aid.



Income from hiring out rooms and renting out the flat above Peterhouse increased by just 2%, from £134.2K in 2022 to £137.2K in 2023. Income from hiring out rooms in the church building (included in these figures) actually fell by 35% from £9.6K in 2022 to £6.3K in 2023.



Restricted income of £14.6K (a fall of 72% compared to £52.6K in 2022) was also received. Only 43% of the restricted income was for the “St Peter’s: A Unique Forest Church” project; 49% was grants from the council towards the cost of running the Upper Walthamstow Community Living Room in the church nave.

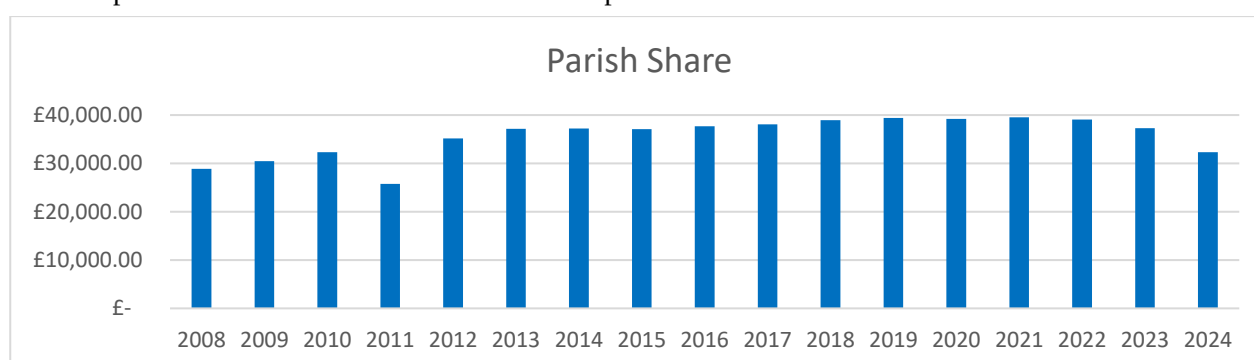
Total income in 2023 was £190.7K, a fall of 25% compared with £254.6K in 2022.

Payments

Total expenditure in 2023 was £211.3K, 20% less than the £265.2K spent in 2022. Unrestricted and designated expenditure was £184.1K in 2023, just 3% less than the £190.5K spent in 2022. Restricted expenditure was £27.1K in 2023, 64% less than the £74.8K spent in 2022.

The largest area of expenditure (one third of the total) in 2023 was the running costs of Peterhouse; £70.9K, a decrease of 11% on the £79.6K spent in 2022. Expenditure on maintenance, renovations and repairs of the building and grounds fell by 28% from £52.2K in 2022 to £37.8K in 2023. Repairs and renovations included: building a wooden post and wire fence on the eastern boundary abutting the forest; repainting the Hornbeam Room, the stairwell, and the corridor to the downstairs toilets; replacing a broken knuckle and spring for the lift door gear ; replacing a defective variable temperature compensating valve actuator in the heating circuit; replacing a leaking concealed cistern in the ladies' toilets, followed by replacing the vinyl flooring in ladies toilets and corridor leading to there; replacing lighting in Beech, Oak and Poplar Rooms; replacing locks on several doors; replacing the storage shed for use by occupants of flat; replacing the vinyl flooring on the stairs and in the stair lobby; replacing thermostatic mixing valves (TMVs) and gate valves in the hot water system; work on the CCTV system, including replacing the hard drive; and work on the trees in the front and rear gardens.

The second largest area of expenditure in 2023 (18% of the total) was the Parish Share. This is the contribution that the parish makes to the Diocese of Chelmsford towards the costs of stipends and housing for clergy, plus the diocese’s centralised expenditure. In 2023, the parish paid £37,270, equivalent to £3,105.83 per month, or £714.77 per week. This was a decrease of 5% compared to 2022.



The third largest area of expenditure in 2023 (16% of the total) was salaries. Excluding the Community Engagement Officer’s salary for January to July (which is included in the project figures), but including the Community Engagement Officer’s salary for August and September, staff costs rose by 14% from £30.4K in 2022 to £34.7K in 2023.

The fourth largest area of expenditure in 2023 (12%) was the running costs of the church building, which fell by 15%, from £28.8K in 2022 to £24.6K in 2023.

The fifth largest area of expenditure (10% of the total) in 2023 was the “St Peter’s: A Unique Forest Church” project: £21.7K, a decrease of 70% on the £72.5K spent in 2022. The salary of the Community Engagement Officer for January to July accounted for 67% of this expenditure.

Balances

The deficit for 2023 was £20.4K, almost twice the deficit of £10.9K for 2022. There was a deficit of £8.1K on the unrestricted and designated funds in 2023, compared to a £11.5K surplus in 2022. For the “St Peter’s: A Unique Forest Church” project, there was a deficit of £13.9K in 2023, a 32% decrease compared to the deficit of £20.5K in 2022. For other restricted funds, there was a surplus of £1.4K in 2023, compared to a deficit of £1.6K in 2022.

Net current assets at the end of the year fell by 10%, from £198.8K for 2022 to £178.5K for 2023. After £13.8K was transferred from designated to restricted funds to cover the deficit on the “St Peter’s: A Unique Forest Church” project, unrestricted funds stood at £38.5K, designated funds stood at £136.2K (of which £119.2K (compared to £133.1K at the end of 2022) remained from the sale of 7 Pentire Road) and restricted funds stood at £3.8K.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain unrestricted reserves in the bank current account of three months’ normal average expenditure (excluding major building repairs and renovations, and the costs of the “St Peter’s: A Unique Forest Church” project). These reserves are held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The current target is £42K and this was met at the end of 2023.

