THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER LITTLE ASTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1128819

Details

Other names	PCC OF ST PETER'S LITTLE ASTON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-03-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	3 Walsall Road Little Aston Sutton Coldfield B74 3BD
Phone	01213521095
Website	www.stpeterslittleaston.co.uk

Activities

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

Activities: Saint Peter's Little Aston aims to promote the gospel and the doctrines of the Church of England. The specific outworking of this is in accordance with our Mission Action Plan.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£174,577	£161,494	-	-
2024-12-31	£141,405	£124,769	-	-
2023-12-31	£118,359	£117,946	-	-
2022-12-31	£119,727	£109,049	-	-
2021-12-31	£123,899	£120,598	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Ralph Lloyd Farrow		2026-05-05
BRENDA CLARKE		2018-04-01
Christopher Russell Hulland		2019-04-10
Deborah Jane Hartland		2024-04-30
Diana Jane Alderson		2014-04-16
Dr Richard George Paxton		2019-04-10
Emma Charlotte Paxton		2023-04-18
Geoffrey John Rowe Kite		2025-05-06
Helen Rachel Garbett		2023-04-18
JILLIAN MARY HOPE		2014-12-31
MARGARET IRENE PYE		2012-06-28
Nicola Margaret Thompson		2025-05-06
Peter Francis Marriott		2025-05-06
Stephanie Kathleen Diaper		2026-05-05
Susan Mitchell		2025-05-06

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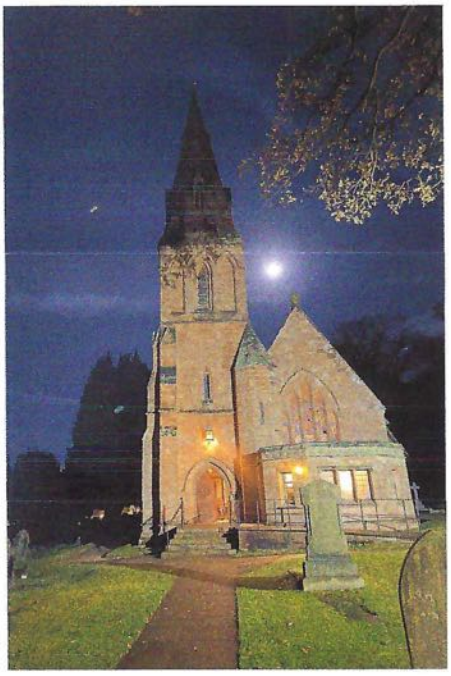

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Church Warden	Jane Alderson
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Secretary	Brenda Clarke

Elected Members

Treasurer	Christopher Hulland
Gift Aid Secretary	Helen Garbett
Deanery Synod Treasurer &	Margaret Pye
Diocesan Member &	
Diocesan Synod Member and	Jill Hope
Assistant Lay Chair of Deanery Synod	
	Lynne Gibson
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Baptisms, weddings and funerals took place throughout the year and special services were held for Easter, Harvest, Remembrance, Friends Remembered, Christingle and Nine Lessons and Carols.
During this interregnum, we have been extremely fortunate to receive the services a number of retired clergy taking services A special mention must also go to Nina Diaper and Lynne Gibson for running a series of very meaningful and inspiring early evening services during Lent and Advent.

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Baptisms **5** Weddings. **7** Church Funerals **13** Crematoria **3**

The electoral roll contains **165** names but **66%** live outside the parish

The Church Building
St. Peter's is a listed Victorian Building and any repairs have to conform to regulations and are invariably expensive.
New notice boards have been installed that meet the criteria set by the Diocese.
The Quinquennial Report identified required repairs to the roof and some stonework. The costs expected to be around £36000 plus VAT. Work commenced in October with finance being provided principally by two Charitable Trusts.

Our whole enterprise relies on the many willing volunteers that make this church the friendly and responsive community so appreciated by all concerned. The aged demographic of the congregation places added expectations of and responsibilities to those involved The social context of our church cannot be underestimated
After service coffee forms an increasing opportunity for social dialogue and thanks are due to those who offer to cater to meet the demand. It is self-financing.

The Churchwardens have continued their extraordinary efforts in view of the lack of a Vicar. Their responsibilities have expanded enormously but other volunteers in the congregation have assisted where possible.

Safeguarding

The safety and security of children is of the utmost importance and guidelines and policies are part of the processes that have been adopted to ensure that all children taking part in activities in our churches may do so in a loving, caring and safe atmosphere. There is a Protection Policy in respect of children and vulnerable adults. recognised by the PCC .Mrs Deborah Hartland is the Safeguarding Officer. A formalised programme of serious learning and certification has been undertaken by the Ministry team and members of the Church identified as having contact with children and vulnerable adults. It was undertaken on-line and highlights any possible signs of risk that need reporting. The programme is monitored by Lichfield Diocese. A mission is to support children and young people. A monthly Breakfast Club offers families an opportunity to be supported by our church community. Monthly prayer groups focus on children and young people's needs. The aim is to broaden and open up further services to support families.

C3 Certification Ministry Team 4
C2 Certification Churchwardens and 2 others
C1 Certification 21 Church member

Risk Management

St. Peters use the Health and Safety Ecclesiastical Pro-forma (small churches) taken from their website www.ecclesiastical.com/healthandsafety in conjunction with www.hse.gov.uk.
The PCC approved an annual review covering the church, church room, churchyard and carpark.
We ensure that any possible hazards are dealt with immediately by the appropriate group of people.
Headstones are inspected every six months and any that are loose are laid flat to avoid possible accidents unless repairs can be made speedily.
Fire extinguishers are tested and certified PAT testing is completed on all electrical equipment annually.Both certificates are displayed on the noticeboard in the church room.
There are two First Aid boxes with accident books. One is kept in the church and one in the church room and both storage cupboards are clearly labelled with a green cross.
Communicants with mobility difficulties have been considered, bearing in mind the multiple steps to be negotiated.
All trees within the church grounds have been monitored and any necessary work carried out by Chris Peake, registered tree surgeon. The trees are monitored annually.
We consider we have done everything practical to ensure the safety of anyone visiting St. Peter's Church. To date we have no incidents to report.

2025 Financial Review

As we have been in Interregnum for the whole of 2025, it was recognised by the Churchwardens and PCC members that real efforts were needed to retain an enthusiastic congregation.
In order to cover the expected expenses, it was important to keep all informed as to income and expenditure throughout the year. The regular gift-aided appeared largely static and many standing orders needed a review. Congregations were addressed by the Treasurer in October and this has resulted in additional annual commitments of £4,500 so far.
The Friends of St. Peter's have contributed to the Churchyard upkeep and the Mothers' Union has shown tangible support.
We continue to appreciate the work of fundraising given by many and the coffee offering is now self funding.
In anticipation of major expenditure relative to the Quinquennial inspection, two Trust Funds have covered the costs involved as the sums were outside normal cashflow.
The Contactless Card Reader in the foyer is showing slow but useful progress.

Total Income £174,557 (2024 £141,405)

Notwithstanding being in interregnum, we were expected to fully meet the Common Fund to the Diocese of Lichfield £69,055. This was achieved to ensure we meet the criterium for a stand-alone parish.
Our electricity suppliers, EDF have now caught up with the accounting. £13,553. Our contract is due to expire in August 2026 but we continue to work towards smart-metering in the meantime.
The Quinquennial work was estimated at some £36,000 plus VAT. We have paid 50% during this year with the balance due early 2026 when the VAT may be reclaimed providing the criteria of the Government scheme are met. Visiting clergy are able to claim expenses but the Diocese will refund those allowable.
The upkeep of the churchyard is a major expense notwithstanding much volunteer work. £13801 The feature is however very important to many.
Our charitable contribution of £1100 was to Blood Pressure UK in memory of Philip.
Printing Costs £4042 include some reprinting of Service booklets as well as the good quality weekly Welcome to Worship leaflets.

