

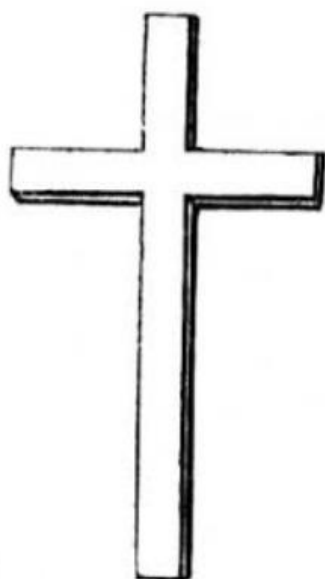
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Annual Report ***of the*** ***Parochial Church Council*** ***June 2022 – May 2023***

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On behalf of the PCC

**Paul Rawlings and Amit John
Churchwardens**



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1 The Aims of the Council

The primary aim of the PCC is to co-operate with the Vicar in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In particular, the PCC supports the vision and mission statement of the Parish:

“to Seek, to Serve and to Share Jesus Christ daily”

The Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council gives an opportunity to present an overview of the whole mission of the Church in addition to the formal documentation associated with the accounts and the fabric reports.

2 The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Iver

Council members for 2022-2023

Ex Officio and Co-opted Members		Elected PCC members:	Date of Retirement
Vicar	Robert Gooding	Gerald Paine	2024
Licensed Lay Minister	Jim Dashper	Tina Lewis (Hon Treasurer)**	2023
Curate	Sarah Smith	Rachel Nikolay (Hon Secretary)	2025
Churchwardens	Paul Rawlings Amit John*	Reina Fisher***	2024
Deanery Synod	Anitra Cuff Paul Fisher	Jan Rayner	2023
		Angela Lindström	2023
		Lesley Bristol	2023
		*elected Lay Vice Chair of the PCC	
		**resigned as Hon Treasurer 31 st December 2023	
		*** resigned January 2023	

Committees for 2022-2023

Standing

The legal requirement, with power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings.

Robert Gooding (chair)
Paul Rawlings
Amit John
Rachel Nikolay
Tina Lewis (resigned as Treasurer 31/12/22)

Mission

Jan Rayner (chair)
Diana Stroud (co-opted)
Robert Gooding
Reina Fisher (resigned Jan 2023)
Paula Carey (co-opted July 2022)

Children & Families Committee

Sarah Smith (chair)
Robert Gooding
Amit John
Anitra Cuff
Tina Lewis (resigned June 2022)

Inspecting Architect

Mr David Pendery
Pendery Architecture & Heritage Ltd
23 Orchard Road
Hook Norton, Oxon
OX15 5LX

Bankers

NatWest
118 High Street
Slough, Berks
SL1 1JH

Independent Examiner

Mr Michael Kennedy
5 Woodwaye
Woodley
Reading, Berks
RG5 3HA

Hon PCC Secretary

Mrs Rachel Nikolay
155 High Street
Iver, Bucks
SL0 9QB

Hon Treasurer

(resigned December 2022)

Mrs Tina Lewis
367 Rochford Gardens
Slough, Berks
SL2 5XE

Mr Amit John took over as interim (in his role as Churchwarden from January 2023)

Fabric

Attends to all matters concerning our buildings and churchyard, their maintenance and improvement.

Paul Rawlings (chair)
Graeme Jenner (co-opted)
Peter Owen (co-opted)
Paul Fisher
Murray Macdonald (co-opted)
Angela Lindström

Social & Fundraising

Rachel Nikolay (chair)
Paul Rawlings
Helen Macdonald (co-opted)
Lesley Bristol
Heather Harper (co-opted)

Finance

Oversees general finances, prepares budgets and monitors income and expenditure.

Tina Lewis (chair to end Dec 22)
Robert Gooding
Wendy Jenner (co-opted)
Gerald Paine
Paul Fisher
Amit John (chair from Jan 23)

Pastoral

Robert Gooding (chair)
Sue Kightley (co-opted)
Maureen Traxler (co-opted)
Anitra Cuff
Jan Rayner
Wendy Jenner (co-opted Oct 22)

On 3rd April 2009 Iver Parish Church was registered with the Charity Commission as "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Iver" Charity No.1128999. All PCC members are now trustees of the charity.

3 A Review of the Year

Electoral Roll:

The Electoral Roll for 2023 stands at 89. There have been 3 deletions and 7 additions since last year.