Ruth Williams (Treasurer)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER WALTHAMSTOW

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter Walthamstow

I report to the PCC trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter Walthamstow ('the PCC') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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



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7 May 2024

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter-in-the-Forest, Walthamstow
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Restricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Designated Funds 2022 (restated)	Total Funds 2022 (restated)
Incoming Resources									
<i>Income from Donations and Legacies</i>	2	£20,005.37	£14,198.72	£15.00	£34,219.09	£21,134.87	£52,139.76	£5.00	£73,279.63
<i>Income from Other Trading Activities</i>	3	£13,665.56	£326.53	£279.00	£14,271.09	£12,705.90	£0.00	£345.24	£13,051.14
<i>Income from Investments</i>	4	£0.24	£115.91	£666.40	£782.55	£0.07	£80.69	£189.14	£269.90
<i>Income from Charitable Activities</i>	5	£139,297.06	£0.00	£349.70	£139,646.76	£136,279.88	£400.00	£359.00	£137,038.88
<i>Income from Insurance Claims</i>		£1,764.80	£0.00	£0.00	£1,764.80	£30,946.91	£0.00	£0.00	£30,946.91
Total Incoming Resources		£174,733.03	£14,641.16	£1,310.10	£190,684.29	£201,067.63	£52,620.45	£898.38	£254,586.46
Resources Expended									
<i>Cost of Raising Funds</i>	8	£3,214.04	£0.00	£0.00	£3,214.04	£3,406.41	£0.00	£0.26	£3,406.67
<i>Charitable Activities</i>	9	£180,328.73	£27,123.15	£585.59	£208,037.47	£186,641.06	£74,771.02	£419.37	£261,831.45
Total Resources Expended		£183,542.77	£27,123.15	£585.59	£211,251.51	£190,047.47	£74,771.02	£419.63	£265,238.12
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources Before Investment Gains		-£8,809.74	-£12,481.99	£724.51	-£20,567.22	£11,020.16	-£22,150.57	£478.75	-£10,651.66
Net Gains/Losses On Investments		£0.00	£209.94	£0.00	£209.94	£0.00	-£297.72	£0.00	-£297.72
Net Incoming Resources for the Year		-£8,809.74	-£12,272.05	£724.51	-£20,357.28	£11,020.16	-£22,448.29	£478.75	-£10,949.38
Other Recognised Gains/Losses (Revaluation of Fixed Assets)		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Transfers Between Funds		£0.00	£13,824.25	-£13,824.25	£0.00	£0.00	£19,811.86	-£19,811.86	£0.00
Net Movement in Funds		-£8,809.74	£1,552.20	-£13,099.74	-£20,357.28	£11,020.16	-£2,636.43	-£19,333.11	-£10,949.38
Total Funds Brought Forward at 1 January (Restated)		£47,291.25	£2,271.45	£149,263.79	£198,826.49	£36,271.09	£4,907.88	£168,596.90	£209,775.87
Total Funds Carried Forward at 31 December		£38,481.51	£3,823.65	£136,164.05	£178,469.21	£47,291.25	£2,271.45	£149,263.79	£198,826.49

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter-in-the-Forest, Walthamstow
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Restricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Designated Funds 2022 (restated)	Total Funds 2022 (restated)
Fixed Assets									
Investments		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Fixed Assets		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Current Assets									
Cash at Bank and in Hand	11	£43,756.93	£1,874.87	£136,199.11	£181,830.91	£34,838.12	-£35,755.42	£149,247.23	£148,329.93
Investments	12	£0.00	£2,441.37	£0.00	£2,441.37	£0.00	£2,231.43	£0.00	£2,231.43
Debtors	13	£17,391.82	£574.11	£45.56	£18,011.49	£30,339.09	£39,013.94	£16.56	£69,369.59
		£61,148.75	£4,890.35	£136,244.67	£202,283.77	£65,177.21	£5,489.95	£149,263.79	£219,930.95
Creditors	14	-£22,667.24	-£1,066.70	-£80.62	-£23,814.56	-£17,885.96	-£3,218.50	£0.00	-£21,104.46
Net Current Assets		£38,481.51	£3,823.65	£136,164.05	£178,469.21	£47,291.25	£2,271.45	£149,263.79	£198,826.49
NET ASSETS		£38,481.51	£3,823.65	£136,164.05	£178,469.21	£47,291.25	£2,271.45	£149,263.79	£198,826.49

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the Second of April 2024



Rev AWM Summers, Chair

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter-in-the-Forest, Walthamstow

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter Walthamstow is a registered charity established by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended, and Church Representation rules. The principal address is The Parish Office, Peterhouse Church and Community Centre, 122 Forest Rise, Walthamstow, London, E17 3PW.

1 Accounting Policies

a Basis of financial statements

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the PCC's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The PCC is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The PCC has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice that is referred to in the Regulations, but which has since been withdrawn. The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of fixed asset investments and current asset investments being measured at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

b Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are income funds that are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from trusts or endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future.

c Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Income from the recovery of tax on gift-aided donations is accounted for in the period in which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis. The income from charitable activities includes rental income, from the letting of church premises and other buildings, which is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in the costs of charitable activities.

d Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when an obligation exists, payment is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

e Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind such as the church building is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church contents are held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for disposal. They are considered by the PCC to be inalienable property. Investments are valued at market value at 31st December.

f Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the PCC have a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the PCC continues to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

g Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

h Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the PCC is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment or to provide termination benefits.

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i Retirement benefits

The PCC operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the PCC in an independently administered fund. Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Restricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Designated Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022 (restated)
Planned Giving	£13,565.70	£0.00	£0.00	£13,565.70	£14,280.60	£0.00	£0.00	£14,280.60
Collections at Services	£623.00	£0.00	£0.00	£623.00	£1,302.10	£0.00	£0.00	£1,302.10
Donations	£1,062.44	£653.26	£12.00	£1,727.70	£1,493.57	£539.50	£4.00	£2,037.07
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	£3,709.23	£122.50	£3.00	£3,834.73	£4,058.60	£71.13	£1.00	£4,130.73
Grants	£1,045.00	£13,422.96	£0.00	£14,467.96	£0.00	£51,529.13	£0.00	£51,529.13
	£20,005.37	£14,198.72	£15.00	£34,219.09	£21,134.87	£52,139.76	£5.00	£73,279.63

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Designated Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022 (restated)
Church of England Grants	£1,045.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,045.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Heritage Lottery Fund	£0.00	£6,308.96	£0.00	£6,308.96	£0.00	£44,429.13	£0.00	£44,429.13
Other Government Grants	£0.00	£7,114.00	£0.00	£7,114.00	£0.00	£1,600.00	£0.00	£1,600.00
Reclaimed VAT	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,500.00	£0.00	£5,500.00
	£1,045.00	£13,422.96	£0.00	£14,467.96	£0.00	£51,529.13	£0.00	£51,529.13

3 Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Designated Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022
Christian Aid Week Cream Tea	£0.00	£305.53	£0.00	£305.53	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Harvest Festival - Sale of Preserves in Aid of Christian Kitchen	£0.00	£21.00	£0.00	£21.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Activities and Events - Gross Receipts	£7,308.28	£0.00	£279.00	£7,587.28	£6,891.82	£0.00	£345.24	£7,237.06
Rising Sun Café in Church - Gross Takings	£6,357.28	£0.00	£0.00	£6,357.28	£5,814.08	£0.00	£0.00	£5,814.08
	£13,665.56	£326.53	£279.00	£14,271.09	£12,705.90	£0.00	£345.24	£13,051.14