Total Expenditure £161493 (2024 £124,769)

St. Peter's Church, Little Aston

Balance Sheet Year Ended 31 December 2025	2025		2024	
Fixed Assets				
Land and Buildings	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total Fixed Assets				
Current Assets				
HSBC Current Account	52618.91		88123.19	
HsBC BMM Account	50018.08			
HSBC Friends of St.Peter's Current Account	22527.34		24580.25	
CCLA (CBF) Deposit Account	20000.00		20000.00	
Interior Decorating Scheme	1146.15		921.15	
Total Current Assets		146310.48		133624.59
Assets				
Current Liabilities				
Agency Collections			-398.00	
Total Current Liabilities				-398.00
Nat Assets		146311.48		133227.59
Reserves				
Balance brought forward		133227.59		116586.05
Surplus / Deficit		13083.89		16641.54
Balance carried forward		**146311.48**		**133227.59**
Represented by Funds				
Unrestricted				
General Fund		99082.02		82501.52
Restricted				
Agency Collections	901.00		535.00	
Charity Appeals & Fundraising	425.21		425.41	
Friends of St. Peter's	22527.34		24575.25	
Interior Decorating Scheme	921.15		921.15	
Special Projects Fund	21731.56		23541.26	
Teaching & Evangelism Fund	723.00		723.00	
	47229.26	47229.26		50721.07
		146311.28		**133222.59**

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Income & Expenditure Year Ended 31 December 2025	2025	2025	2024	2024
Income				
Donations and Legacies				
Gift Aid	74906.36		70913.11	
Non Gift Aid	2441.40		2050.00	
Loose Plate Collections	8383.14		7404.85	
Legacies			11000.00	
Church Boxes	654.84		155.71	
Donations Appeals Grants	50225.21		10661.35	
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	18804.92	155415.87	18061.38	120246.40
Income from charitable activities				
PCC Fees	12083.00	12083.00	13380.00	13380.00
Other Trading Activities				
Other Funds Generated	4365.18		2976.77	
Rummage Sales etc	1805.01		3761.52	
Investments				
Bank Interest	908.38	7078.57	1041.26	7779.55
		174577.44		**141405.95**
Expenditure				
Raising Funds				
Stewardship Campaign & Fete Costs	137.42	137.42	1938.07	1938.07
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Donations	1100.00		1000.00	
Common Fund	69055.00		67704.00	
Organist	4440.00		3600.00	
Vicar's Expenses	755.76		2334.51	
Vicarage Expenses	2093.16		899.60	
Telephone	929.47		1025.32	
Parish Training	84.00			
Insurance	4084.52		3975.49	
Church Maintenance	1286.00		3855.72	
Cleaning	2301.25		1323.38	
Upkeep of Services	6022.85		6063.42	
Upkeep of Churchyard	13801.81		10260.10	
Administration	1158.97		678.75	
Visiting Clergy	3944.04			
Printing	4042.14		878.00	
Electricity	13553.84		7245.61	
Water	510.73		231.37	
Church Room Maintenance & Major Repairs	494.67		11756.07	122831.34
Church Repairs	22647.92			
LAPRA Subscription Road Repairs	9050.00	161356.13		
		161493.55		124769.41
Balance Income - Expenditure		13083.89		16636.54
		174577.44		**141405.95**

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2025

1. Notes to the Accounts

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included from the Accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.
Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposable are inalienable property listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For any acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.
Other tangible assets fixed assets are valued at cost.

3. Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC , including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.

Restricted funds comprise two elements
a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
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 the 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.

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to discretionary power to spend capital as income and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted.

Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees of the PCC of St. Peter's Church, Little Aston.
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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out in the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) rather an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility
- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement
In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect
- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed Raymond Bayland Date 12/02/26

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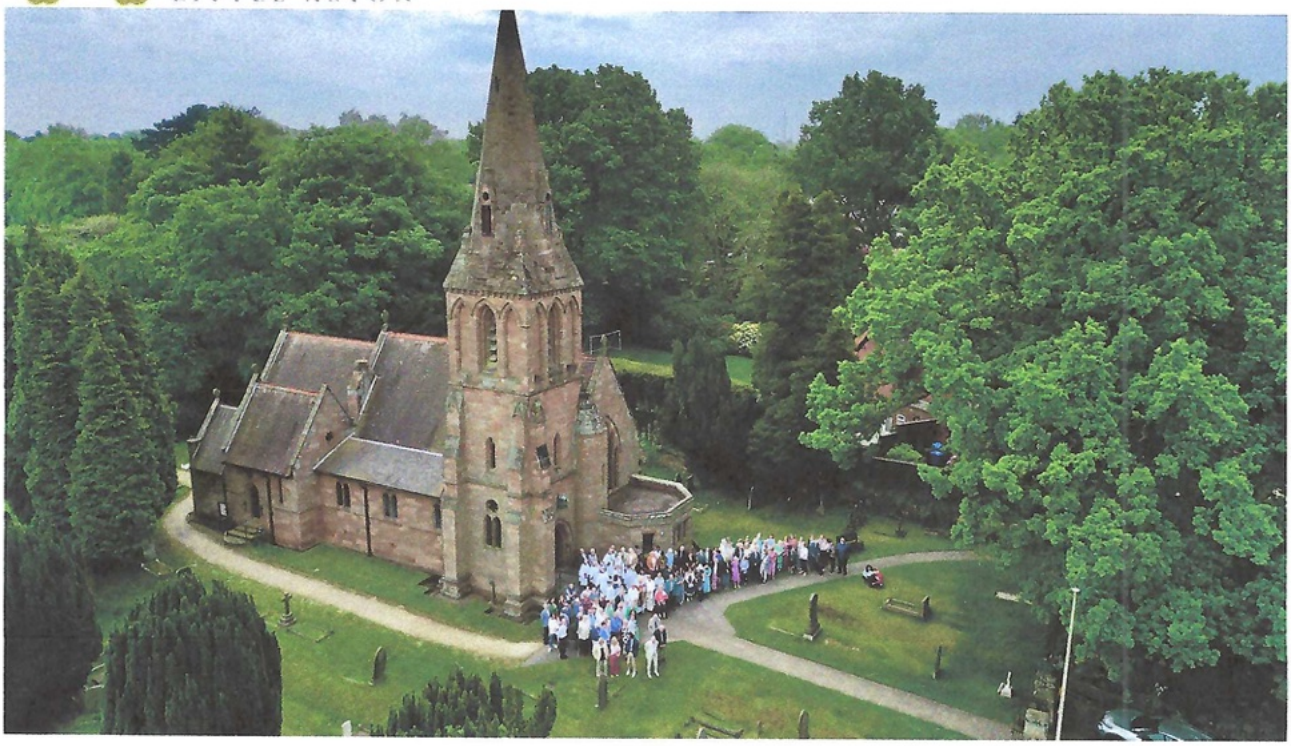

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A mission is to support children and young people. A monthly Breakfast Club offers families an opportunity to be supported by our church community. Monthly prayer groups focus on children and young people's needs. The aim is to broaden and open up further services to support families.

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All trees within the church grounds have been monitored and any necessary work carried out by Chris Peake, registered tree surgeon. The trees are monitored annually.
We consider we have done everything practical to ensure the safety of anyone visiting St. Peter's Church. To date we have no incidents to report.

Financial Review

2024 started as a celebratory year of 150 years and there was a good deal of positivity that has reflected in the financial results.
Regular giving has remained largely static but we have gained Legacies of £11000 (2023 Nil) with One-off Gifts and Donations £12811 (2023 £1828).
A Historical Talk and the Christmas Fayre produced income of £3459 (2023 £2652) which offset expenses in connection with the 150th celebration of £1938.

With BT Broadband now available to the congregation, a contactless card reader has been installed in the Church foyer and is slowly gaining support alongside a QR code for donations via smart-phones. There are still a number of the congregation giving with cash but the system for handling this and paying in to a Post Office is in place although at a cost.

Total Income £141,405

We met our commitment to the Common Fund of £67704 that is considered essential.

Expenses of £1938 covered the 150th celebrations that included the Historical Talk and also the production of a You-Tube video using a drone that flew past the congregation during a visit from the Bishop of Lichfield.

After many months of emails and phone calls with our electricity supplier, EDF, they have yet to instal a smart meter that they requested. However, we persuaded them that, as we are a charity, the lower 5% VAT would be appropriate and this resulted in a reduction covering the then existing 3 year contract of £3788. As a consequence 2024 Electricity costs have been £7,245 (2023 £11252)

As we have been fortunate to maintain good liquidity, it has not been necessary so far to raid reserves for the major expense of renovating the toilets in the Church Room and the electrical circuits within both the Church and the Church Room. These needed to conform to modern standards and the electrical work in particular was quite complex and expensive
Costs £11726. We anticipate expenditure on Church repairs following the quinquennial examination and the reserves may well be needed.
Total Expenditure £124,769

The sudden death of our Vicar, Philip Daniel put a deep gloom on the end of the year and we will all need to retain and, if possible, increase our support for the very valuable social work undertaken by the Churchwardens and many other members of St. Peter's.