Attendance at Services:

We have continued with our online streaming of services (mostly from St Peter's) to our church Facebook page. This is still a blessing to those who could not attend church in person due to distance or infirmity.

Attendance at Services:

Figures based on services between January and December 2022

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it has not been feasible to do a year on year comparison because until May 2021, we were not able to hold in-person Sunday services, therefore unfortunately we cannot make any meaningful comparison in attendance figures between 2021 and 2022.

At St Peter's, a typical congregation was:

Service	Attendance 2022 Jan - Dec
8.00am Holy Communion	0-10
10.00am Morning Praise (Adults)	15-30
10.00am Morning Praise (Children)	1-6
Combined 10am with St Leonard's (Adults)	22-41
Combined 10am with St Leonard's (Children)	1-10

Although not included in the statistics, attendance at the Thursday 12 noon Holy Communion service ranged from 3-10.

At St Leonard's, a typical congregation was:

Service	Attendance 2022 Jan - Dec
10.00am Morning Worship (Adults)	11-22
10.00am (Children)	0-2
Combined 10am with St Peter's (adults)	23-38
Combined 10am with St Peter's (children)	1-3

Note 1. Through the year, attendance at the 10.00am service at St Peter's was sometimes significantly increased when the services included Baptism, but the figures listed above do not show these increased numbers. Also the figures do not reflect the increased attendances at major festivals, or other special services.

Note 2. Combined 10.00am services have continued on the 4th Sunday of each month, usually alternating between St Peter's and St Leonard's.

Occasional Services in 2022 (calendar year)

Baptisms: Infant/Children (<1-10)	7	(4)
Young People (11-17)	0	(0)
Adult	4	(2)
Marriages	1	(0)
Marriage Blessings	0	(0)
Funeral Services in St Peter's or St Leonard's (followed or preceded by a burial or cremation)	7	(11)
Burials in the churchyards or Burial Ground	4	(1)
Full Service at Crematorium	4	(7)
Memorial Services	2	(4)
Interment of Ashes	6	(2)

Figures in parenthesis are previous year's statistics for comparison.

3.1 Reviews undertaken during the year

Statutory and Legal Risks – Safeguarding Policy (including Child Protection)

The PCC complies with the Safeguarding Policy in the Parish to ensure compliance with the House of Bishops' Policy and Diocesan procedures. The policy was last reviewed and presented to the PCC on 20th October 2022. Reina Fisher-van Werkhoven continued as Parish Safeguarding Officer

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The PCC complies with the principles under which personal data may only be obtained, held or disclosed to others under the Data Protection Act 2018, which is the UK's implementation of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Financial Risks – Budgeting and Cash Monitoring

The PCC prepares an annual budget and, through the Finance Committee, monitors cash flow and budgetary control on a regular basis

Insurable Risks – Review of Insurances

During the year all our insurance policies were reviewed in conjunction with our insurance Advisors Access Insurance Ltd and Bridges Insurance

Operational Risks – Identifying Essential Repairs

In addition to the quinquennial inspections of St Peter's and St Leonard's churches, there is a policy of prioritising maintenance. Details of the work carried out this year is set out in the Fabric Report

Health and Safety (including fire precautions and disability access)

The Fabric Committee maintains its ongoing commitment to ensure that all activities are risk assessed and that appropriate training, equipment, records and processes are made available. Annual servicing of fire equipment was carried out in February 2023. The Health and Safety buildings risk assessments and the disability access audit are continually kept under review.

3.2 Programme and Activities

Special Occasions

- A special service to commemorate the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was held at St Peter's on 15th September 2022. The service was also streamed live on our Facebook page
- A Harvest service was held at St Peter's for Iver Village Infant School in October 2022
- A Service of Remembering for those who have been bereaved was held at St Peter's in November 2022 with bulbs planted into a prepared cross at the front of the churchyard
- On Remembrance Sunday services were held in both St Peter's and St Leonard's including a parade from the Clock Tower in Iver High Street to St Peter's Church
- A Christmas Tree Festival was held at St Peter's Church in December 2022 together with a Christmas Market in the St Peter's Centre
- Iver Village Junior School held their Christmas concert at St Peter's in December 2022
- Mission partners have shared updates on their ministry with us
- Our thanks to those who helped make the beautiful Advent Wreaths for both churches and the pretty flower posies for Mothering Sunday