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4 Investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Designated Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022
CBF Deposit Interest	£0.24	£49.18	£666.40	£715.82	£0.07	£13.96	£189.14	£203.17
CBF Investment Fund Interest	£0.00	£66.73	£0.00	£66.73	£0.00	£66.73	£0.00	£66.73
	£0.24	£115.91	£666.40	£782.55	£0.07	£80.69	£189.14	£269.90

5 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Restricted Funds 2022	Designated Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022 (restated)
Statutory Fees (Gross)	£2,011.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,011.00	£2,053.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,053.00
Room Hire - Church	£6,274.42	£0.00	£0.00	£6,274.42	£9,643.46	£0.00	£0.00	£9,643.46
Room Rental - Peterhouse	£62,918.00	£0.00	£0.00	£62,918.00	£74,818.00	£0.00	£0.00	£74,818.00
Room Hire - Peterhouse	£62,001.24	£0.00	£0.00	£62,001.24	£46,239.56	£0.00	£0.00	£46,239.56
Rental Income - Peterhouse Flat	£6,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,000.00	£3,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,500.00
Provision of Refreshments	£0.00	£0.00	£349.70	£349.70	£0.00	£0.00	£359.00	£359.00
Other	£92.40	£0.00	£0.00	£92.40	£25.86	£400.00	£0.00	£425.86
	£139,297.06	£0.00	£349.70	£139,646.76	£136,279.88	£400.00	£359.00	£137,038.88

6 Staff Costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022
Wages and Salaries	£34,192.28	£14,583.31	£48,775.59	£30,333.32	£18,269.20	£48,602.52
Social Security Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Employer's Contribution to Defined Contribution Pension Schemes	£520.68	£0.00	£520.68	£520.68	£407.68	£928.36
	£34,712.96	£14,583.31	£49,296.27	£30,854.00	£18,676.88	£49,530.88

Average Number of Employees on the Payroll During the Year	2023	2022
Full Time Staff	0.75	0.70
Part Time Staff	2.00	2.20
	2.75	2.90

There were no employees who received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

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7 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits and Related Party Transactions

Sally Lye, appointed as part-time Parish Assistant in November 2020, is the daughter of a Trustee, Frances Downing.

Sally Lye's job title was changed to Parish Operations Manager during 2022.

Sally Lye was paid a salary of £20,833 during 2023 (2022: £20,833).

Sally Lye and her family moved into the tied accommodation at 122A Forest Rise (aka the Peterhouse flat) in June 2022. The monthly rent is £500.

No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC members, persons closely connected to them, or other related parties.

8 Cost of Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Designated Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022
Rising Sun Café in Church - Supplies and Equipment	£2,727.83	£0.00	£0.00	£2,727.83	£2,672.68	£0.00	£0.00	£2,672.68
Booking Fees and Processing Fees for Debit Card Payments	£486.21	£0.00	£0.00	£486.21	£733.73	£0.00	£0.26	£733.99
	£3,214.04	£0.00	£0.00	£3,214.04	£3,406.41	£0.00	£0.26	£3,406.67

9 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Restricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Designated Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022 (restated)
Ministry Costs: Diocesan Parish Share	£37,270.00	£0.00	£0.00	£37,270.00	£39,081.00	£0.00	£0.00	£39,081.00
Church Building - Running Costs	£22,532.41	£2,068.86	£0.00	£24,601.27	£27,722.54	£1,115.87	£0.00	£28,838.41
"St Peter's: A Unique Forest Church" Project - Capital Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£33,000.00	£0.00	£33,000.00
"St Peter's: A Unique Forest Church" Project - Professional Fees	£0.00	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,000.00	£0.00	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,200.00
"St Peter's: A Unique Forest Church" Project - Activity Costs	£0.00	£18,660.85	£0.00	£18,660.85	£0.00	£38,262.48	£0.00	£38,262.48
Peterhouse Church and Community Centre - Running Costs	£70,900.91	£0.00	£13.00	£70,913.91	£79,592.45	£0.00	£13.00	£79,605.45
Parish - Other Running Costs	£8,386.54	£2,896.96	£572.59	£11,856.09	£3,863.77	£990.85	£351.08	£5,205.70
Support Costs (see Note 10)	£38,538.87	£496.48	£0.00	£39,035.35	£33,650.73	£201.82	£55.29	£33,907.84
Governance Costs (see Note 10)	£2,700.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,700.00	£2,730.57	£0.00	£0.00	£2,730.57
	£180,328.73	£27,123.15	£585.59	£208,037.47	£186,641.06	£74,771.02	£419.37	£261,831.45

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10 Support and Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Designated Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022
Support Costs								
Parish Office - Running Costs	£3,825.91	£496.48	£0.00	£4,322.39	£3,296.73	£201.82	£55.29	£3,553.84
Staff Costs	£34,712.96	£0.00	£0.00	£34,712.96	£30,354.00	£0.00	£0.00	£30,354.00
	£38,538.87	£496.48	£0.00	£39,035.35	£33,650.73	£201.82	£55.29	£33,907.84
Governance Costs								
Independent Examination Fees	£2,460.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,460.00	£2,460.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,460.00
Payroll Fees	£240.00	£0.00	£0.00	£240.00	£240.00	£0.00	£0.00	£240.00
	£2,700.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,700.00	£2,730.57	£0.00	£0.00	£2,730.57

11 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Restricted Funds (restated)	Designated Funds 2022 (restated)	Total Funds 2022 (restated)
Co-operative Bank Current Account	£43,531.83	£757.56	£120,962.91	£165,252.30	£34,235.39	-£36,818.94	£134,673.14	£132,089.59
The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	£5.62	£1,124.46	£15,236.20	£16,366.28	£5.38	£1,075.28	£14,569.82	£15,650.48
Uncleared Cheques	£60.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Cash in Hand	£159.48	-£7.15	£0.00	£152.33	£597.35	-£11.76	£4.27	£589.86
	£43,756.93	£1,874.87	£136,199.11	£181,830.91	£34,838.12	-£35,755.42	£149,247.23	£148,329.93

12 Investments

	Market value brought forward 1 January 2023	Gain on revaluation	Market value carried forward 31 December 2023
108 shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund - Revd Canon R A Pelly Trust for Maintenance of Church and Churchyard	£2,231.43	£209.94	£2,441.37

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13 Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Restricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Designated Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022 (restated)
Grants Receivable	£60.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£0.00	£38,180.58	£0.00	£38,180.58
Prepayments	£3,360.98	£0.00	£2.56	£3,363.54	£4,320.64	£445.68	£15.56	£4,781.88
Other Debtors	£13,970.84	£574.11	£43.00	£14,587.95	£26,018.45	£387.68	£1.00	£26,407.13
	<u>£17,391.82</u>	<u>£574.11</u>	<u>£45.56</u>	<u>£18,011.49</u>	<u>£30,339.09</u>	<u>£39,013.94</u>	<u>£16.56</u>	<u>£69,369.59</u>

