

The Parochial Church Council  
of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter's with  
St Mark's Hospital Church

# Report and Financial Statements 31 December 2024

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## Financial Report and Statements for the year ended 2024

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# **2024 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Peter's with St Mark's Hospital Church, Furze Platt, Maidenhead**

## **1. Administrative Information**

St Peter's Church is situated in St Peter's Road, Furze Platt, Maidenhead. It is part of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is the Parish Office, St Peter's Church, St Peter's Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7QU. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission, registration no.1128896.

The PCC also has responsibility for St Mark's Hospital Church, which is part of the site of St Mark's Hospital, our local community hospital. The incumbent also acts as the Hospital Chaplain. St Mark's Hospital Church building is owned and maintained by the NHS, although St Mark's congregation have been permitted to improve the building from their own funds.

## **2. Structure, Governance and Management**

The PCC has been formed under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The clergy and Churchwardens are members by virtue of their office. Two churchwardens are elected annually at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP). Deanery Synod representatives are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and hold office for three years. Other members of the PCC are elected for a term of 3 years at the APCM. All Church attenders are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and to consider whether to stand for election to the PCC. PCC members automatically become trustees of the charity.

## **3. Membership of the PCC**

The Membership of the PCC as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 is shown below:

### Ex Officio:

David Short	(Vicar)
Joanna Ellington	(Assistant Minister)
Marlene Bryant	(Churchwarden)
James Law	(Churchwarden)

### Elected to PCC:

Martha Baillie	(elected 2022-2025)
Tom Collison	(elected 2022-2025)
Sue Fleet	(elected 2022-2025)
Mike Weatherley	(elected 2022-2025)
Martin Flynn	(elected 2023-2026)
Brian Giddings	(elected 2023-2026, Treasurer)
Sandy Young	(elected 2023-2026, PCC Secretary)
Lucy Bellinger	(elected 2024-2027)

Franzi Cheeseman	(elected 2024-2027, PCC Vice Chair)
Ruth Knight	(elected 2024-2027)
Claire Bronnimann	(elected 2024-2027)
Sam Carter	(elected Nov 2024-2026)

#### **4. Deanery Synod**

The Deanery Synod provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, six members of the PCC were also members of the Deanery Synod: David Short, Joanna Ellington, Marlene Bryant, Martin Flynn, Brian Giddings and Sandy Young. In 2024 there were three meetings. In addition to acting as a conduit for General Synod, the Deanery Synod also shared experiences of Schools' Chaplaincy, Anna Chaplaincy, which provides spiritual care for older people, and work with children and young people. A small update to the Parish Share allocation formula was approved and updates on topics discussed at General Synod sessions were received.

#### **5. Organisation and Structure**

For the PCC to work to enable the mission and ministry of St Peter's and St Mark's as well as exercise the function of trusteeship for the Church, each member of the PCC will normally be part of at least one sub-group; others not on the PCC can be invited onto these sub-groups. Each sub-group regularly reports to the PCC.

Standing Committee - This committee consists of the Vicar, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer, the PCC Secretary and the PCC Vice Chair. They have power to transact the business of the PCC between PCC meetings, reporting to the full PCC as appropriate.

Finance Committee – The Finance Committee consists of the Treasurer and 3 other people, including at least one member of the PCC. This committee meets as required and is responsible to the PCC for inspecting financial reports including year-end accounts before external inspection; developing and agreeing financial policies and processes; advising on the management of investments; and advising on financial risk. Practical financial matters are managed by the Treasurer with the support of an Finance Assistant and a Giving Secretary.

Mission Action Group – The Mission Action Group looks to develop mission partnerships at home and abroad. The Group also recommends the distribution of the Parish Tithe between the chosen charities. On 31st December 2024, the mission partners were:

Overseas: Street Kids Direct Guatemala and Open Doors

At home: Christian Connections in Schools (CCiS) and Yeldall Manor

Building Action Group (BAG) – The Building Action Group attends to all matters relating to the normal maintenance of the buildings and grounds in which St Peter's and St Mark's Church has an interest. This group is chaired by a Churchwarden, James Law, and includes members of the congregation with relevant knowledge and skills.



Off-Site Event Approval Group (OSAG) – The Off-site Event Approval Group consists of a PCC member, the Safeguarding Officer, and the Children's Minister (currently vacant). It reviews and approves off-site events involving children and vulnerable adults, ensuring that safety and safeguarding risks are addressed in line with the church's safeguarding, health and safety and insurance policies. This group reports back to the PCC at each PCC meeting regarding any events that have been approved.

Diakonia Action Group (DAG) – The Diakonia Action Group consists of the Vicar, The Churchwardens, the PCC Vice Chair, the Operations Manager and the International Minister. This group provides strategic direction as well as operational support.

## **6. Objectives and Activities**

St Peter's with St Mark's Church Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend David Short, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Following extensive consultation with members of the parish, the PCC has agreed that the priorities for St Peter's and St Mark's are to develop our ministry in the areas of Worship, Discipleship, Community, Mission and the Younger Generation and to nurture the values of Compassion, Creativity, Generosity and Joy. Our vision is to LOVE JESUS, SHARE LIVES & TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our two churches and to become part of our parish community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, worship and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Mission and outreach work, especially with children and young people, disadvantaged and vulnerable families, vulnerable and socially isolated older people and refugees/asylum seekers.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of St Peter's Church and the Church Centre.

The Church aims to give to other organisations involved in mission in the UK and overseas, or involved in humanitarian relief and development work, 10% of its regular income each year. Giving is prayerfully considered by the Mission Action Group, which makes recommendations to the PCC.