St. Peter's Church, Little Aston

Balance Sheet Year Ended 31 December 2024	2024		2023	
Fixed Assets				
Land and Buildings	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total Fixed Assets				
Current Assets				
HSBC Current Account	88123.19		72240.07	
HSBC Friends of St.Peter's Current Account	24575.25		23403.83	
CCLA (CBF) Deposit Account	20000.00		20000.00	
Interior Decorating Scheme	921.15		921.15	
Total Current Assets		133619.59	116565.05	116565.05
Assets				
Current Liabilities				
Agency Collections	-398.00		20.00	20.00
Total Current Liabilities		-398.00		
Nat Assets		133222.59		116586.05
Reserves				
Balance brought forward		116586.05		116097.09
Surplus / Deficit		16636.54		488.96
Balance carried forward		**133222.59**		**116586.05**
Represented by Funds				
Unrestricted				
General Fund		82501.52		70577.66
Restricted				
Agency Collections	535.00		535.00	
Charity Appeals & Fundraising	425.41		425.41	
Friends of St. Peter's	24575.25		23403.83	
Interior Decorating Scheme	921.15		921.15	
Special Projects Fund	23541.26		20000.00	
Teaching & Evangelism Fund	723.00		723.00	
		50721.07		46008.39
		133222.59		**116586.05**

St. Peter's Church, Little Aston

Income & Expenditure Year Ended 31 December 2024	2024	2024	2023	2023
Income				
Donations and Legacies				
Gift Aid	70913.11		69499.96	
Non Gift Aid	2050.00		1967.70	
Loose Plate Collections	7404.85		6492.56	
Legacies	11000.00			
Church Boxes	155.71		737.33	
Donations Appeals Grants	10661.35		1828.00	
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	18061.38	120246.40	18943.62	99469.17
Income from charitable activities				
PCC Fees	13380.00	13380.00	12946.00	12946.00
Other Trading Activities				
Other Funds Generated	2976.77		2526.29	
Rummage Sales etc	3761.52		2652.28	
Investments				
Bank Interest	1041.26	7779.55	764.98	764.98
		141405.95		**113180.15**
Expenditure				
Raising Funds				
Stewardship Campaign & Fete Costs	1938.07	1938.07	1483.16	1483.16
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Donations	1000.00		2284.76	
Common Fund	67704.00		66376.00	
Organist	3600.00		3600.00	
Vicar's Expenses	2334.51		2087.11	
Vicarage Expenses	899.60		764.80	
Telephone	1025.32		479.88	
Insurance	3975.49		3836.97	
Church Maintenance	3855.72		922.01	
Cleaning	1323.38		1265.38	
Upkeep of Services	6063.42		5244.38	
Upkeep of Churchyard	10260.10		12648.73	
Administration	678.75		1015.39	
Printing	878.00		3036.00	
Electricity	7245.61		11252.83	
Water	231.37		263.82	
Church Room Maintenance & Major Repairs	11756.07	122831.34	1384.54	116462.60
		124769.41		117945.76
Balance Income - Expenditure		16636.54		412.96
		141405.95		**118358.72**

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2024

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Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to discretionary power to spend capital as income and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted.

Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees of the PCC of St. Peter's Church, Little Aston.
Registered Charity 1128819

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out in the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) rather an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility
- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement
In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect
- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

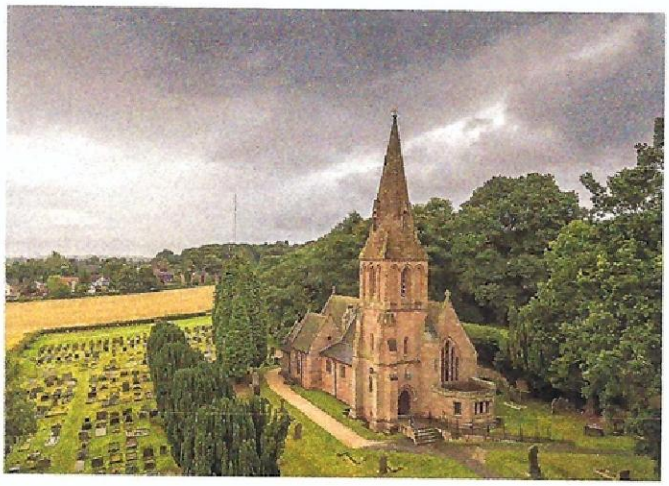
Signed R K Boyland

Date 07/02/2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER LITTLE ASTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1128819

Accounts



St. Peter's
LITTLE ASTON

The Parochial Council of St. Peter's Church, Little Aston

Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Reverend Jeremy Blunt

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Annual Report for the Year ended 31 December 2023

(This report is made in accordance with the Church Representation Rules (2011) and is separate from any other statement or address that the incumbent may wish to make or any reports that any other individual or parish group may present at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

Administrative Information

St. Peter's Church is situated on Roman Road, Little Aston B74 3AT. It is part of the Diocese of Lichfield within the Church of England. Correspondence is addressed to the Vicarage, 3 Walsall Road, Little Aston B74 3BD. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a Registered Charity 1128819.

Ex officio members

Incumbent	Reverend Philip Daniel
Church Warden	Jane Alderson
Church Warden	Richard Paxton
Secretary	Brenda Clarke

Elected Members

Treasurer	Christopher Hulland
Gift Aid Secretary	Paul Eveleigh
Deanery Synod Member & Electoral Roll	Margaret Pye
Diocesan Synod Member and Assistant Lay Chair of Deanery Synod	Jill Hope
	Ethne Owen
	Elisabeth Paxton
	Lynne Gibson
	Emma Paxton
	Helen Garbett
	Nina Diaper

It is considered that all PCC members and any others who could be understood to be 'managers' in the activities and affairs of the church, as defined in Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010, are 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Act. All PCC members elected for the first time and those re-elected are supplied with minutes of PCC meetings and receive a copy of the last Annual Report and Accounts. They are entitled to ask for any explanations of their content. In service training is offered as appropriate.

Structure, government and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Peter's the membership consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation that are on the electoral roll of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including how the funds of the PCC are spent. New members receive initial training in the workings of the PCC.

The PCC met 6 times during the year.

There is a Standing Committee that is the only committee required to be in existence by church law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to ratification by the PCC. Meetings were via Zoom when necessary.

Aims and purposes

St Peter's Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Phillip Daniel, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the community of St. Peter's.The PCC maintains an overview of worship and will feedback to the vicar suggestions and comments relating to forms of service undertaken. Our services are intended to put our faith into practice through prayer, Scripture, music and the sacraments.

We endeavour to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our church community.

- Worship & Prayer - Bible studies, Discipleship courses, Lent courses, preaching and different types of service with some meeting particular needs are promoted.

- Provision of pastoral care for members of the congregation both within and outside the parish. This includes our Authorised Lay Ministers taking communion to those unable to attend church and visiting in hospitals, nursing homes and homes.

- Missionary and outreach work - our targeted charitable giving and support for social opportunities are well understood supporting both local and international concerns.

- To facilitate all this, we consider it vital we maintain and, if possible, improve the fabric of the church of St. Peter's and also the Church Room.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Prayer

After the vagaries of Covid 2023 was a normal year with three services on Sundays at 8am,10am and 5pm and Holy Communion at 9.30am on Wednesdays.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals took place throughout the year and special services were held for Easter, Harvest, Remembrance, Friends Remembered, Christingle and Nine Lessons and Carols.

In our Welcome to Worship publication we list family and friends of the congregation currently in need of prayer and who have been bereaved. We also have a facility for private prayer during the 10am service on a Sunday and run a prayer chain for people requiring emergency prayers which is completely confidential.

Mission and Evangelism

The weekly Welcome to Worship publication continues to be an important means of communication with the congregation and other interested parties. They are available at all services and are emailed to 163 addresses plus some printed copies are passed on to those who do not have email.

The What's on at St Peter's leaflet giving details of contacts, regular services, activities, and events is available in strategic places around the parish as well as in church.