14 Creditors

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Restricted Funds 2022 (restated)	Designated Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022 (restated)
Accounts Payable	-£2,103.76	-£1,026.04	-£80.62	-£3,210.42	-£2,466.87	-£2,402.55	£0.00	-£4,869.42
Other Payables	-£101.24	£0.00	£0.00	-£101.24	-£101.24	£0.00	£0.00	-£101.24
Accruals and Deferred Income	-£20,462.24	-£40.66	£0.00	-£20,502.90	-£15,317.85	-£815.95	£0.00	-£16,133.80
	<u>-£22,667.24</u>	<u>-£1,066.70</u>	<u>-£80.62</u>	<u>-£23,814.56</u>	<u>-£17,885.96</u>	<u>-£3,218.50</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>-£21,104.46</u>

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15 Statement of Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Income During Year	Expenditure During Year	Transfers	Other Gains and Losses	Balance at 31 December 2023
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	£47,291.25	£174,733.03	-£183,542.77	£0.00	£0.00	£38,481.51
Restricted Funds						
Building Project: St Peter's - a Unique Forest Church	£45.64	£6,308.96	-£20,178.85	£13,824.25	£0.00	-£0.00
Christian Aid (Cream Tea)	£0.00	£393.79	-£393.79	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Donation for Red Admiral Artwork	£0.00	£225.00	-£225.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Donation for Work with Children and Young People	£514.48	£23.53	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£538.01
Donations for Retirement Gift for Mrs FE Downing (former Churchwarden)	£0.00	£156.25	-£150.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6.25
Donations in Memory of Roger Diplock	£560.80	£25.65	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£586.45
Flowers	£51.93	£132.50	-£179.72	£0.00	£0.00	£4.71
Assorted Small Restricted Donations	£219.59	£194.75	-£192.94	£0.00	£0.00	£221.40
Upper Walthamstow Community Living Room	-£1,386.15	£7,114.00	-£5,727.85	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Revd Canon R A Pelly Trust - Interest	£33.73	£66.73	-£75.00	£0.00	£0.00	£25.46
Revd Canon R A Pelly Trust - Capital	£2,231.43	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£209.94	£2,441.37
	£2,271.45	£14,641.16	-£27,123.15	£13,824.25	£209.94	£3,823.65
Designated Funds						
Residential Rental Property	£133,063.12	£0.00	£0.00	-£13,824.25	£0.00	£119,238.87
Fabric Reserve	£14,311.39	£609.22	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£14,920.61
Parish Lunches	£1,558.48	£421.88	-£300.69	£0.00	£0.00	£1,679.67
Refreshments for Who Let the Dads Out?	£330.80	£279.00	-£284.90	£0.00	£0.00	£324.90
	£149,263.79	£1,310.10	-£585.59	-£13,824.25	£0.00	£136,164.05
Total Funds	£198,826.49	£190,684.29	-£211,251.51	£0.00	£209.94	£178,469.21

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15 Statement of Funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income During Year (restated)	Expenditure During Year (restated)	Transfers (restated)	Other Gains and Losses	Balance at 31 December 2022 (restated)
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	£36,271.09	£201,067.63	-£190,047.47	£0.00	£0.00	£47,291.25
Restricted Funds						
Building Project: St Peter's - a Unique Forest Church	£757.13	£50,339.13	-£70,862.48	£19,811.86	£0.00	£45.64
Donation for Work with Children and Young People	£507.81	£6.67	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£514.48
Donations for Leaving Gift for Mr FE Ball (former Community Engagement Officer)	£0.00	£111.88	-£111.88	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Donations for Moving Away Gift for Mrs P Bollen (PCC Secretary)	£0.00	£218.75	-£218.75	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Donations in Memory of Roger Diplock	£553.51	£7.29	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£560.80
Flowers	£73.77	£270.00	-£291.84	£0.00	£0.00	£51.93
Assorted Small Restricted Donations	£269.59	£0.00	-£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£219.59
Grant from Waltham Forest Council for Black History Month	£0.00	£1,500.00	-£1,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Upper Walthamstow Community Living Room	£0.00	£0.00	-£1,386.15	£0.00	£0.00	-£1,386.15
Grant from Waltham Forest Council for Windrush Weekend	£0.00	£100.00	-£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Revd Canon R A Pelly Trust - Interest	£216.92	£66.73	-£249.92	£0.00	£0.00	£33.73
Revd Canon R A Pelly Trust - Capital	£2,529.15	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£297.72	£2,231.43
	£4,907.88	£52,620.45	-£74,771.02	£19,811.86	-£297.72	£2,271.45
Designated Funds						
Residential Rental Property	£152,263.12	£0.00	£0.00	-£19,200.00	£0.00	£133,063.12
Fabric Reserve	£14,138.48	£172.91	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£14,311.39
Parish Lunches	£1,485.70	£380.23	-£307.45	£0.00	£0.00	£1,558.48
Refreshments for Who Let the Dads Out?	£97.74	£345.24	-£112.18	£0.00	£0.00	£330.80
Building Project: St Peter's - A Unique Forest Church	£611.86	£0.00	£0.00	-£611.86	£0.00	£0.00
	£168,596.90	£898.38	-£419.63	-£19,811.86	£0.00	£149,263.79
Total Funds	£205,137.58	£201,966.01	-£190,517.10	-£19,811.86	£0.00	£196,774.63

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15 Statement of Funds (continued)

Details of Material Funds

Building Project: St Peter's - A Unique Forest Church Fund

This fund represents the monies raised for and spent on the repair, restoration and re-ordering of the church building, and on the provision of three years of activities and events.

Nave Chairs Fund

This fund represents the monies raised for and spent on new chairs for the nave of the church building.

Fabric Reserve Fund

This fund was designated by the PCC for expenditure on the fabric of either Peterhouse or the church building.

Residential Rental Property Fund

This fund was designated by the PCC for the purchase of residential rental properties.

During 2020, the property at 7 Pentire Road was sold for £500,000.

During 2020, a transfer of £180,000 was made from this fund to pay off the outstanding loan from the Diocese of Chelmsford.

During 2020, a transfer of £89,005.40 was made from this fund to cover the deficit on the Building Project: St Peter's - A Unique Forest Church fund.

During 2020, a transfer of £6,219.60 was made from this fund to cover the deficit on the Nave Chairs restricted fund.

During 2021, a transfer of £48,726 was made from this fund to cover the deficit on the Building Project: St Peter's - A Unique Forest Church fund.

During 2021, a transfer of £18,750 was made from this fund to cover the deficit on the Nave Chairs restricted fund.