To help it achieve its objectives the PCC employs on a full-time basis:

Children's Minister (vacant since 02Apr23), reporting to the Vicar, to connect more children and families to faith in Jesus through missional outreach; to deepen and develop the spiritual life of the children; and to equip and encourage families to raise their children as life-long followers of Jesus.

On a part-time basis:

Operations Manager (Sandy Young since 01Jun24, previously Church Centre Manager), reporting to the Vicar, to provide strategies and procedures that give life and shape to the vision; to ensure the efficient management and operation of parish administration and the professional running of the church centre.

Administrator/Finance Assistant (Kira Holland), reporting to the Operations Manager, to provide administrative support for the financial management and mission and ministry of the church.

International Minister (Geoff Yeung), reporting to the Vicar, oversees our international welcome ministry and work with asylum seekers and refugees. He has also been supporting the youth and children's ministry, whilst these positions have been vacant.

Youth Minister (Daniel Hayward until 15Dec24, vacant), reporting to the International Minister, to connect more young people to faith in Jesus through missional outreach; to develop the spiritual life of the young people; to equip and encourage others and especially young people to grow in leadership; and to develop our ministry among young adults (18-25yrs).

Administrator (Hannah Cheeseman since 30Sep24), reporting to the Operations Manager, to support the efficient management and operation of the church centre and to assist with parish administration, in order to enable the effective mission and ministry of St Peter's Church.

Furze Platt War Memorial Hall Administrator (Iris Yiu since 01Jun24), reporting to the Operations Manager, to manage and provide administration for the Furze Platt War Memorial Hall

Contract cleaning services are supervised by the Operations Manager (Sandy Young).

In addition:

Lay Licensed Minister (Ruth Knight) reporting to the Vicar. Ruth is involved with leading and preaching at both churches and is also a joint leader of a Connect Group.

Ministry Experience Volunteer (Leah Rashid since 05Sep24), supervised by the International Minister. This opportunity provides experience of working in Christian Youth and Children's ministry, in the context of parish life. It includes enrolment on the New Wine Discipleship Year, as well as teaching, training and equipping to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

**The church relies on the voluntary work of many people within the church and the PCC hugely appreciates their service to the church and the local community.**



## **Safeguarding:**

The PCC has discussed, reviewed and approved several safeguarding documents over the year including the following:

- Parish safeguarding policy (which takes account of "Promoting a Safer Church")
- Safeguarding action plan
- Procedure for dealing with safeguarding concerns
- Policy on recruitment of ex-offenders
- Safer recruitment and people management process
- Lists of church and non-church activities
- Use of social media policy

The Church has applied the required safer recruitment guidelines when new volunteers, who will work with children, young people and vulnerable adults, have been appointed. Leaders and helpers working with children, young people and vulnerable adults or involved in administration and governance of the Church continue to be checked with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS); long-standing group leaders and helpers have been reviewed when required.

The training of volunteers in Diocesan safeguarding training modules that are appropriate to their roles has continued, as has refresher training for those already in roles. There are however, some of individuals in volunteer roles where safeguarding training remains pending – so this is an area for improvement and focus.

The Off-Site Activity Approval Group (OSAG) continues to review all off-site activity planning documents and risk assessments involving vulnerable persons. The OSAG approves the majority of these activities on the PCC's behalf, although higher risk activities are still taken to PCC meetings for final approval. The majority of activities approved this year have focused on those involving youth.

We remain at the top level on the Safeguarding Dashboard, which is an online system to streamline safeguarding administration and governance. It makes life simpler for the Parish Safeguarding Officer as it shows an overview of the parish at a glance and can be shared with the Vicar and Churchwardens.

We are now in our second year of using the Safeguarding Hub, which is part of the Diocese Safeguarding Dashboard. This is proving to be a useful online tool which enables all aspects of safer recruitment and training requirements to be recorded in one place. Over the year we have transferred a lot of our existing data relating to DBS and safeguarding training for approximately 50 volunteer roles/people onto the new Safeguarding Hub, which in time will make the recording, storing and tracking of this information simpler, secure and more efficient.

Lucy Bellinger continues in the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and DBS Administrator with assistance from Sandy Young as DBS Verifier.

## **7. PCC Review of the Year 2024**

The PCC met 7 times in 2024. Over the year the PCC discussed many topics, significant among them:

January 2024 – The allocation of the 2023 mission tithe and the mission partners for 2024 were approved. The list of those authorised to administer Holy Communion were approved. Additional

budget was approved to help with accommodation and subsistence costs for a newly appointed part-time Youth Minister. The annual accounts for 2023 were presented. Approval was given for the transfer of funds to a new savings product. Subsequent to the meeting, the annual report and accounts for 2023 were approved for submission for independent examination by email vote.

March 2024 – The independently examined annual report and accounts for 2023 were approved for submission to the APCM and financial policies, including Authorisation Levels and Purchasing were reviewed and approved. Recognising the challenges of meeting housing needs of future ministers, approval was given for initial research to be carried out into the possibility of purchasing housing. Following an in-depth salary review and benchmarking exercise, pay recommendations were approved. The annual safeguarding review took place. Lists of approved church and non-church activities were approved along with safeguarding policies and the safeguarding action plan. The safer recruitment processes for volunteers and paid roles were reviewed and changes approved. The appointment of Jeremy Bell (JBKS) as the 2024 Quinquennial inspection architect was approved. The meeting also approved the deputy wardens and stewards for 2024. Jeremy Stevens, Alan Jell, Lucy Bellinger and Franzi Cheeseman were thanked for their work on the PCC, as they were coming to the end of their term at the APCM. Lucy and Franzi were thanked for their willingness to continue to serve in their roles of Safeguarding Officer and PCC Vice Chair, respectively, for a further term. Special thanks were given to Ian Knight, who had served six years as Churchwarden and would be standing down at the AMP.