There are regular meetings of Mothers' Union, the Knit and Natter group, the Keep Fit group, the Film Club, the Bereavement group, the Hand Bell ringers, the SACRED groups and the SPOGS - a group of gentlemen who have monthly dinners at local pubs for fellowship and goodwill. A band of volunteers meet very regularly to help with maintenance of the churchyard and every Tuesday there is a coffee morning with entertaining quizzes which is well supported.

We continue our close connection with Pathways - the domestic and sexual abuse charity in Lichfield. They receive donations throughout the year especially from our harvest festival and when members of the congregation give 25 small gifts through our reverse advent calendar scheme.

We also support The Leprosy Mission.

Pastoral Care
The team meets regularly and discusses members of the congregation who may need help and support. They also arrange visits with home communion.

Monthly coffee mornings were introduced by the team in 2022 which then became weekly Winter Warmer Coffee mornings in the Autumn to encourage members of the congregation and any friends or acquaintances to meet together for relaxed, informal socialising in a warm welcoming space. These were so successful, they continue on a weekly basis.

The vergers for the formal occasions of baptisms, weddings and funerals are meeting those in need with great skills of guidance, organisation and, when required empathy. They have our particular grateful thanks when undertaking the occasional difficult aspects encountered.

Baptisms 21 Weddings. 7 Church Funerals 20 Crematoria 1

The electoral roll contains 186 names but 69% live outside the parish

The Church Building
St. Peter's is a listed Victorian Building and any repairs have to conform to regulations and are invariably expensive.
New notice boards have been installed that meet the criteria set by the Diocese.

Our whole enterprise relies on the many willing volunteers that make this church the friendly and responsive community so appreciated by all concerned. The aged demographic of the congregation places added expectations of and responsibilities to those involved The social context of our church cannot be underestimated
The Churchwardens have continued their extraordinary efforts to ensure our Vicar is supported at all times.
After service coffee forms an increasing opportunity for social dialogue and thanks are due to those who offer to cater to meet the demand.

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The lockdown in the past caused the physical closure of the Sunday School but meetings have been held via Zoom in the meantime ensuring that all children have adult accompaniment on screen.

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Financial Review

2023 was an unexceptional year financially with planned income holding up although there have been concerns lately owing to the sad demise of some generous supporters.
No major fund-raising exercise was considered necessary during the year.
20 contributors now use the Direct Giving facility through the Diocese that speeds up the Tax Relief recovered and also saves a great deal of administration on our part. This system of Direct Debiting is far more efficient than the Standing Orders still used by the majority who are generally averse to alter their existing arrangements.
Grant income was also not required during the year as, thankfully, no major maintenance expense was incurred.
Statutory Fees for Weddings and Funerals are revised annually and we had to account for £6876 to the Diocese via the Agency Collections Suspense Account.

Total Income £118358

We met our commitment to the Common Fund of £66376 that is considered essential.
Expenses of £1483 were incurred in connection with the Coronation celebrations for King Charles III and the purchase of celebratory jigsaw puzzles for our 150th Anniversary in 2024. This latter expense has now been covered by sales and future income is pure profit.
We continued our support to the Leprosy Mission of £1000.
Whilst we have fixed our electricity tariff until September 2024, the bill fluctuated according to weather conditions experienced. Other expenses are subject to inflationary factors.
The Friends of St. Peter's account is included in our overall figures. They have very kindly covered the costs of CCTV and additional lighting for the carpark as well as marking parking spaces. Their total contribution under these headings was £4267

Total Expenditure £117946

Surplus £412

Helen Baker and John Tait have continued to handle cash received using Post Offices during the year. Margaret Pye and Annie Stretton have organised the fee income from funerals and marriages keeping the Treasurer informed and Paul Eveleigh has again very successfully attended to the important Tax reclaims. Our thanks are very much due to all of them for their efforts on our behalf.

St. Peter's Church, Little Aston

Balance Sheet Year Ended 31 December 2023	2023		2022	
Fixed Assets				
Land and Buildings	1.00		1.00	
Total Fixed Assets		1.00		1.00
Current Assets				
HSBC Current Account	72174.07		69958.58	
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CCLA (CBF) Deposit Account	20000.00		20000.00	
Interior Decorating Scheme	921.15		921.15	
Total Current Assets	116489.05	116489.05	116096.09	116096.09
Assets				116097.09
Current Liabilities				
Agency Collections	20.00	20.00		105.00
Total Current Liabilities				
Nat Assets		116510.05		**115992.09**
Reserves				
Balance brought forward		115992.09		105314.29
Surplus / Deficit		412.96		10677.80
Balance carried forward		**116405.05**		**115992.09**
Represented by Funds				
Land and Buildings		1.00		1.00
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	45988.39	45988.39	**47820.92**	47820.92
		116501.05		**115992.09**

St. Peter's Church, Little Aston

Income & Expenditure Year Ended 31 December 2023	2023	2023	2022	2022
Income				
Donations and Legacies				
Gift Aid	69499.96		77041.16	
Non Gift Aid	1967.70		1182.00	
Loose Plate Collections	6492.56		4942.07	
Legacies				
Church Boxes	737.33		195.64	
Donations Appeals Grants	1828.00		1519.59	
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	18943.62	99469.17	19095.24	103975.70
Income from charitable activities				
PCC Fees	12946.00	12946.00	12145.00	12145.00
Other Trading Activities				
Other Funds Generated	2526.29		1603.15	
Rummage Sales etc	2652.28		1548.93	
Insurance Claim		5178.57	340.97	3493.05
Investments				
Bank Interest	764.98	764.98	113.33	113.33
		118358.72		**119727.08**
Expenditure				
Raising Funds				
Stewardship Campaign & Fete Costs	1483.16	1483.16	1274.48	1274.48
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Donations	2284.76		987.70	
Common Fund	66376.00		66376.00	
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Vicar's Expenses	2087.11		1665.12	
Vicarage Expenses	764.80		768.87	
Telephone	479.88		655.88	
Education & Sunday Club			113.22	
Insurance	3836.97		3700.65	
Church Maintenance	922.01		3003.16	
Cleaning	1265.38		2024.40	
Upkeep of Services	5244.38		2396.86	
Upkeep of Churchyard	12648.73		9680.27	
Administration	1015.39		385.50	
Printing	3036.00		2800.00	
Electricity	11252.83		9298.87	
Water	263.82		198.30	
Parish Room Maintenance	1384.54		120.00	
		116462.60		107774.80
		117945.76		**109049.28**
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Friends of St. Peter's Church, Little Aston

Restricted Fund	**2023**		**2022**	
Income & Expenditure				
Year ended 31st December 2023				
Income				
Gift Aid - Regular Giving	2315.00		2990.00	
Gift Aid - One Off Giving	290.00		250.00	
Non-Gift Aid - Regular Giving	355.00		60.00	
Church Boxes	49.83		20.00	
Donations				
Income Tax Refunds	777.82		924.03	
Total Income	**3787.65**		**4244.03**	
Expenditure				
Upkeep of Churchyard	533.64		189.91	
Small Tools etc	348.10		129.00	
Tree Maintenance			1180.00	
Car Park Markings	420.00			
Car Park CCTV	852.00			
Car Park Lighting	2994.76			
Garden waste collection	380.00			
Administration	16.32			
Bank Charges	65.36		65.12	
Total Expenditure	**5610.18**		**1564.03**	
Balance Brought Forward	25216.36		22536.36	
Excess Income / Expenditure	-1822.53		2680.00	
Balance Carried Forward	**23393.83**		**25216.36**	