During 2022, a transfer of £19,200 was made from this fund to cover the deficit on the Building Project: St Peter's - A Unique Forest Church fund.

During 2023, a final transfer of £13,824.25 was made from this fund to cover the remaining deficit on the Building Project: St Peter's - A Unique Forest Church fund.

No further fundraising is planned to recoup these losses.

Upper Walthamstow Community Living Room Fund

In November 2022, Waltham Forest Council agreed to provide a £4,974 grant towards the cost of providing a Community Living Room in the church building from December 2022 to March 2023. This grant was received in January 2023.

In May 2023, Upper Walthamstow Ward agreed to provide a £2,140 grant towards the cost of providing a Community Living Room in the church building from July to December 2023. This grant was received in August 2023.

16 Defined Contribution Pension

The PCC operates a defined contribution scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the trust in an independently administered fund.

The charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes amounted to £1,214.88 (2022: £2,166) and the charge to the statement of financial position amounted to £101.24 (2022: £101.24).

17 Prior period adjustment

Adjustments have been made in the prior period restating a number of estimates to reflect actual receivables and liabilities. Individually and in aggregate they are not considered material.

Changes to Total Funds for 2022:	As Previously Reported	Adjustment	As Restated
Total Funds	£200,926.98	£2,100.49	£198,826.49

Summary Information

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Peter's-in-the-Forest, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Vicar), Churchwardens, the Assistant Curate, LLM's, the Reader, members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church, and members co-opted by the PCC. The PCC is entitled to elect 7 members as our electoral roll figure is under 50.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds, assets and other resources of the PCC are to be deployed and reviewed. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met seven times during the year.

The Standing Committee of the PCC is entrusted with delegated authority to work with the incumbent in between these meetings, in making day-to-day decisions about governance and oversight. The Standing Committee is the only sub-Committee required by Church law, and consists the Churchwardens, the Honorary Treasurer and the PCC Secretary, working alongside the incumbent. [*Church Representation Rules (2017) Appendix II. 14.*]

Administration

St Peter's-in-the-Forest church is visibly located in two public-facing buildings: the parish church on the Woodford New Road (London E17 3PP) and the Peterhouse Church and Community Centre, located at 122 Forest Rise, London E17 3PW. The latter provides the parish correspondence address, along with the incumbent's residential address: St Peter's Vicarage, 121 Forest Rise, London E17 3PW.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956; Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission with Registered Charity Number 1128173.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are as follows. Dates given in brackets refer to the year upon which each Member's Term ends:

The Incumbent:	Revd Alex Summers (Minister-in-Charge)
The Churchwardens:	Brian Cook and George Marshall (2026)
Curates/Deacon	Bernard Eaton Rachel Summers
LLM Ministry	Sally Holman
The representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Beryl Porter (2026) Frances Downing (2026)
The elected members (term end dates given):	Anita Doherty (2026) Pam Bollen (2024) – <i>PCC Secretary</i> Emily Morrell (2024) Frances Burley (2024) - Resigned Dan Hall (2025) Tony Doherty (2026) Debbie Carson (2026)

Supplementary Reports

Children's Ministry

Children's ministry has continued vigorously in much the same way as last year BUT it has been positively reinforced by the ministry team and a parish volunteer taking ownership of our ministry partnership with Red Balloon Families Foundation (RBF).

- a) Rocks (Children's Church) on Sunday mornings. Mthr Rachel Summers, assisted by a variety of parents, still leads a monthly 'Forest Rocks'. When Rocks is not held, on 2 Sundays each month and during school holidays, she provides books and materials to keep the under 16s occupied in church.
- b) All Age services are now Creative Sundays and open up a variety of experiences to young people and the whole congregation.
- c) Multisports from 3:30pm for years 3-5 (approx.) is a regular feature of our ministry on Friday nights. With its regular 3 attendees it has provided real mission to them and Jesus-shaped activities, relationships and teaching. Two of the families have attended our Sunday services and other activities so it was nice to see them extend further into our church family. Unfortunately, this ministry is not cost effective and ended at the close of the spring term because of that cost.
 - Following on at 6.30pm is 'On the Rocks', for the older youths from years 6-11, also has a regular core who play, mix, cook and eat together and discuss topics of interest. Both were supported by RBF Youth Workers. This has been intermittent in support and varied from 10 to 2. It too has closed at the close of the spring term whilst we re-evaluate and refresh our offer to this age group. We hope, and at this point it is no more than that, to plan another more extensive Youth offer with different structure and refreshed equipment. We also hope to rebalance some of its financing.
 - Fr Bernard worked with these groups every week arriving at 2:30pm and hoping to leave by 9:30pm. On alternate weeks Fr Alex comes by after a day's teaching!. Mthr Rachel has also been able to support occasionally.
- d) Our monthly Who Let The Dads Out on a Saturday morning continues to be well attended and word of mouth is a part of the community of male carers that gather there with their younger children. Bacon and sausage rolls, teas, coffees, snacks and juice for the kids with Soft Play all come together to make it a great success. RBF provide set-up and Youth Workers and we provide refreshments, ministry and welcome.
- e) Curious Wilds provide a weekly Friday morning of outdoor learning around our fire pit and mud kitchen facilities for a variety of toddlers during term time which is well attended and a thriving part of our Activity Plan as well as our ministry. There have been additional spontaneous fire-pit offers through Advent and Lent.
- f) We have welcomed a variety of schools visits at the church - indoors and outdoors – which conforms to curriculum requirements for them but, for us, gives us an opportunity to serve their need and expose the whole community to our faith, our mission and our community welcome at St Peter's.
- g) On Monday mornings during term, we have our Parent and Toddler Group and its ranks are usually swelled by a visit from the St Peter's pre-school at Peterhouse. Facilitated by RBF these are fun occasions for the littles and their carers. Fr Bernard and Claire Montgomery have been consistently present unless detained elsewhere.
- h) There are other ways in which the parish shows hospitality to families and children too by providing community space for hire at reasonable rates to host a pre-school, children's parties, accommodating the needs of Baby Groups and the NCT but also hosting other

community groups that support youngsters like Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and Act Out.

In all these areas the ministry teams continue to support and get alongside young people in our area. Especially important when we know that the world is less safe than we would like it to be for a variety of reasons.

Father Bernard Eaton, (Assistant Curate - Parish Lead for Children's Ministry).

Snaresbrook Crown Court Chaplaincy

I have shamelessly copied, with his permission, this report on the chaplaincy by Mark Spencer-Ellis, of St Mary's Woodford:

It's been extraordinary that so few of the serious issues affecting the process of criminal justice have been overtly raised in our encounters with visitors to the Chapel. The huge backlog of trials, sometimes with as much as a two year delay. Trials not going ahead because of there being no available barristers or interpreters. And this was already the case before the barristers' strike.