May 2024 – This meeting included a shared meal to welcome new members of the PCC and to thank existing members for their support and service. The role of PCC was presented, with reference to two documents, which had been circulated as pre-reads: an Introduction to the PCC and a PCC Code of Conduct. Members were encouraged to make attendance at meetings a priority and to contribute to discussions. Members were also reminded that their role is a two-way channel of communication between the congregation and the PCC. The officers for this PCC were elected and membership of the Standing Committee was agreed. An update on staffing was given, including the appointment of an Administrator for Furze Platt War Memorial Hall and vacancies for a part-time Administrator and full-time Children's Minister.

July 2024 - Increases in room hire charges, effective 1<sup>st</sup> September, were approved. A resolution was approved affirming Canon B30 of the Church of England, which relates to marriage. An AV project update was presented and Phase 2 of the project, which includes video displays and new speakers, was approved. A one-year Ministry Experience Volunteer opportunity was approved. A proposal to accept an offer to replace the church Bibles with a more modern NIV version was also approved.

Extraordinary Meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 – An extraordinary PCC meeting was held to discuss invitations received by David Short and Geoff Yeung to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Lausanne Congress in Seoul, 22<sup>nd</sup> –28<sup>th</sup> September 2024. PCC supported their attendance and approved financial support to cover any reasonable shortfall in their fundraising efforts.

September 2024 – The annual health and safety review took place and the updated Health and Safety Policy and Improvement Plan were approved. A time of small group discussion, followed by feedback to the whole PCC and further discussion took place to consider how we might provide space for growth of the congregation at St Peter's. Highlights from the Lausanne 4 Congress were shared.



November 2024 – Further highlights from the Lausanne 4 Congress were shared. Sam Carter was elected to fill a casual vacancy on the PCC. PCC approved to accept the 2025 Parish Share Allocation. Updates to the Legacy and Reserves policies were approved. The draft budget for 2025 was also approved. Increases in PCC wedding and funeral fees were agreed, effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Following the resignation of Daniel Hayward, PCC voted to change the part-time Youth Minister role to a full-time role. A potential arrangement to maximise seating capacity in St Peter's Church was set up for PCC to consider, after which PCC voted to proceed with plans to increase the seating in the church, which will necessitate relocating the worship group to the chancel. The Quinquennial Inspection report was presented – this was positive with no major issues. Minor works recommended to roof tiles, pointing and gutters were outlined. PCC approved three new WhatsApp groups involving young people.

## **8. Services and Worship**

The number of names on the electoral roll as of April 2024 was 174 (2023: 166), 53% of whom live within the Parish, 47% outside the parish. Adrian Young continues as Electoral Roll Officer.

At the St Peter's weekly 10am service, THE TEN O'CLOCK, we worship together as a whole church family at the beginning of the service, before the children and young people move to their groups. Our sung worship is in a contemporary style, with song words, liturgy and readings projected, and large print booklets available for those who need them. The service is livestreamed and remains available on our YouTube channel and the teaching is made available as a weekly Podcast. An unsupervised creche is available with a live link to the service. Prayer ministry is offered after the service. Refreshments are served before and after the service. All are welcome, with space for all ages from families with young children to seniors.

A short contemplative Midweek Service, alternating between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, is held twice monthly at St Peter's. Those attending are welcome to stay on for a Community Lunch, served after the service.

An annual service to remember loved ones was held at St Peter's in May. A new regular monthly service in Cantonese was introduced at St Peter's in August.

An 11am Morning Prayer service is held at St Mark's Church on the second Sunday of each month and a traditional Anglican service of Holy Communion based on Common Worship, is held on the fourth Sunday of each month. The St Mark's congregation, which we would describe as welcoming and caring, is mainly from an older demographic. During January and February, whilst there was no heating available in St Mark's Church, services took place in the nearby Seminar Room 1 on the hospital site.

On Good Friday, a reflective 'Hour at the Cross' service of music, Bible readings and meditation was held at St Peter's. On Easter Sunday there was an All-Age Communion service at St Peter's and an Easter Communion service at St Mark's.

A Remembrance Sunday service, including uniformed organisations, was held at St Peter's and the St Mark's service on this day included a time of remembrance.

During Advent we offered a range of special services across both churches. These included a service of nine lessons and carols, a traditional daytime carol service and an evening carol service. On Christmas Eve we held two Nativity and Carols services at St Peter's. On Christmas day there was an All-Age Celebration service at St Peter's and a Christmas Communion at St Mark's.

## 9. Achievements and Performance

### Church Service Attendance 2024

During October (taken to represent a typical month statistically) in-person Sunday services were taking place weekly at St Peter's and twice monthly at St Mark's. At St Mark's the services alternated between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. The St Peter's Sunday morning services were livestreamed online and available for catch-up at another time. There was also a twice monthly midweek daytime service at St Peter's alternating between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. A monthly Cantonese language service was started in August.

#### St Peter's in-person:

Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> October	92 adults	15 children
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup> October	17 adults	0 children
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> October	15 adults	2 children
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> October	80 adults	17 children
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> October	89 adults	18 children
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> October	13 adults	0 children
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> October	75 adults	15 children

#### St Mark's in-person:

13 <sup>th</sup> October	27 adults	0 children
27 <sup>th</sup> October	28 adults	0 children

#### Easter Day:

All Age Communion Service at St Peter's	127 adults	32 children
Holy Communion Service St Mark's	26 adults	0 children

#### Christmas Services:

St Peter's in-person services (5, of which 2 were livestreamed)	524 adults	126 children
St Mark's in-person services (2)	93 adults	3 children



## 10. Review of Activities and Events

**Connect Groups.** There are currently eight Connect Groups, including one daytime group and one Cantonese speaking group. The aim of the groups is to facilitate fellowship, Bible study and pastoral support for members of our congregation. Groups usually choose their own study materials, and most groups meet weekly. This is a great space to get to know and support each other and grow in our faith together.