Regular Activities

- A monthly Prayer Meeting 'Prayer & Cake' was held (usually) on the first Saturday of the month in St Leonard's Church Vestry
- Common Worship Morning Prayer at 9am have been streamed via Facebook Live Monday to Friday. Streaming of Evening Prayer at 5pm was discontinued in August 2022
- A Holy Communion service, with prayers for healing was held at St Peter's every Thursday at noon
- On the fourth Sunday of each month there is usually a combined service at 10am and usually alternating between St Peter's and St Leonard's churches

- The “Sunday Seekers” Group for children continues, usually for three out of every four Sundays and usually at St Peter’s unless there is a combined service at St Leonard’s
- The “TotZone” baby & toddler group was held every Thursday (during term time) from 1.30pm to 2.45pm in St Peter’s Church Annexe and then moved to St Leonard’s Church Hall where it has been held since September 2022
- Following the government’s initiative, “Warm Spaces” was held on a Monday from 11am to 2pm in the St Peter’s Church Annexe starting on 9th January 2023. There was very little uptake and it was therefore agreed to discontinue “Warm Spaces” on 27th February 2023. A grant towards costs was received from Ivers Parish Council and any remaining funds will be returned to them
- Members of the fellowship were again involved in filling shoeboxes for the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal and these were delivered to the local collection point at Gold Hill Baptist Church in Chalfont St Peter. In addition others filled ‘virtual’ boxes online via the Samaritan’s Purse website
- Regular Open the Book presentations at the Infant School recommenced in June 2022, once Covid restrictions had been relaxed. Likewise occasional assemblies at Iver Village Junior School recommenced in June 2022 and Robert and Sarah also conducted a Year 5 RE lesson in March 2023
- Churchyard mornings were held at both St Peter’s and St Leonard’s in the Autumn of 2022 and in the Spring of 2023. It has been encouraging to see a growing number of local residents supplementing the team of church members at St Peter’s
- Tea, Chat & Company is held on the first Tuesday of each month in St Leonard’s Church Hall
- CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) is held on the second Saturday of each month in St Leonard’s Church Hall

Home Groups

The pattern of Home Groups continues with considerable variety in style and content. For a number of people they represent the most meaningful aspect of church life. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact the Church Office. We currently have 4 Home Groups meeting in person - 1 on a Monday afternoon (fortnightly), 1 on a Monday evening, 1 on a Wednesday afternoon and 1 on a Wednesday evening. Extra members have joined some of the groups which studied the “Come and See” materials on The Beatitudes as a Lent series.

Parish Magazine

The St Peter’s and St Leonard’s Parish Magazine is produced by the church and compiled by Kathryn Pike, working closely with Rachel Nikolay and is delivered free of charge to all residents in Iver Village and Richings Park by a team of volunteers from both the church and the local community. There are over 2,600 households. The magazine contains news from St Peter’s and St Leonard’s churches as well as the other churches in Iver. It also provides community information and carries adverts for local businesses and services. A digital copy is also available on the church website and Facebook page and is also published on local community Facebook pages. As Kathryn Pike has moved away from Iver, she has asked us to find someone else to compile the magazine, and we are actively searching for somebody with the appropriate IT skills and a good working knowledge of publishing software. This role would not involve sourcing articles or advertising.

Website

Our website, viewable on all devices plays an important role in the parish providing many people with communication, information, direct links to our sermons and Facebook Live streaming of our Sunday services and other services e.g. Christmas and also one click access to our donations platform ‘Give a Little’. Rachel Nikolay (with back-up from Robert) is responsible for updating the site on a weekly basis so that there is easy access to up to date information, including our sermons and notices. The website address is www.iverparishchurch.org.uk

Social Media

The St Peter’s and St Leonard’s Facebook page provides another source of up-to-date information and can be found at www.facebook.com/iverparishchurch The content additionally includes videos of Morning Prayer (for a period of 2 weeks), our 10am services from St Peter’s each week and combined services from St Leonard’s. The page is administered and monitored by Rachel Nikolay, supported by Robert Gooding

Opening up our Churches to the Community

St Peter’s Church has been open to the public from 9am to 1pm, Monday to Friday (during term time)

3.3 Things We've Done Together With Others

- Collection of non-perishable foods and other items was made at our combined Harvest Festival service at St Peter's in October 2022 and delivered to the Slough Foodbank, together with donations from Iver Village Infant School, Iver Village Junior School and The Old Station Nursery
- We were involved in the 'Light up the Ivers' community initiative and the Lychgate at St Peter's was once more decorated by the Social & Fundraising team for day 24 (i.e. Christmas Eve) and left on display until early January
- St Leonard's Hall was used as a Polling Station for the Iver Neighbourhood Plan Referendum on 12th January 2023
- On Good Friday 2023, a joint service was held with our brothers and sisters at King's Church, including a "Walk of Witness" starting at St Peter's and ending at King's Church (Iver Village Hall)