Little Aston S Peters

Monthly Income / Expenditure totals - Details

As at: 31 December 2023

Nominal code	Jan_23	Feb_23	Mar_23	Apr_23	May_23	Jun_23	Jul_23	Aug_23	Sep_23	Oct_23	Nov_23	Dec_23	Code total
Income													
0101: Gift Aid - Bank (Regular Giving)	6,078.44	4,943.50	6,507.20	5,607.00	5,308.20	6,477.80	5,427.20	3,428.00	7,860.00	5,764.26	5,448.85	5,469.51	68,319.96
0120: Gift Aid - One Off Giving	-	-	-	20.00	300.00	-	-	-	240.00	500.00	120.00	-	1,180.00
0201: Non Gift Aid - Bank (Regular Giving)	45.00	170.00	170.00	45.00	295.00	170.00	170.00	158.00	182.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	1,915.00
0210: Non Gift Aid - Envelopes (Regular Giving	-	-	-	-	52.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52.70
0301: Loose plate collections	497.28	321.30	288.58	509.00	409.00	320.10	262.00	368.57	292.60	509.70	694.08	662.80	5,135.01
0310: Loose plate collections at weddings and	30.00	34.70	39.57	337.76	40.00	83.00	55.00	44.00	344.80	129.00	219.72	-	1,357.55
0410: Giving through church boxes	149.30	25.00	-	49.00	24.83	-	-	-	-	288.00	-	201.20	737.33
0510: One-off Non Gift Aid gifts	-	-	-	120.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120.00
0550: Donations appeals etc	-	-	220.00	958.00	-	50.00	-	-	-	-	480.00	-	1,708.00
0601: Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	2,835.07	518.50	414.80	3,905.08	457.30	1,209.62	2,738.42	-	874.52	2,953.34	1,669.48	1,367.49	18,943.62
0901: Other funds generated	121.78	162.85	146.30	227.33	171.69	170.05	501.60	250.89	192.10	202.90	176.90	201.90	2,526.29
0910: Rummage sales etc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	942.50	1,629.78	80.00	2,652.28
1020: Bank and building society interest	130.66	-	-	180.52	-	-	205.32	-	-	248.48	-	-	764.98
1101: PCC Statutory Fees for Weddings and Fune	618.00	627.00	1,047.00	1,364.00	1,354.00	632.00	1,085.00	1,335.00	592.00	468.00	493.00	629.00	10,244.00
1102: Local PCC Fees for Weddings & Funerals	80.00	80.00	160.00	180.00	351.00	140.00	120.00	587.00	339.00	435.00	148.00	82.00	2,702.00
Income totals	**10,585.53**	**6,882.85**	**8,993.45**	**13,502.69**	**8,763.72**	**9,252.57**	**10,564.54**	**6,171.46**	**10,917.02**	**12,611.18**	**11,249.81**	**8,863.90**	**118,358.72**
Expenditure													
1730: Costs of fetes & other fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	77.00	-	-	374.16	-	1,032.00	-	1,483.16
1801: Giving to missionary societies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
1830: Giving - relief and development agencies	-	-	200.00	1,084.76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,284.76
1910: Ministry parish share etc	5,535.00	5,531.00	5,531.00	5,531.00	5,531.00	5,531.00	5,531.00	5,531.00	5,531.00	5,531.00	5,531.00	5,531.00	66,376.00
2040: Organist Fees	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	3,600.00
2101: Working expenses of incumbent	129.90	174.50	170.50	166.02	-	439.39	180.95	159.50	178.40	162.00	163.50	162.45	2,087.11
2130: Parsonage house expenses	70.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	144.80	50.00	50.00	50.00	100.00	764.80
2150: Vicar's telephone	39.99	39.99	39.99	39.99	-	79.98	39.99	39.99	39.99	39.99	39.99	39.99	479.88
2301: Church running - insurance	313.35	313.35	313.35	313.35	322.92	322.95	322.95	322.95	322.95	322.95	322.95	322.95	3,836.97
2320: Organ / Pano tuning & repair	-	-	135.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	135.00	-	135.00	405.00
2330: Church maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	6.24	141.66	-	290.11	-	79.00	-	517.01
2331: Cleaning	86.40	86.40	135.95	129.60	89.40	152.85	86.40	86.40	129.60	86.40	86.40	109.58	1,265.38
2340: Upkeep of services	61.75	276.03	337.33	337.15	66.80	225.34	-	178.53	-	534.26	215.10	1,152.21	3,384.50
2345: Funeral and Wedding Costs	-	-	-	235.88	200.00	200.00	112.00	100.00	750.00	262.00	-	-	1,859.88
2350: Upkeep of churchyard	180.00	750.00	650.00	1,100.00	1,040.99	650.00	697.95	1,810.06	667.58	780.00	786.15	3,536.00	12,648.73
2360: Administration	57.66	51.08	39.31	41.68	83.84	67.06	41.29	40.57	443.02	42.38	43.91	63.59	1,015.39
2365: Printing	82.00	-	400.00	-	-	550.00	307.00	-	82.00	-	-	1,615.00	3,036.00
2401: Church running - electric	1,726.20	1,523.75	1,968.94	-	2,645.44	714.50	367.41	1,031.00	1,031.00	184.00	-	60.59	11,252.83
2420: Church running - water	-	107.28	-	-	20.29	-	-	116.01	-	-	20.24	-	263.82
2560: Church Room running - maintenance	-	-	404.00	-	980.54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,384.54

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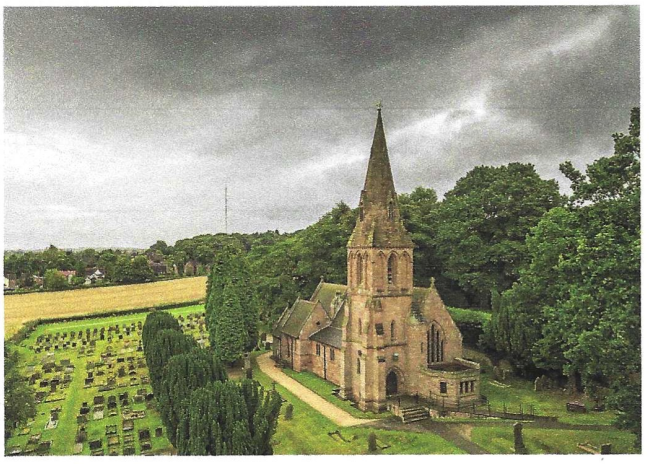

St. Peter's
LITTLE ASTON

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Year Ended 31 December 2022

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Secretary	Brenda Clarke

Elected Members

Treasurer	Christopher Hulland
Gift Aid Secretary	Paul Eveleigh
Deanery Synod Member & Electoral Roll	Margaret Pye
Diocesan Synod Member and Assistant Lay Chair of Deanery Synod	Jill Hope
	Ethne Owen
	Jane Medlicott
	Richard Paxton
	Elisabeth Paxton
	Lynne Gibson
	Nina Diaper
	Kathryn Sweeney

It is considered that all PCC members and any others who could be understood to be 'managers' in the activities and affairs of the church, as defined in Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010, are 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Act. All PCC members elected for the first time and those re-elected are supplied with minutes of PCC meetings and receive a copy of the last Annual Report and Accounts. They are entitled to ask for any explanations of their content. In service training is offered as appropriate.

Structure, government and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Peter's the membership consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation that are on the electoral roll of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including how the funds of the PCC are spent. New members receive initial training in the workings of the PCC.

The PCC met 6 times during the year.

There is a Standing Committee that is the only committee required to be in existence by church law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to ratification by the PCC. Meetings were via Zoom when necessary.

Aims and purposes

St Peter's Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Phillip Daniel, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the community of St. Peter's.The PCC maintains an overview of worship and will feedback to the vicar suggestions and comments relating to forms of service undertaken. Our services are intended to put our faith into practice through prayer, Scripture, music and the sacraments.

We endeavour to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our church community.

- Worship & Prayer - Bible studies, Discipleship courses, Lent courses, preaching and different types of service with some meeting particular needs are promoted.

- Provision of pastoral care for members of the congregation both within and outside the parish. This includes our Authorised Lay Ministers taking communion to those unable to attend church and visiting in hospitals, nursing homes and homes.

- Missionary and outreach work - our targeted charitable giving and support for social opportunities are well understood supporting both local and international concerns.

- To facilitate all this, we consider it vital we maintain and, if possible, improve the fabric of the church of St. Peter's and also the Church Room.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

By January 2022 Sunday services and Wednesday Communions were back to normal with no need for booking seats or wearing masks and the church was comfortable again with kneelers and cushions back in place. However when the government announced Plan B in early December 2021 we had to revert to communion in the pews and cancel our much appreciated sociable coffee sessions after church until the end of February.

We did change the time of our evening service to 5pm in September in the hope of encouraging more members of the congregation to attend as the evenings grew darker.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals have taken place throughout this year and special services have been held including Easter, Harvest, Remembrance, Friends Remembered, Christingle and Nine Lessons and Carols.

All is now back to normal with regular meetings of Mothers Union, the Knit and Natter group, the Keep Fit group, the Film Club, the Bereavement Group, the Hand Bell Ringers, the SACRED groups and the SPOGS - a group of older gentleman who have monthly dinners at local pubs for fellowship and goodwill. There is also a monthly meeting on Sunday evenings of SPYG the St Peter's Youth Group aged 10 and over building friendships and learning more about our faith.