**Patchwork** monthly women's breakfast meetings continue to be a place for encouragement and testimony. Many attendees come from St Peter's & St Mark's congregations, but we are also joined by women from other local churches. This year we spent time looking together at what Jesus says about who we are in Him in our wilderness times and in times of joy. We read the Bible, reflect and pray together and learn from each other.

**Children's Ministry.** This is our second year running Children's Church without a Children's Minister. Our volunteer team has been incredibly faithful each week, supporting our young people in their spiritual growth. Energize has been a great resource, helping volunteers plan sessions and provide quality Bible teaching for the children. We have covered several Bible study series, including "Encounters with Jesus" and "The Life of Jesus – Parables." Attendance has remained steady compared to the previous year, with around 13 young people attending each week. In September our youngest group was split to form two new groups, in order to provide more age-appropriate teaching and activities.

**St Peter's Toddlers** has flourished this year with a wonderful, caring and committed team who provide a vibrant, accepting and nurturing environment for children and their parents, grandparents and carers. Each family receives a warm, personal welcome followed by a play session after which we have snacks, singing and a craft activity for each child. Throughout the morning the team circulate and chat to our guests and demonstrate God's love through the care shown and the support offered. We regularly welcome 35 children (around 30 families) and use as much of the space in the church as we can.

**Schools Ministry** continued across the Parish. We ran Easter and Christmas presentations for children from Courthouse Junior School and Furze Platt Junior School. We were also able to run one-off assemblies and talks across the year for Alwyn Infant School and Little Fishes Pre-School.

**Schools Chaplaincy.** This was Jo Ellington's fourth academic year as Chaplain at Altwood secondary school and Cookham Dean primary school. Highlights have been Altwood's lively chapel and chats group, at which more than twenty pupils from years 8 and 10 meet each week to read the Bible, share thoughts and pray together and a new group for year 11 boys, attended by 9-12 pupils. In addition, the first Altwood school parents prayer group met last term. The pupils also benefit from involvement in the Love Christmas project and helping at the St Peter's Christmas Community Lunch. Cookham Dean highlights have been helping with the "pupils for praise" group and being able to lead the whole school in "Wild Worship." Jo is very grateful for the support and encouragement she receives from staff members at both schools, members of St Peter's, Fr Jeremy (All Saints Church) and Wayne Dixon (CCiS).

## Youth Ministry

**Sunday Night Live**, our discipleship group for older youth (school years 10-13), followed the 'Encounters with Jesus' and 'Jesus I AM statements' series and then carried out an overview of the books of the New Testament. A new session format was introduced by Daniel, our Youth Minister, creating more space for the young people to relax and connect with each other. Table tennis, pool and a Wii games console have proven popular. The group dynamic is strong, and attendance has remained stable, with an average of 10 young people meeting each week. More than half of the regular attendees were born outside of the UK and do not have English as their first language. Their perspectives and experiences have enriched the group, adding new dimensions to discussions.

**Wednesday Night Live**, is regularly attended by 10-12 young people, from school years 6-9, each week. The frequency of meetings was increased to build stronger connections and momentum. A short talk, focusing on life's big questions, has been introduced each week.

Two young people, one from Hong Kong and one from Sunday Night Live, were baptised at Easter and three young people from Sunday Night Live were baptised in December. The baptism preparation classes held in December have developed into a weekday discipleship group.

**Any Night Live**, a new group for sixth-form students, moved from meeting for one-off events to meeting monthly. This group has allowed the young people to meet peers in a closer age range, providing a space where they can deepen their relationship with Christ and feel comfortable sharing and exploring the big questions they face at this stage in life.

**Prayer Meetings.** Our monthly evening Encounter prayer meetings took place at St Peter's Church Centre. The evenings typically brought together around twenty people to pray for mission and ministry, the wider world and our mission partners. Throughout the year we were delighted to have been joined by some of our local and international mission partners.

**Prayer Weeks.** Three prayer weeks were held during the year with a prayer room set up at St Peter's Church. During each week individuals or groups prayed during each of the hour-long slots, from 7am-11pm Monday-Friday. All were well supported.

**Alpha** continued this year as a course for enquirers. The Spring course, held at St Peter's Church Centre, was attended by 16 adults. The group bonded well and have continued to meet socially. Both the autumn 2023 and spring 2024 courses saw a guest going forward for baptism and others have expressed interest. One guest is now doing a ministry experience placement with the church. There was a mix of guests from all ages and backgrounds, coming from Maidenhead, Marlow and from Yeldall Manor drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre in Wargrave. Many of the guests have started to come to church and some have joined Connect Groups.

**Community Lunch.** Our weekly Community Lunch has continued to provide a space for fellowship and friendship for anyone within the local community and our church family. We have seen it grow this year to include newcomers. Many of those who attend our twice monthly Midweek Service, enjoy staying on for a meal after the service. Transport is provided for those who require it. The lunch is attended regularly by an average of 35 guests. This year, thanks to support from Cowdery's



of Cookham and a local donor we have been able to provide the Christmas Dinner, which took place after a Daytime Carol Service, for no charge. This event was attended by 45 guests. Altwood School also supported this event, their choir entertained our guests whilst they ate, and some sixth formers helped with the serving of the meal.