Yet so many of our visitors, though often stressed, seem to relish the calm our space provides in such a busy building. And it's been an unpredictable year. On some days there have been hardly any visitors, and on others the number is in double figures. Qualities which are needed in members of the Chaplaincy Team are the capacity for non-judgemental listening, and the ability to judge whether a visitor wants to engage with us or to have some time to be by themselves.

In 2023 we held 16 services, all except two lunchtime celebrations of Holy Communion led by the MMU incumbents. The other two services are the Armistice Day Service of Remembrance which is also attended by former pupils of Royal Wanstead School, and the Crown Court Carol Service.

In March we welcomed the Bishop of Chelmsford, Bishop Guli, who spent a day in Woodford and Wanstead, together with the Bishop of Barking, Bishop Lynne. The Resident Judge, HHJ Rosa Dean who is very supportive of the Chaplaincy, put on a light lunch for the visitors and for as many of us who could manage to be there. We were also joined by several Judges, and at least two members of the Chaplaincy accepted an invitation to spend the afternoon watching a trial.

On some days you need to have brought a good book but on others you leave the Chapel humbled and privileged to have heard visitors sharing their experiences and feelings.

Mark Spencer Ellis

I can only add, myself, that my contribution to the work was to play the asthmatic old organ while there, a range of hymns and short pieces, usually ending with 'Stranger on the Shore' a favourite of one of our regular visitors. The sound sometimes brought people to peep in at the door, and sometimes people listened and expressed thanks for the music.

Sally Holman (Lay Chaplain)

Gift Aid

A big thank you to all the members of our congregation who support the work of our Church through your regular, planned giving. Your continuing generosity combined with careful housekeeping, have enabled us to continue to be able to support the work of the church. We are able to claim back monies from the taxman and this goes straight into our Church funds.

Anyone who pays tax can join the scheme. The payment can be an annual cheque or it could be through regular monthly giving by Direct Debit or by weekly numbered envelopes. Sign up on www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/walthamsow/st-peter-walthamstow

Thank you.

Peter Shrubsole (Hon. Gift Aid Sec)

Deanery Synod

No report received. Verbal Report to be made.

Peterhouse Church & Community Centre

January

- Pre school Returning Monday to Friday (during term time)
- Therapy Room Bookings (on going)
- BeeZee Bodies Monday evening (On going Term time)
- Act Out Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings returning for the New Year (Ongoing in Term Time)
- Girl Guiding Wednesday evenings returning for the New Year (Ongoing in Term Time)
- Resources for Autism returning for the New Year (term time)
- Multi sports and On the Rocks ran by Red Balloon Fridays evening returning for the New Year (On going in Term Time)
- Yoga Tuesday evenings in the Rose Room (on going)

February

- Yoga Booking on Saturday mornings Rose Room

March

- Usual weekly bookings and weekend party Bookings

April

- WEA Adult education using Hornbeam room for courses Tuesday evening
- NCT using the Church Nave, but prefer to use Peterhouse
- Act out Easter holiday workshop
- Water works done at Peterhouse to for leaks and hot water

May

- WEA Adult education using Hornbeam room for a course
- Yoga group starting back up for the summer Wednesday eve Rose Room
- Tree Work Peterhouse Garden.
- Theatre Group using Hornbeam Room for Rehearsal Space.
- Peterhouse Hall used Sunday for Health and Wellbeing day
- NHS using Nave for an away day

June

- Yoga group on a saturday morning in the Rose Room has stopped due to lack of clients
- Drama exams in the hornbeam room
- Retreat day in Peterhouse Hall

July

- NCT course in the Church Nave

August

- Pre school and usual weekly groups summer break
- Act out summer workshop for a week in the Horn beam room and Hall
- NCT Church Nave
- Painting in the Hornbeam room, stairwell.
- New flooring in ladies toilets and passageway, due to leak under the lino in ladies.
- Red Balloon vacated upstairs rooms these all need painting and new flooring

September

- Usual weekly groups returned after school holidays
- NCT course using Peterhouse hall
- Western front association used hall

October

- Act out cancelled their Saturday weekly booking in the Hornbeam room due to lack of bookings.
- NCT course Peterhouse
- New flooring on the stairs and lift lobby areas Peterhouse
- Wanstead/woodford Rock choir used the hall
- NCT using the church Nave

November

- NCT using church Nave and Peterhouse
- Yoga returned for a couple of sessions on a Saturday morning
- WLTD0 started using Peterhouse Hall instead of the Nave once a month.
- New lighting in Beech, Oak and Poplar rooms
- Fire alarm monitoring system installed at the church which automatically contacts me and the fire brigade.
- Water leak hunt and repair church main gates.

December

- FISU meditation Retreat day in Peterhouse hall
- Painting in rooms upstairs in Peterhouse Beech ,Oak, Poplar and the Hallway.

Along with Haven using 2 therapy rooms from 9-5 Monday to Friday, Therapy room bookings are picking up and continue to do so.

The Hall at Peterhouse is used everyday during the day during term time with the Pre school. Monday to Friday evenings the Hall is used weekly by various groups during term time. We have Bookings every Saturday and Sunday in the Peterhouse Hall mainly party's, but also retreats and sometimes and courses.

The church Rose Room is used for Yoga, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and a Saturday morning.

NCT also use the Nave for courses if Peterhouse is not available

Sally Lye – Parish Operations Manager

Community Engagement Officer

The following is the latest report I received from Sarah Sharpton and therefore submitting this as the report for 2023 – Pam Bollen – PCC Secretary

Now that everyone has returned from their various holidays and schools are back in session, we've gotten pretty busy again! I'm glad to have a lot of good projects to include in my final report, since my last day as Community Engagement Officer is Friday September 29th. I just want to thank the PCC for this opportunity, working with you all and the greater St Peter's community has been a joy.

The HLF project is now officially concluded, I'll be turning in all the final documents and the evaluation report before the end of September. Now that we are no longer operating with an Activity Plan that must be completed and reported on, there is more opportunity to establish new partnerships and programs that can be ongoing. To that end, I have drafted a revised business plan with some of my thoughts on what St Peter's could do next and how we might go about it. This is obviously just a suggestion based on my experience during my time here and my project management background, but I hope it proves helpful!