Mission and Evangelism

The weekly Welcome to Worship leaflets continue to be an important means of communication with the congregation and other interested parties. They are available at all services and the email circulation has now increased to 163 addresses plus some printed copies passed on to those who do not have email.

The What's On at St Peter's leaflet giving details of all regular services, activities and events has been updated and will be available in strategic places around the parish as well as in church.

We continue our close connection with Pathways - the domestic and sexual abuse charity in Lichfield. They receive donations throughout the year especially from our harvest festival and when members of the congregation give 25 small gifts through our reverse advent calendar scheme.

Pastoral Care
The team meets regularly and discusses members of the congregation who may need help and support. They also arrange visits with home communion.

Monthly coffee mornings were introduced by the team in 2022 which then became weekly Winter Warmer Coffee mornings in the Autumn to encourage members of the congregation and any friends or acquaintances to meet together for relaxed, informal socialising in a warm welcoming space. These have been very successful and it has been requested that they continue through the summer.

Baptisms 0 Weddings. 7 Church Funerals 20 Crematoria 1

The electoral roll contains 233 names but 70% live outside the parish

The Church Building
St. Peter's is a listed Victorian Building and any repairs have to conform to regulations and are invariably expensive.
Lock repairs involved intricate work undertaken by a skilled blacksmith with the costs partially covered by an insurance claim.

Our whole enterprise relies on the many willing volunteers that make this church the friendly and responsive community so appreciated by all concerned. This was especially important given the requirements placed upon us conforming to Covid-19 regulations. The social context of our church cannot be underestimated and those opportunities have been missed by all. The Churchwardens have continued their extraordinary efforts to ensure our Vicar is supported at all times. After service coffee recommenced in November.

Safeguarding

The safety and security of children is of the utmost importance and guidelines and policies are part of the processes that have been adopted to ensure that all children taking part in activities in our churches may do so in a loving, caring and safe atmosphere. There is a Protection Policy in respect of children and vulnerable adults. recognised by the PCC who appointed Mrs Deborah Hartland as Safeguarding Officer.

A formalised programme of serious learning and certification has been undertaken by the Ministry team and members of the Church identified as having contact with children and vulnerable adults. It was undertaken on-line and intended to highlight any possible signs of risk that need reporting. The programme is monitored by Lichfield Diocese.
COVID-19 restrictions have necessitated suspension of a Sunday School during this year but meetings are held via Zoom in the meantime ensuring that all children have adult accompaniment on screen.

C3 Certification Ministry Team 4
C2 Certification Churchwardens and 2 others
C1 Certification 34 Church member

Risk Management

St.Peters use the Health and Safety Ecclesiastical Proforma (Small Churches) taken from their website www.ecclesiastical.com/healthandsafety in conjunction with www.hse.gov.uk
The PCC approved an annual review covering the church, the church room, the churchyard and car park.
Any possible hazards are dealt with immediately. Headstones are inspected half yearly and any that are loose are laid down to avoid possible accidents unless repairs can be made speedily.
Communicants who have mobility problems have been considered, bearing in mind the multiple steps to be negotiated.
Fire extinguishers are tested and certified. PAT testing has been completed on all electrical equipment. Both certificates are displayed.
First Aid box has been checked and is up to date. Food and Hygiene rules have been updated and are displayed in the kitchen.
All trees within the church grounds have been monitored and work carried out by Chris Peake, registered tree surgeon. Continued on an annual basis.
We continually adjust our Covid protocols in line with the Church of England guidelines.
We consider we have done everything practical to ensure the safety of anyone visiting the church.
To date we have no incidents to report

Financial Review

The major constraints of Covid-19 have now passed and some sort of normality has returned with congregation numbers recovering slowly that affects the Church's finances.

Gift Aid Income has held up reasonably well and no major fund-raising exercise was considered necessary during the year.
22 contributors now use the Direct Giving facility through the Diocese that speeds up the Tax Relief recovered and also saves a great deal of administration on our part. This system of Direct Debiting is far more efficient than the Standing Orders still used by the majority.
Grant income was also not required during the year as, thankfully, no major maintenance expense was incurred.
Statutory Fees are revised annually and we had to account for £6107 to the Diocese via the Agency Collections Suspense Account.

Total Income £119727

A revised formula for the Common Fund, previously known as the Parish Share, recognised past inequalities between parishes within the Diocese and resulted in a welcome reduction in our contribution by £13394. This is our necessary major expense of £66376 and meant we finished the year with a welcome surplus.
HSBC, along with other banks, started charging Charity Accounts at a cost to us of £200 for the year.
Expenses of £1274 were incurred in connection with the Jubilee celebrations for the late Queen Elizabeth.
We continued to give modest support to the Leprosy Mission of £987.
There have been increased costs in Printing as the weekly and very effective Welcome to Worship has been expanded.
Whilst we have fixed our electricity tariff until September 2024, the bill fluctuated according to weather conditions experienced. Other expenses are subject to inflationary factors.

Total Expenditure £109049

Surplus £10678

Helen Baker and John Tait have handled cash received using Post Offices during the year. Margaret Pye and Annie Stretton have organised the fee income from funerals and marriages keeping the Treasurer informed and Paul Eveleigh has again very successfully attended to the important Tax reclaims. Our thanks are very much due to all of them for their efforts on our behalf.

St. Peter's Church, Little Aston

Balance Sheet Year Ended 31 December 2022	2022		2021	
Fixed Assets				
Land and Buildings	1.00		1.00	
Total Fixed Assets		1.00		1.00
Current Assets				
HSBC Current Account	69958.58		72855.78	
HSBC Friends of St.Peter's Current Account	25216.36		22536.36	
CCLA (CBF) Deposit Account	20000.00		9000.00	
Interior Decorating Scheme	921.15		921.15	
Total Current Assets	116096.09	116096.09	105313.29	105313.29
Assets		116097.09		105314.29
Current Liabilities				
Agency Collections		105.00		0
Total Current Liabilities				
Nat Assets		**115992.09**		**105314.29**
Reserves				
Balance brought forward		105314.29		102013.66
Surplus / Deficit		10677.80		3300.63
Balance carried forward		**115992.09**		**105314.29**
Represented by Funds				
Land and Buildings		1.00		1.00
Unrestricted				
General Fund	68170.17	68170.17	71172.37	71172.37
Restricted				
Agency Collections	535.00		535.00	
Charity Appeals & Fundraising	425.41		425.41	
Churchyard Maintenance				
Friends of St. Peter's	25216.36		22536.36	
Interior Decorating Scheme	921.15		921.15	
Special Projects Fund	20000.00		9000.00	
Teaching & Evangelism Fund	723.00		723.00	
	47820.92	47820.92	34140.92	34140.92
		115992.09		**105314.29**

St. Peter's Church, Little Aston

Income & Expenditure Year Ended 31 December 2022	2022	2022	2021	2021
Income				
Donations and Legacies				
Gift Aid	77041.16		80833.41	
Non Gift Aid	1182.00		4201.44	
Loose Plate Collections	4942.07		1539.36	
Legacies			500.00	
Church Boxes	195.64		79.00	
Donations Appeals Grants	1519.59		4356.00	
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	19095.24	103975.70	18827.49	110336.70
Income from charitable activities				
PCC Fees	12145.00	12145.00	12030.00	12030.00
Other Trading Activities				
Parish Room Lettings				
Other Funds Generated	1603.15		590.91	
Rummage Sales etc	1548.93		933.00	
Insurance Claim	340.97	3493.05		1523.91
Investments				
Bank Interest	113.33	113.33	8.89	8.89
		119727.08		**123899.50**
Expenditure				
Raising Funds				
Stewardship Campaign & Fete Costs	1274.48	1274.48		
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Donations	987.70			
Common Fund	66376.00		79770.00	
Organist	3600.00		3600.00	
Vicar's Expenses	1665.12		1341.07	
Vicarage Expenses	768.87		577.50	
Telephone	655.88		671.88	
Education & Sunday Club	113.22		43.99	
Insurance	3700.65		3574.06	
Church Maintenance	3003.16		485.50	
Cleaning	2024.40		687.39	
Upkeep of Services	2396.86		2091.11	
Upkeep of Churchyard	9680.27		11335.98	
Administration	385.50		337.08	
Printing	2800.00		966.20	
Electricity	9298.87		7625.93	
Water	198.30		75.18	
Parish Room Maintenance	120.00			
Major Repairs & Installations		107774.80	7416.00	120598.87
		109049.28	120598.87	**120598.87**
Balance Income - Expenditure		**10677.80**		**3300.63**
		119727.08		**123899.50**

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2022

1. Notes to the Accounts

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Pavments basis.

2. Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included from the Accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.
Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposable are inalienable property listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For any acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.
Other tangible assets fixed assets are valued at cost.

3. Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC , including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.

Restricted funds comprise two elements
a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
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 the 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.

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to discretionary power to spend capital as income and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted.

Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees of the PCC of St. Peter's Church, Little Aston.
Registered Charity 1128819

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out in the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

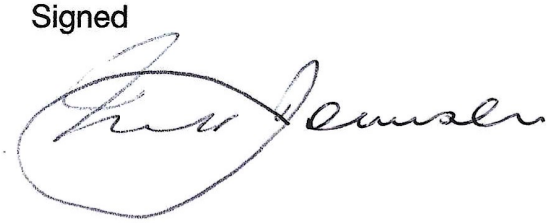
Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) rather an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility
- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement
In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect
- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed  Date 21 st February 2023

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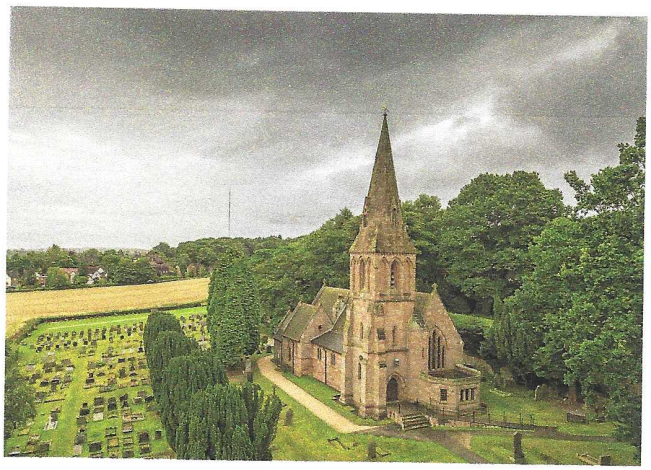

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Deanery Synod Representative	Jill Hope
	Ethne Owen
	Jane Medlicott
	Richard Paxton
	Elisabeth Paxton
	Lynne Gibson
	Nina Diaper
	Kathryn Sweeney

It is considered that all PCC members and any others who could be understood to be 'managers' in the activities and affairs of the church, as defined in Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010, are 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Act.

All PCC members elected for the first time and those re-elected are supplied with minutes of PCC meetings and receive a copy of the last Annual Report and Accounts. They are entitled to ask for any explanations of their content. In service training is offered as appropriate.

Structure, government and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Peter's the membership consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation that are on the electoral roll of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including how the funds of the PCC are spent. New members receive initial training in the workings of the PCC.

The PCC met 6 times during the year.

There is a Standing Committee that is the only committee required to be in existence by church law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to ratification by the PCC. Weekly meetings were via Zoom.

Aims and purposes

St Peter's Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Phillip Daniel, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the community of St. Peter's.The PCC maintains an overview of worship and will feedback to the vicar suggestions and comments relating to forms of service undertaken. Our services are intended to put our faith into practice through prayer, Scripture, music and the sacraments.

We endeavour to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our church community.

- Worship & Prayer - Bible studies, Discipleship courses, Lent courses, preaching and different types of service with some meeting particular needs are promoted.

- Provision of pastoral care for members of the congregation both within and out-with the parish. This includes our Authorised Lay Ministers taking communion to those unable to attend church and visiting in hospitals, nursing homes and homes.

- Missionary and outreach work - our targeted charitable giving and support for social opportunities are well understood supporting both local and international concerns.

- To facilitate all this, we consider it vital we maintain and, if possible, improve the fabric of the church of St. Peter's and also the Parish Room.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to support our Vicar in offering a range of services to meet the requirements of the community who have differing preferences for worship. The Churchwardens have continued their extraordinary efforts to ensure our Vicar is supported at all times.

Covid-19 meant normal Service timings and attendances were initially impossible to maintain.
Adopting the statutory 2 metre social distancing meant numbers had to be restricted and a booking system set up to record the names of attendees. Face masks were mandatory and continue to be so.
Individual service sheets were provided to be retained by attendees and collections were suspended.
A maximum of 32 was allowable at each service. Initially only two services were held on Sunday mornings but demand dictated a third service was required from 1st November. A Wednesday morning service was also continued.
Communion arrangements initially involved the vicar and the sacristan taking the bread to the congregation in the pews who then exited through the north door to maintain a one-way system. The sanctified wine was taken on their behalf by the celebrant. A sort of normality in receiving the sacraments returned in late September with communicants going up to the altar for the bread and receiving the wine in individual glasses rather than the Common Cup. Subsequently, in early December following the arrival of the Omicron variant we returned to bread only served in the pews and coffee was cancelled post services.

Booking arrangements were suspended at the end of September and thanks must go to Margaret Pye and Jane Medlicott who took many calls and messages regarding booking places.

Services are now publicised in a weekly Welcome to Worship that is also emailed to those in the Parish Directory. Without doubt, the use of technology in communicating has been enormously important with services and management meetings held over Zoom. Not everybody is on-line and Jane Alderson has put an incredible effort into this part of the organisation by ensuring universal inclusion in this different way of working.

Special Services have been held throughout the year including Easter, Harvest, Thanksgiving and Remembrance and Christmas.

Baptism, Wedding and Funeral arrangements have been disrupted by Government regulations and numbers attending have been severely restricted.

Baptisms	0	Weddings		Church Funerals	18	Crematoria	4

Pastoral Care

The electoral roll contains 233 names but 70% live outside the parish.
Covid-19 restrictions have severely curtailed physical visiting but telephone and email contacts have been expanded to try and meet essential contact needs.

Mission and Evangelism

2021 continued to be dominated by the changes brought about as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Our priority was to foster and maintain the sense of community within St Peter's while protecting the safety of church members as far as possible – a full risk assessment was undertaken before resuming services in church. Our "Church Friends" network was revitalised to encourage telephone contact and support between church members.

In order to maintain contacts within the church, modern technology was utilised where the capability existed. The church website and Facebook page were kept up to date and the Vicar's weekly video and other notices were posted on Facebook. The weekly newsletter that Paul Eveleigh instigated in March 2020 and which Jeremy Blunt produced latterly was used to maintain essential contact with the congregation. It terminated in September as the congregation were able to collect the Welcome to Worship in church or have it emailed to them. Initially going out to recipients drawn from the church directory, email circulation of the newsletter increased steadily to 145 addresses who now receive copies of the Welcome to Worship. Additionally, some church members printed copies to pass on to those who do not have email.

The newsletter also proved to be a channel for continuing our links with external charities including the Leprosy Mission and the Pathway Project by passing on news and information.

The Vicar grew and then gained sponsorship of £1015 for shaving his beard for the benefit of the Leprosy Mission. That sum was doubled by matched funding from UK Aid. Just before Christmas, church members contributed £470 for Christmas presents for the children at the Pathway Project in addition to the gifts of food, clothing, etc. given throughout the year.

Another technical innovation was the use of 'Zoom' for services that could not be held in church. A regular online Sunday service was welcomed during the second lockdown and special services including Remembrance Sunday, a successful "Virtual Christingle" and an online Carol Service all reached a good "congregation" by this means.

In December 2021 a Reverse Advent Calendar resulted in a substantial collection of gifts for the Pathway project.

All the Christmas services were held as normal in church with the exception of the Family carol service which took place on Zoom due concerns over a very busy Church with the Omicron variant in full flow.

The Church Building

St. Peter's is a listed Victorian Building and any repairs have to conform to regulations and are invariably expensive.

Vegetation growth was removed from the steeple and the lightning conductor repaired and tested.

Our whole enterprise relies on the many willing volunteers that make this church the friendly and responsive community so appreciated by all concerned. This was especially important given the requirements placed upon us conforming to Covid-19 regulations. The social context of our church cannot be underestimated and those opportunities have been missed by all.