**St Mark's Hospital and Care Home.** We continue to provide a Chaplaincy service to the hospital and care home. Our ministers regularly visited the care home by invitation to provide additional pastoral and spiritual support to residents and their families. There were also occasional visits to staff and patients on Henry Tudor community inpatient ward.

**'Sharing Lives' events.** As part of our vision to share lives, we have held several events throughout the year, including a quiz, Lunar New Year and Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration Evenings, All Nations Lunch, barbecue, family picnic, Safari Supper and church family breakfasts.

### International Welcome ministry

#### **Hong Kongers Welcome Ministry**

Regular contact has been maintained with several Hong Kong families, who attended the Welcome Course held in early 2023, to whom we provide friendship, support and pastoral care. Our International Minister, Geoff Yeung, partners with a community interest company (CIC) called Blossom Community to run various workshops and community events. In April, they organised a four-week gardening workshop run by volunteers from St Peter's, which was attended by 12 members of the Hong Kong community. Additionally, they hosted Lunar New Year, Mid-Autumn Festival, and Christmas bring-and-share celebrations. The Mid-Autumn Festival had the highest attendance, with nearly 100 people joining in.

The one to one Cantonese Bible study group has now grown into a Cantonese Connect Group, led by a couple from the Hong Kong community. A monthly Cantonese Service sees 15–20 attendees from St Peter's and several other local churches.

#### **Refugee Welcoming Ministry**

Regular visits to the Welcome Hotel have continued. In July, Geoff was asked to lead a weekly English conversation class on Mondays and to oversee the operation of a 'free shop,' where Asylum Seekers can access free secondhand clothes donated by churches or individuals from Maidenhead. He is now partnering with a volunteer from St Mary's Church to run the free shop on every Monday and Friday. These activities provide opportunities to offer prayers, support, and also spiritual conversations with residents. Some of the residents have become part of the volunteer team that runs and maintains the shop too. As a result of these connections, 4 Iranian young people from the hotel have started regularly attending our Sunday Night Live group and a Syrian family accepted our invitation to join one of our Christmas Eve Carol services.

Through the **Love Christmas** project we were, once again, able to provide the Welcome Hotel residents with vouchers and small gifts, as tangible reminders of God's love. A Christmas party was hosted at St Peter's Church, supported by a large team of volunteers from St Peter's and St Mary's with almost a hundred hotel residents attending.

An **All Nations Sunday service and lunch** has become part of the annual calendar at St Peter's. This year we invited guests from St Paul's Slough to join us, so we could learn from their experiences of intercultural mission. Geoff was also invited to attend a weekly **online**

**Farsi Bible study** every Tuesday, which allows him to offer Bible study to Persians speakers from the Welcome Hotel. Geoff attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anglican Intercultural Church conference.

**Friends Without Borders**, a weekly English conversation group, continues to help newcomers improve their English-speaking skills, to extend their vocabulary and to get to know others.

**Love Christmas.** St Peter's was once again the Maidenhead hub for the Love Christmas appeal, enabling us to team up with other churches across the town to give away 'bags of kindness'. We partnered with 10 other churches, and this year 800 bags were distributed to asylum seekers, the isolated elderly and families facing a difficult Christmas, as identified through our local schools. These gifts remind our neighbours that they are seen and loved and that the Church is in fact there for them.

**Church Centre Utilisation.** The Church Centre continues to provide excellent facilities for community-based organisations and activities. The centre hosts a weekly toddler group, community lunch, English conversation session and youth activities. External hirers use the centre for a before school breakfast club, art classes, musical theatre-based sound and movement sessions for babies and toddlers, and exercise/Pilates/dance classes. The Centre is also used for counselling sessions and training courses/events. Additionally, community groups continue to use the venue for meetings and presentations. It remains a popular venue for social events and children's parties.

**Furze Platt War Memorial Hall (FPWMH).** Members of the PCC, namely the Vicar and Churchwardens, are administrative trustees of the Furze Platt War Memorial Hall, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead. Deeds of the hall are held by the Diocese of Oxford, and state that the hall be used for 'promoting aiding and furthering the objects and work of the Church of England in the parish ... and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the said parish but not for any purpose inimical in the opinion of the Board or the administrative trustees to the Church of England.' This hall is let to a wide variety of community groups.

## **11. Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments**

### **St Peter's Church and Church Centre**

**Energy Efficiency:** St Peter's Church nave & tower and the church centre are heated by two separate gas boiler systems. The nave & tower are heated by a non-condensing commercial gas boiler, while the church centre is heated by a domestic condensing gas boiler. Both boilers are serviced annually and remain well within their working lifespan, provided they are regularly maintained. However, the larger commercial gas boiler recently experienced an issue with one of its two circulating pumps, which seized and stopped working. The other pump is still functioning, but the lack of a backup pump poses a risk to the continuous operation of the heating system. There are two potential solutions to resolve this issue:

1. Direct replacement of the faulty pump.
2. Upgrade/replace the boiler with two energy-efficient condensing gas boilers (2 x 30kW).



At this stage, option 1 is the preferred course of action, as it is more cost-effective and provides additional time to consider future greener and more sustainable heating solutions.

**Audiovisual:** Following improvement works carried out to the sound system at St Peter's, the PCC has approved phase two of the project, which includes removal of the large projector screen at the front of the church and the addition of several large screens at the front with repeater screens along the aisles. To secure DAC approval for the work, the bundle of wires running at high level across the front of the chancel must be removed and rerouted. We are currently seeking quotations from local commercial electricians to carry out the rewiring work.

**Kitchen:** Several items of equipment in the kitchen were replaced last year, including the dishwasher and water boiler. General maintenance and DIY repairs have also been undertaken, such as replacing leaking kitchen taps, installing a mixer tap, and repairs to a ceiling light and the extractor fan filter.