We've opened up the Community Living Room in the Nave on Wednesdays from 11-3. This is possible thanks to a grant from the Upper Walthamstow ward, which was arranged by Caramel Quinn. She has stressed to me the importance of St Peter's as one of the only community spaces in our ward, and she sees a great need for the work we've been doing, which is great to hear. Each Wednesday we have provided a place for people to come sit and hang out, with some free workshops interspersed throughout the next 3 months. We've been providing simple food like tea and biscuits and sandwiches, and we've just introduced a table of basic necessities that folks can take with them if they need it on their way out. We've been putting things like prepackaged snacks, toiletries, and toilet roll on this table, and I believe Bernard has asked the congregation for further donations of that sort. Myself and Bernard have been in attendance every Wednesday, and I have to stress to the PCC how much this programme is meeting a need for folks in our community! We've had around 10-15 people wander in every week, including some that have become regular visitors week to week. Visitors have continually commented on how nice it is to have somewhere to go and someone to talk to, and some have asked for someone to pray with them. It is a huge ministry opportunity for the church and a really special way to connect with our community and show them we care, and I think it should be kept going as long as possible, even after this particular grant runs out. Bernard and Alex are planning to look after it after I go, but volunteers would be most welcome!

I've also been working on rekindling our connection with Forest School. Francis Ball did a lot of great work with the students there, and their chaplain has put me in touch with their Community Action Coordinator. She is really interested in continuing to partner with us to give students a chance to learn about and practice engaging with their community and working to make a positive impact. I had a chance to meet with the Year 7 and 8 students that are in the community action module this term, and have proposed an ongoing partnership that they seem really keen on. Essentially, each term the students will research local charitable organisations, choose a cause to support, and plan, organise, and host a fundraiser on behalf of that organisation using the church as their venue. I spoke to the students about all the things that go into organising a community

event, took them around the church to see all our community spaces, and led a guided brainstorming session with the teachers. The hope is that they spend the term working on this project, visiting and working with us at St Peter's as needed, and then in one of the final weeks of the term they'll host their event. This is something that can be repeated term to term as the students change, and could open up the doors for some really helpful collaborations.

I've also been in conversation with Forest View care home just down the road from us, and they're really interested in getting some volunteers from the church involved in activities like knitting circles or book clubs for some of the residents. Sue has a great ministry going on over there and they would love for us to get even more involved if anyone from the congregation or existing volunteer team is available and interested.

We're still a bit short on volunteers, so recruiting and managing volunteers should be a priority for whoever takes over my role. In an ideal world, schedules for volunteering opportunities should be managed by the same person doing the recruiting so that there's a sense of continuity and it's clear who the point of contact for St Peter's is. Recently some volunteers have expressed frustration at being bounced around between different points of contact, and it certainly makes it easier for communications to be lost or overlooked, which can result in losing volunteers before they even get started! There will inevitably be a lot of turnover in voluntary roles so the more consistent we can be on our end, the better for our volunteer team.

I've drafted a little 'How-to' document that will hopefully help anyone who wants to take over doing things like managing our social media channels or updating our website. Hoping someone can keep those things up as they really help our engagement

Sarah Sharpton (Parish Community Engagement Officer)

Red Balloon

St. Peter's Preschool

St. Peter's Preschool continues to go from strength to strength with rising numbers and a growing engagement with the wider life of the St. Peter's family. The children and families are always delighted when members of the St. Peter's congregation come and visit and have particularly enjoyed visits from volunteers, wardens and clergy alike over the last year, and we look forward to continuing and deepening that relationship in the year ahead. We are pleased to report we received a resounding 'Good' in our first OFSTED inspection in December receiving lovely comments like "children are visibly settled and happy at this welcoming pre-school. Staff are caring, approachable and warm. They are sensitive and responsive to children's individual needs, supporting their emotional well-being effectively" in the report. We look forward to working with the whole church family to grow this ministry further in the year ahead.

Luke Lowrie - CEO, Red Balloon Foundation

Social Committee

An inspirational member of our committee John James died 21st January. We remembered him at the Christian Aid Cream tea held 20th May which was always organised by him. This event will still carry on. We also remembered at the tea Marnie Malone, a Guide Ranger, who died because of kidney failure. She had always supported the tea helping to waitress and organising the other Guides and friends who helped.

Our first Parish lunch was on the 2nd July which was Petertide, celebrated in the garden of Peterhouse. We celebrated the harvest with lunch on 24th September.

We on the committee are getting old, we have always been able to call on others to help with events. Why not join our group?

We try to have three Parish lunches each year, Christian Aid cream tea and hopefully other events. We need your support to attend and perhaps to join the committee, think about it. Thank you to the other team members, Marian Bradley, Marilyn Hawes, Anne Smith and Ken Bradley (our treasurer) and those who have supported us when asked.

Events this year (2024) Christian Aid cream tea-18th May, Petertide lunch-30th June, Olympic Quiz-20th July, Harvest Lunch -13th October .

Frances Downing (Chair of Social Committee)

Flowers

We increased our numbers by 1 this year, Anne Smith joined us with her first display for Harvest. Thank you to those who donated money towards the Easter flowers.

I have also lost arrangers this year so if you fancy having a go do let me know. You can, if you wish, receive tips and help to arrange flowers. There is a budget for flowers so money spent on flowers can be reimbursed.

I thank all our arrangers for their artistry and time.

Frances Downing (Flower Rota Co-ordinator)

Music

2023 saw the singers growing in numbers and confidence. The choir continues to include the whole congregation, who sing very well, but there is also a group of singers leading us who meet for practice in the week, sing some harmonies, a very occasional anthem, and like to give a quiet harmony quartet for the communion hymn.

Hymn practice changed in June from Thursday to Tuesday, making us more visible as the café is open on Tuesday, and we can relax over coffee and scones after practice.

We sang Fr Alex in at his licensing in February 2023, making our presence felt with a hornpipe for Will your Anchor Hold, and crashing the liturgy with an impromptu Jubilate, Servite (bowdlerised to omit the A word in Lent).

We experimented with the position of the organ and the singers, moving them to the North West corner for Fr Alex's licensing, which worked very well, opening up the front of the church for that occasion and providing a beautiful location on Maundy Thursday for a forest altar of repose. We stayed in that experimental location for almost four months. Of course people who lost their regular seats didn't like it, but also many people didn't like the music being led from the back, but wanted to see the singers giving a lead, so in June we returned to the South East corner and turned the singers' seats sideways so we could all see each other, and this arrangement has been much more comfortable ever since, including at the Carol Service, with choir, orchestra and organ in that corner.

The Carol Service was a huge success. We advertised for singers to join a pop up choir for the occasion and had half a dozen weeknight rehearsals, ably led by Colette Shrubsole, who conducts the Carol Service. A good number of new singers came and we looked and sounded like a choir. I would recommend doing this again. The orchestra also popped up as ever as part of the Christmas Miracle. The Carol Service benefited from the work of a small group of planners, who began

weeks in advance, identifying the music and drama and coordinating participants and direction, also reviewing after the event, and taking note for the next one.