After service coffee recommenced in November but was halted in early December subsequent to the arrival of the Omicron variant.

The late Reverend Brian Weaver

Brian and Jacqui moved to Streetly when Brian retired from his clergy post. After looking at their options for church, they decided to support their local one, St. Peter's, where they were welcomed in the early 2000's. Brian didn't admit at first that he was a retired clergyman but an astute Church Warden sussed him out and told the then vicar of her thoughts. He was soon given permission to take up the cloth again as a retired minister. Brian had come late to the ministry having been a BA pilot after a stint in the RAF. His sermons often contained anecdotes about time as a pilot.
His ministry added much to the mission of St. Peter's as he was a willing participant in leading and preaching and presiding at Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings.
Unfortunately, last year he succumbed to an illness from which he had previously suffered and he sadly passed away in May. He has left a congregation who miss his kind and soothing voice and his passion for the faith. We trust his wings have flown him high.

Risk Management

St.Peters use the Health and Safety Ecclesiastical Pro forma (Small Churches) taken from their website www.ecclesiastical.com/healthandsafety in conjunction with www.hse.gov.uk
The PCC approved an annual review covering the church, the Parish Room, the churchyard and the car park.
Any possible hazards are dealt with immediately. Headstones are inspected half yearly and any that are loose are laid down to avoid possible accidents unless repairs can be made speedily .
Communicants who have mobility problems have been considered bearing in mind steps to be negotiated.
Fire extinguishers are certified and tested. PAT testing has been completed on electrical equipment.
First Aid Box checked and up to date.
Food and Hygiene Rules updated and displayed in the kitchen.

A tree survey done by Reuben Hayes recommended by the Church Architect was undertaken last year . All the recommendations in the report will be implemented.
We have adjusted our Covid protocols in line with the Church of England guidelines, which we shall continue to monitor.
We have taken all reasonable steps to maintain a one metre distance both inside/outside of the church.
We consider we have done everything practical to manage transmission risk and up to date we have no incidents to report

Safeguarding

The safety and security of children is of the utmost importance and guidelines and policies have been adopted to ensure that all children taking part in activities in our churches may do so in a loving, caring and safe atmosphere. The. Protection Policy in respect of children and vulnerable adults is recognised by the PCC who appointed Mrs Deborah Hartland as Safeguarding Officer.

Safeguarding continued

A formalised programme, monitored by the Diocese. of serious learning and certification has been undertaken by the Ministry team and members of the Church identified as having contact with children and vulnerable adults.

COVID-19 restrictions have necessitated suspension of a Sunday School during this year but meetings are held via Zoom in the meantime ensuring that all children have adult accompaniment on screen.

C3 Certification	Ministry Team 4
C2 Certification	Churchwardens and 2 others
C1 Certification	34 Church members

Financial Review

Because of the overall constraints caused by Covid-19, Lichfield Diocese have been in close touch with parishes regarding up to date financial positions. Our financial records are available to Lichfield Diocese who are now the main licence holders of the on-line software from Data Developments.The arrangement is also considered by the PCC to be a useful backstop for us.

Thanks are due to Michael Johnson for undertaking the Independent Examination of the accounts.

Fee Income generated from Weddings and Funerals is important and thanks are due to Margaret Pye and Annie Stretton for ensuring the Treasurer is up to speed with the necessary information.

Cash collections have all but ceased for the time being although the congregation have very generously stood by St. Peter's by continuing their Standing Orders and Direct Giving with the majority Gift-aided. The tax refund is a major source of income and Paul Eveleigh continues to ensure these refunds are obtained in good time.

Our bankers, HSBC continue their programme of branch closures and paying-in is now via a Post Office. This is likely to give rise to bank charges during 2022. The Treasurer does now have the ability to pay in cheques via the HSBC iPhone app.

Thanks are due to John Tait and Helen Baker who handle any cash received despite the difficulties encountered.

The major expense on the fabric of the Church was a repair to the lightning conductor and the clearing of vegetation from the steeple costing £6180. The VAT £1236 was subsequently reclaimed through the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

We continue with the Friends of St. Peter's to ensure the maintenance of the Churchyard with overall costs of £11335. Following the sad death of Dave Marston, Nigel Jones has taken over the main task, continuing the good work.

Energy costs are rising substantially and, following brokers' advice, we have agreed a 3 year contract until September 2024 with EDF for electricity on the basis that smart meters will be installed. EDF electricity is mostly produced by nuclear energy and considered "green".

Our main expense was the Parish Share. Due to national circumstances relating to Covid-19, the Diocese managed to obtain some central funding that effectively reduced our liability by £7980.

This meant that a potential overall deficit was turned into a modest but welcome surplus of £3300. (2020 £7085)

St. Peter's Church, Little Aston

Balance Sheet Year Ended 31 December 2021	2021		2020	
Fixed Assets				
Land and Buildings	1.00		1.00	
Total Fixed Assets		1.00		1.00
Current Assets				
HSBC Current Account	72855.78		69569.93	
HSBC Friends of St.Peter's Current Account	22536.36		22921.58	
CCLA (CBF) Deposit Account	9000.00		9000.00	
Interior Decorating Scheme	921.15		521.15	
Total Current Assets	105313.29	105313.29	102012.66	102012.66
Assets				102013.66
Current Liabilities				
Agency Collections		0		0
Total Current Liabilities				
Nat Assets		0		0
Reserves				
Balance brought forward		102013.66		94928.33
Surplus / Deficit		3300.63		7085.33
Balance carried forward		**105314.29**		**102013.66**
Represented by Funds				
Land and Buildings		1.00		1.00
Unrestricted				
General Fund	71172.37	71172.37	66256.52	66256.52
Restricted				
Agency Collections		535.00	535.00	
Charity Appeals & Fundraising		425.41	425.41	
Churchyard Maintenance			1630.00	
Friends of St. Peter's		22536.36	22921.58	
Interior Decorating Scheme		921.15	521.15	
Special Projects Fund		9000.00	9000.00	
Teaching & Evangelism Fund		723.00	723.00	
			35756.14	35756.14
		105314.29		**102013.66**

St. Peter's Church, Little Aston

Income & Expenditure Year Ended 31 December 2021	2021	2021	2020	2020
Income				
Donations and Legacies				
Gift Aid	80833.41		74799.50	
Non Gift Aid	4201.44		5176.00	
Loose Plate Collections	1539.36		2090.81	
Legacies	500.00			
Church Boxes	79.00		287.20	
Donations Appeals Grants	4356.00		39563.63	
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	18827.49	110336.70	22429.79	144346.93
Income from charitable activities				
PCC Fees	12030.00	12030.00	8400.00	8400.00
Other Trading Activities				
Parish Room Lettings			240.00	
Other Funds Generated	590.91		903.42	
Rummage Sales etc	933.00		186.10	
Parish Magazine & Calendars		1523.91	26.00	1355.52
Investments				
Bank Interest	8.89	8.89	50.09	50.09
		123899.50		**154152.54**
Expenditure				
Raising Funds				
Stewardship Campaign & Fete Costs			46.09	46.09
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Donations			406.50	
Parish Share	79770.00		74235.00	
Organist	3600.00		3620.00	
Vicar's Expenses	1341.07		970.41	
Vicarage Expenses	577.50		418.60	
Telephone	671.88		691.76	
Education & Sunday Club	43.99			
Insurance	3574.06		3530.74	
Church Maintenance	485.50		2708.01	
Cleaning	687.39		1393.98	
Upkeep of Services	2091.11		1070.61	
Upkeep of Churchyard	11335.98		14294.69	
Administration	337.08		180.00	
Printing	966.20		1215.60	
Electricity	7625.93		3666.50	
Water	75.18		236.63	
Parish Room Maintenance			503.09	
Major Repairs & Installations	7416.00	120598.87	37879.00	147021.12
		120598.87		**147067.21**
Balance Income - Expenditure		**3300.63**		**7085.33**
		123899.50		**154152.54**

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2021

1. Notes to the Accounts

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included from the Accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.
Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposable are inalienable property listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).
For any acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.
Other tangible assets fixed assets are valued at cost.

3. Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.

Restricted funds comprise two elements
a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest

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 the 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.

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to discretionary power to spend capital as income and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted.

Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees of the PCC of St. Peter's Church, Little Aston.
Registered Charity 1128819

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out in the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) rather an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility
- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement
In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect
- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed Date