**Church Tower and Nave:** A cracked cast iron downpipe in the tower was temporarily patched and is awaiting replacement. Two new hydraulic arms were fitted to the heavy tower hatch door to make it easier to open and to facilitate regular maintenance of the tower's flat roof.

**Church Centre:** The fire alarm panel was replaced due to a persistent battery fault. Our thanks go to Howard Goldsmith and his team of volunteers for redecorating the main meeting room, foyer, welcome area and corridor of the church centre during the summer. A persistent leak in the corridor ceiling was identified as emanating from a drain cover on the flat roof and was repaired during the summer. However, the leak reappeared during the prolonged subzero temperatures, likely due to frozen ice causing a crack in the lining of the PVC flat roof adjacent to the drain cover. It is hoped that applying a layer of sealant to the crack will resolve the issue. The secondary pump and Honeywell timer on the church centre hot water system were replaced and a tap was installed on the hot water tank to aid filling of the baptism pool. The track of the partition doors between the main meeting room and the foyer has become warped, causing issues with moving and closing the heavy partition doors. This is believed to be due to crumbling of the concrete floor below the track. Due to difficulties in sourcing replacement metal track, we are looking to repair the concrete floor and regularly lubricate the track to improve functionality.

**Quinquennial Building Inspection Survey (August 2024):** The following summary outlines the key findings and recommendations from the survey:

Church Interior:

Chancel: Address black mould odour by improving airflow.

Ground Floor Corridor: Refix loose boxing.

Boiler Room: Verify the presence of an automatic gas shut-off valve.

Church Exterior:

Flat Roof Above Corridor: Repair the leak by removing the drain cover and applying sealant (Arbokol 1000).

Flat Roof Above Corridor: Patch Sanafil roofing material.

North Elevation: Repair flashing above the north aisle roof using polysulphide mastic.

North Wall: Seal the moving mullion and repair broken rainwater downpipe brackets.

South Elevation: Replace missing tiles, monitor slipped tiles and obtain quotes for roof repairs.

South Aisle Roof: Remove cement pointing and fill crevices with polysulphide mastic.

Tower West Side: Repair pointing to flashing.  
South Elevation - Gutter: Replace the collapsing gutter.  
Tower: Replace the damaged corner brick on the southwest buttress.  
Church Roof East of Tower: Reposition displaced tiles and replace missing tiles.  
East Elevation: Replace missing tiles on the extension building.

**Overall:**

The findings of the Quinquennial Report were largely anticipated, and the recommendations have less impact than expected. Many of the issues identified in the first half of the report can be addressed through DIY efforts. For more serious issues, such as roofing and guttering repairs, we are already in the process of obtaining quotes for the repair of the southside lower roof tiles, pointing of the flashing and guttering.

**Plans for the Coming Year**

Following the recommendations of the recent Quinquennial Report (2024), it has been advised to replace and repair the cracked roof tiles rather than undertake a complete reroofing. Quotations for the roofing work will be sought from competent roofing companies in the coming year.

**St Mark's Church**

This building is owned and maintained by the NHS, which has the benefit of removing several responsibilities from the PCC, but also slows the pace at which opportunities can be progressed. During 2024 the overhead gas fired heaters failed, requiring the church to meet in a Seminar room in the hospital. This issue is being overseen by the NHS Estates Team. Investigations and potential solutions are being worked up by the Estates Team. We continue to apply pressure to work towards a long-term heating solution.

**12. Financial Review of the Year**

Total funds received in 2024 were £287,223 of which £240,765 were unrestricted, £41,337 were restricted and £5,121 were St Mark's. The decrease in total funds received between 2023 and 2024 was £33,742. This decrease was due to the generous response of one-off donations following the stewardship campaign in 2023 and receipt of a substantial legacy in December 2023.

Total expenditure in 2024 was £242,748; an increase of £24,344 (11%) compared to 2023. This was mainly due to the general increase in costs along with maintenance of the boiler system and fire alarm.

The net movement in unrestricted funds was an increase of £42,636 during the year which resulted in an unrestricted fund balance of £252,402 carried forward into 2025.

In 2024 St Peter's gave £21274 as mission tithe distributed as follows: £4042.06 to Street Kids Direct; £4042.06 to Open Doors; £5743.98 to Yeldall Manor, £5743.98 to Christian Connections in Schools and £1701.92 to Recharge R&R. In addition, St Mark's gave £339.00 shared equally between Alexander Devine Children's Hospice and Thames Hospice. This was given out of the mission tithe of £21613 for 2023.



**Reserves Policy**

The PCC policy is to hold in reserve the equivalent of a step reduction in income of 20% for 6 months and to cover any contractual obligations whilst action is taken to reduce outgoings and appeals are made for increasing voluntary income. It is also our policy to hold an amount to meet urgent and unexpected building works and to fund essential building improvements. The current level of reserves is higher than that required by the Reserves Policy. The PCC has plans to use reserves for funding further mission and ministry projects over the period 2025 to 2030.