We had two services of the Word (Matins/Morning Prayer) on Sundays during 2023, on Trinity 12, August 27, and the first Sunday after Christmas, December 31. Each time we chanted the psalm and two canticles, using the Common Worship Psalter. We are building up a repertoire of chants that we can sing when a service of Morning Prayer is required. This is only possible thanks to Julian's skill in accompanying chant. This is a congregational service, not a choral recital, and everyone joined in the singing. We also had a quartet of singers chanting Psalm 22 during the stripping of the altars on Maundy Thursday, this time using the BCP Psalter, and it was very atmospheric and moving. Our singers enjoy this repertoire and are indefatigable.

We have established a tradition of singing the Lent Prose on Sundays in Lent and the Advent Prose in Advent, and the plainsong goes down very well. More plainsong when during Lent we managed to end the Wednesday evening study session by singing Compline and streaming it online. You can also hear Sally sing Compline online from home on most Fridays of the year, sometimes with help from a visitor.

We maintained the tradition of having some Black authored music during Black History Month including, thanks to Sharon Quilter, Racial Justice Officer for Chelmsford Diocese, a new hymn called, 'We have a dream' based on the famous speech of Martin Luther King Jr. We also had a song in Tamil, called 'Sarva Srishti', taught us by Fr Jeyapaul on a visit from South India. We are still affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) and use their materials in selecting worship material, and it is hoped we may attend some of their events if only they would happen on dates that suit us. Extra singing events were rare in 2023, but we did have a very moving prayer session at the start of the Israel/Gaza conflict when we used some very beautiful unaccompanied Taizé chants.

Julian Ruaux still plays for us at least twice a month on a voluntary basis, and covers the festival services. Sally Johnson plays the other times, and we have a very promising student organist, David Mac, who practises on our organ and is to play some services starting in 2024. We still have occasional instrumentalists but not so much as in previous years. Sally covers outdoor musical items with the viola, such as the Palm Sunday procession and the outdoor crib service (also Christmas carols, and Ashes to Go, but these didn't happen in 2023).

Sally chooses and types the hymns for services and communicates with the singers by email. The email address list includes more than just the Sunday singers, also former singers who support us from afar. If you would like to be included in the weekly email and be in the know about the music, just ask. Our very large collection of paper music is stored in the Rose Room, and needs alphabetising, so we can know and access what is up there. This might take a day for a small keen group fortified by cheese scones and hot beverages.

Sally intends to move to Yorkshire in 2024, and help will be needed then to continue coordinating the music, possibly by means of a small planning group, and looking for more voluntary organists to join our team. There is now a group of regular singers, usually numbering up to half a dozen for a service, and we have plenty of room to welcome more.

Sally Holman – Interim Music Arranger

Rising Son Café

The Warm Room, which was open on Tuesdays continued until the end of March 2023.

The cafe supported our Community Education Officer with the events arranged by her.

The RS cafe continued to be open after extending the hours on Chinwag Tuesday. At the beginning of September the choir changed their rehearsal day to Tuesday thus boosting our attendance and takings in the cafe.

We still continue to have our Tuesday regulars and Saturday regulars, with new customers popping in who had found us on a walk.

Once again we catered for Wood Street First Christmas tea.

Matilda Lye volunteered at the cafe in September as part of her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

I am grateful and thank our volunteers at the cafe.

Our opening times are Chinwag Tuesday- 9.30am-3pm, Friday-9.30am- 1pm, Saturday-10am-3pm.

We are also open when special events are happening at the Church.

Frances Downing – Manager of Rising Son Café

22nd Walthamstow Rainbows

Emily took over running the Rainbow unit in September 2023 and invited new members to join. There are currently 12 Rainbows, 3 adult volunteers and 1 young leader.

In the autumn term Rainbows did their First Aid and Network skills builder badges. They also enjoyed visits from a storyteller (Del) and Rachel & Alex running a Remembrance Day craft. 1 Rainbow attended to county Rainbow & Brownie fun day at Chigwell Row and will be encouraging everyone to come next year! In December they had an outing to the Odeon in South Woodford to see Disney's 'Wish' with other local Girlguiding members.

From 2024, in the Spring term they worked on their 'Make Change' badge, learning about charities and how to support them, thinking about people who help us, and enjoyed another visit from Del to think about how they could change the story. They also had a session learning about dementia.

Several Rainbows have also worked on badges at home and 3 received their Bronze awards before the Easter break.

Emily Hughes (Rainbow Leader)

22nd Walthamstow Brownies

Two new volunteer leaders obtained their leadership awards which we are exceptionally pleased about. The brownies have had a busy year including visiting The Police Horses at their stables in Mile End we also had a visit from the Dodger dogs which the girls loved. The Dodger dogs teach about the responsible dog ownership.

Badges have continued to be popular. One of the favourites is the aviation badge in which they have to name 50 things that fly and make things that fly. We have seen many flying inventions over the year.

The brownies joined with the guides and units from our County in a weekend camp at Gilwell run by Waltham Forest Scouts. The weather was kind to us and it gave the girls a good taste of what it is like to camp under canvas.

Brownies continues to be a popular activity and we have 26 girls with a waiting list.

Carole Mitchell, Susie Palmer, Olivia Adshead (Brownie Leaders)

22nd Walthamstow Guides and Rangers

22nd Walthamstow Guides and Rangers have maintained high numbers, with approximately 32 members registered and a record number of those are Rangers (14-18 year olds).

During the last 12 months the Guides and Ranger have been very focussed on adventurous activities - they attended a camp with Waltham Forest Scouts in June 2023, held at Gilwell Park and attended by approximately 800 Scouts and Guides. This was followed by an activity day over the August bank holiday at Chigwell Row Campsite where they took part in archery sessions and a "What3Words" orienteering wide game across the campsite.

In October they had fun on a woodland walk where the Guides & Rangers explored Epping Forest in the dark.

One of the Rangers was also a recipient of a Jack Petchey Award, which is helping 8 of the Rangers attend Essex International Jamboree this summer, an international Scout & Guide camp which will be attended by 10,000 members from across the U.K. and internationally. The Rangers also organised a fundraising quiz in April to assist with their fees for the camp, where they raised around £350 and are very grateful for the support of the Peterhouse Church community.

The Guides are also looking forward to attending a "Come to Camp" experience in June and are using the summer term to work towards their camping skills builder.

In addition to all these plans of the Guides & Rangers for when the weather is better, over the winter and spring terms the Guides & Rangers took part in programme ideas exploring how they could express themselves, whether that be through verbal communications, through art or otherwise, and we were very pleased towards 2 animation interest badges to the Rangers and 2 photography interest badges to the Guides.

Emma Goodson (Guide and Ranger Leader)