**Going Concern**

The Trustees have considered the financial position at the year end and consider that the financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST  
PETER'S WITH ST MARK'S CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

**Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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 those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Chaweevan Williams FCCA  
Chartered Certified Accountant  
Verdant Accountants Ltd  
20-22 Wenlock Road, London N1 7GU

24 March 2025.....(Date)

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S WITH ST MARK'S CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated St Mark's Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Voluntary income	2(a)	196,746	3,650	41,337	241,733	278,993
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	1,355	-	-	1,355	1,656
Interest and dividends	2(c)	3,508	1,471	-	4,979	3,660
Church activities	2(d)	33,128	-	-	33,128	36,656
Other incoming resources	2(e)	6,028	-	-	6,028	-
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>240,765</b>	<b>5,121</b>	<b>41,337</b>	<b>287,223</b>	<b>320,965</b>
<b>RESOURCES USED</b>						
Church activities	3(a)	178,251	1,003	43,251	222,505	196,119
Grants payable	3(b)	19,003	365	-	19,368	21,613
Governance costs	3(c)	875	-	-	875	672
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>198,129</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>43,251</b>	<b>242,748</b>	<b>218,404</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES/ (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS &amp; LOSSES</b>		<b>42,636</b>	<b>3,753</b>	<b>(1,914)</b>	<b>44,475</b>	<b>102,561</b>
<b>GAINS ON INVESTMENTS</b>						
Unrealised	4(b)	-	-	3,928	3,928	7,709
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>42,636</b>	<b>3,753</b>	<b>2,014</b>	<b>48,403</b>	<b>110,270</b>
 Balances brought forward at 1st January 2024		 209,766	 54,832	 83,964	 348,562	 238,292
 Balances carried forward at 31st December 2024		 252,402	 58,585	 85,978	 396,965	 348,562

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S WITH ST MARK'S CHURCH**

**BALANCE SHEET**

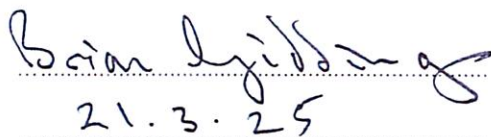
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible	4(a)	5,233		6,673	
Investment	4(b)	80,865		76,937	
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			86,098		83,610
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	5	3,171		5,564	
Cash at bank and in hand		330,591		284,810	
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		333,762		290,374	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors falling due within one year	6	22,895		25,422	
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<hr/>		<hr/>
			310,867		264,952
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<hr/>		<hr/>
			396,965		348,562
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted	7(a)	252,402		209,766	
Designated	7(b)	58,585		54,832	
Restricted	7(c)	85,978		83,964	
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			396,965		348,562

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



D K Short Vicar

  
21.3.25

B Giddings Treasurer

(Date)



## **THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S WITH ST MARK'S CHURCH NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities FRS102" 2015, and applicable Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **FUNDS**

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds represent donations and grants and the income thereon received for a specific objective or invited by the PCC for a specific objective. The funds may only be expended on the specific objective for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

### **INCOMING RESOURCES**

Voluntary income and capital sources:

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.
- Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
- Funds raised by fetes and similar events are accounted for gross.
- Sales of books and magazines from the Church bookstalls are accounted for gross
- Income from investments.
- Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.
- Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S WITH ST MARK'S CHURCH NOTES TO  
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**ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**RESOURCES USED**

Gains and losses on investments:

- Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.
- Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Grants:

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church:

The Diocesan quota is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31 December which the PCC intends to pay is accrued in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

**FIXED ASSETS**

Consecrated land and buildings and movable Church furnishings:

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.10 (2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Office fixtures, fittings and other equipment:

Office fixtures, fittings and equipment in use with a cost of £1,000 or more are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset less any estimated residual value over its estimated useful life as follows:

- Office equipment including computers – 3 years
- Fixtures and fittings – 10 years
- Audio visual equipment – 5 years
- Musical instruments – 3 years

Office fixtures, fittings and equipment costing less than £1,000 are written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities upon purchase.

Investments:

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S WITH ST MARK'S CHURCH**

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**2. INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated St Mark's funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Voluntary Income:</i>				
Gifts and donations	161,182	3,020	13,900	178,102
Tax recoverable - gift aid	35,564	630	1,670	37,864
Grants	-	-	25,767	25,767
	<u>196,746</u>	<u>3,650</u>	<u>41,337</u>	<u>241,733</u>
(b) <i>Activities for generating funds:</i>				
Fund raising events	1,355	-	-	1,355
	<u>1,355</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,355</u>
(c) <i>Interest and Dividends:</i>				
Bank deposit interest	3,508	1,471	-	4,979
	<u>3,508</u>	<u>1,471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,979</u>
(d) <i>Income from Church Activities:</i>				
Weddings and funerals	1,964	-	-	1,964
Room hire	20,359	-	-	20,359
Other church activities	10,805	-	-	10,805
	<u>33,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,128</u>
(e) <i>Other Incoming Resources</i>				
Furze Platt Memorial Hall Management	5,673	-	-	5,673
Other	355	-	-	355
	<u>6,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,028</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<u><b>240,765</b></u>	<u><b>5,121</b></u>	<u><b>41,337</b></u>	<u><b>287,233</b></u>

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**2. INCOMING RESOURCES - COMPARATIVES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated St Mark's funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Voluntary Income:</i>				
Gifts and donations	202,241	2,950	18,060	223,251
Tax recoverable - gift aid	39,292	440	2,610	42,342
Grants	-	-	13,400	13,400
	<u>241,533</u>	<u>3,390</u>	<u>34,070</u>	<u>278,993</u>
(b) <i>Activities for generating funds:</i>				
Fund raising events	1,656	-	-	1,656
	<u>1,656</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,656</u>
(c) <i>Interest and Dividends:</i>				
Bank deposit interest	3,292	368	-	3,660
	<u>3,292</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,660</u>
(d) <i>Income from Church Activities:</i>				
Weddings and funerals	1,836	-	-	1,836
Room hire	20,400	-	-	20,400
Other	14,420	-	-	14,420
	<u>36,656</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,656</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<u><b>283,137</b></u>	<u><b>3,758</b></u>	<u><b>34,070</b></u>	<u><b>320,965</b></u>



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**3. RESOURCES USED**

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated St Mark's funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £
(a) <i>Church Activities</i>				
Diocesan quota	72,272	-	-	72,272
Employment costs	38,584	-	28,521	67,105
Weddings and funerals	619	-	-	619
Rent and rates	313	-	-	313
Heat and light	4,035	-	-	4,035
Building and maintenance	19,579	9	-	19,588
Insurances	2,501	414	-	2,915
Telephone and IT	4,872	-	-	4,872
Printing and stationery	1,836	259	150	2,245
Travel	910	-	-	910
Depreciation	1,161	279	-	1,440
Mission, Ministry, Pastoral	31,569	42	14,580	46,191
	178,251	1,003	43,251	222,505
(b) <i>Grants Payable</i>	19,003	365	-	19,368
(c) <i>Governance Costs</i>				
Examiner's fee	875	-	-	875
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</b>	<b>198,129</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>43,251</b>	<b>242,748</b>

Further information on the use of restricted funds is given in note 7(c).

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**3. RESOURCES USED - COMPARATIVES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated St Mark's funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £
(a) <i>Church Activities</i>				
Diocesan quota	71,900	-	-	71,900
Employment costs	40,460	-	13,728	54,188
Weddings and funerals	490	-	-	490
Rent and rates	288	-	-	288
Heat and light	9,348	-	-	9,348
Building and maintenance	12,403	276	21	12,700
Insurances	2,627	479	-	3,106
Telephone and IT	4,550	-	-	4,550
Printing and stationery	1,590	536	161	2,287
Travel	411	-	-	411
Depreciation	522	1,094	-	1,616
Other	20,181	165	14,889	35,235
	164,770	2,550	28,799	196,119
(b) <i>Grants Payable</i>	21,274	339	-	21,613
(c) <i>Governance Costs</i>				
Examiner's fee	672	-	-	672
<b>TOTAL RESOUCES USED</b>	<b>186,716</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>28,799</b>	<b>218,404</b>



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

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**4. FIXED ASSETS**

		<u>Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment</u>		
(a)	Tangible	Unrestricted	Designated St Mark's	Total
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Cost at 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	7,424	10,749	18,173
	Depreciation at 1 January 2024	2,014	9,486	11,500
	Charge for the year	1,161	279	1,440
	Depreciation at 31 December 2024	3,175	9,765	12,940
	Net book value At 31 December 2024	4,249	984	5,233
	At 31 December 2023	5,410	1,263	6,673
		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
(b)	Investments	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	
	<b>Restricted funds</b>			
	C.B.F Investment fund - Camley Gardens			
	Market value at 1 January	36,978	33,370	
	Revaluations for year - unrealised	1,888	3,608	
	Market value at 31 December	38,866	36,978	
	C.B.F Investment fund - 8a Furze Road			
	Market value at 1 January	39,959	35,858	
	Revaluations for year - unrealised	2,040	4,101	
	Market value at 31 December	41,999	39,959	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>80,865</b>	<b>76,937</b>	

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<b>5. <u>DEBTORS</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Tax recoverable - gift aid	859	3,609
Prepayments	1,335	1,219
Room Hire	930	736
	<u>3,124</u>	<u>5,564</u>
<b>Designated funds - St Mark's funds</b>		
Tax recoverable - gift aid	11	-
<b>Restricted funds</b>		
Tax recoverable - gift aid	36	-
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>3,171</u></u>	<u><u>5,564</u></u>

<b>6. <u>CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Governance costs	825	700
NI and pension	294	216
Parochial Fees due to Diocese	1,271	126
Mission giving accruals	18,764	21,155
Other	1,376	2,886
<b>Total</b>	<u>22,530</u>	<u>25,083</u>
<b>Designated funds - St Mark's Funds</b>		
Mission giving accrual	365	339
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>22,895</u></u>	<u><u>25,422</u></u>



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<b>7. <u>FUND DETAILS</u></b>	<b>Funds 31 Dec 24</b>	<b>Funds 31 Dec 23</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
(a) Unrestricted funds		
General funds - St Peter's	252,402	209,766
(b) Designated funds		
St Mark's	58,585	54,832

(c) The restricted funds comprise:-

	<b>Funds 1 Jan 24</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Gain on Investment</b>	<b>Resources used</b>	<b>Funds 31 Dec 24</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Camley Gardens	36,978	-	1,888	-	38,866
8a Furze Road	39,959	-	2,040	-	41,999
AV Equipment	625	-	-	-	625
Love Your Neighbour / Love Christmas	160	14,076	-	(13,959)	277
Younger Generation / Youth Pastoral	6,242	3,494	-	(5,591)	4,145
Diocese of Oxford Development Grant	-	23,767	-	(23,701)	66
	<b>83,964</b>	<b>41,337</b>	<b>3,928</b>	<b>(43,251)</b>	<b>85,978</b>

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**8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND**

**2024**

	Unrestricted	St Mark's Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	4,249	984	-	5,233
Investment fixed assets	-	-	80,865	80,865
Current assets	270,683	57,966	5,113	333,762
Current liabilities	(22,530)	(365)	-	(22,895)
	252,402	58,585	85,978	396,965

**9. STAFF COSTS**

During the year, the PCC employed a church centre manager, two church administrators, a children's minister and a ministry assistant, none of whom earned £60,000 p.a. or more. One member of staff is full time.

The average full time equivalent number of employees was 2 (2023: 2).

	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
	£	£
The employment costs were:		
Salaries, national insurance and pension contributions	67,105	54,188

**10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There was no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year to 31 December 2024, nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year to 31 December 2024, nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.