3.4 The People Who Make It All Work

Again this year, God has worked through so many different people and, as always, we want to express our very warmest thanks to all those who help our churches to carry on their work throughout the year. Some of these are very obvious, whilst others serve much more "behind the scenes". We as a church rely on these gifts of time, effort and specialist skills, which are given with love and grace. All gifts are of great value. They include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administrative help• Alpha course leaders and helpers• Baptism Preparation• Bell ringing• Bible reading in church• Book keeping and banking• Brass Cleaning• Catering• Children's work• Cleaning• DIY and maintenance• First Aid• Flower arranging• Gardening and mowing• Hall Bookings at St Leonard's• Health & Safety• Help with online services• Historical record searches• Keeping notice boards up to date• Leading & assisting with sung worship• Leading home groups• Leading intercessions in services• Leading services | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Magazine editing, production & distribution• Operating the video and sound systems• Pastoral caring and visiting• Payroll• Preaching• Preparation of Year End Accounts & Independent Examination of Accounts• Publicity management• Putting up flags• Serving on the PCC, Deanery Synod & committees• Serving Refreshments• Sidespersons and welcomers• Tending roses & flower beds• Washing of the church linen• Website and Facebook Page design and maintenance• Winding the clock• and so many more |
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Some people have stepped back from some of these roles during the pandemic, and it is vitally important that these key roles are now taken up again

4 Vicar's Report

In Proverbs 16:9 we read,

In their hearts humans plan their course,
but the Lord establishes their steps.

I had all sorts of plans for the last 12 months, but things worked out very differently from what I had planned, which was a timely reminder that one never knows what is around the corner, except God.

I certainly had not planned to have a seizure on 13th July, lengthy brain surgery later that month and not to be able to return to taking services until the end of September. Neither did I plan to catch Covid during the week before Christmas and miss all the Christmas services, which I love so much.

However, both of these events served as timely reminders that the church can operate quite well without me. It also demonstrated the degree of love and support within the leadership team, the PCC and wider church family...and indeed in the wider local community. I was genuinely touched by this, and incredibly grateful to those who took on extra responsibilities during these times. As I have previously stated, I am also particularly grateful to God for his protection and healing during and following my surgery in July and also for the skill and compassion of all the staff who cared for me throughout my time in hospital. I am delighted to say that I am now almost back to full strength, although I do tend to tire more easily, so I still need to be aware of the risk of "burn out", as mentioned in my Vicar's report last year. I am still waiting for my Driving Licence to be returned by DVLA, and in the meantime, I continue to appreciate the help of those who have given me lifts when necessary.

For me, personally, there have been a number of highlights during the last 12 months, in chronological order:

- Thanksgiving Service for Sir Richard Buckley on 31st May, although obviously tinged with sadness, this was a wonderful celebration of his life, although somewhat nerve-racking as it was attended by their Royal Highnesses, the Duke of Kent and Princess Alexandra who of course both used to live in Iver and attend St Peter's Church, many years ago
- Our two wonderful events, Iver Open Gardens and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event at St Peter's Church. Many thanks to everyone who worked **SO** hard to make these 2 wonderful community events such a success, enjoyed by so many with the added benefit that they raised over £1,600 for church funds
- From 7th to 9th June Carole and I attended the Clergy Diocesan Conference at Swanwick in Derbyshire, which only happens every 4 years. It was a very full programme, (perhaps a little too full) but with some excellent Bible studies and some equally inspiring external speakers
- During and after the service on 12th June we were able to celebrate with Cath Coleshill who had turned 100 on 23rd May
- Attending the service at St Mary's Church in Aylesbury on 25th June 2022, when both Carole and Sarah were ordained as Priests, by Bishop Alan
- The PCC Away Day on 9th July, when we were able to create a shortlist of possible Ministry and Mission opportunities for the next 12 months of so. (Further refined at our PCC meeting in February 2023)
- Three adult members of the wider community approaching me and asking me to baptise them, which took place on 10th July 2022, just 3 days before my seizure!
- On 4th October we had 200 children and 60 adults at St Peter's for the Infant School Harvest Festival Service, which was great, and they have already asked to come back next year!
- The "Remembering Service" (for the bereaved) on 6th November
- The Christmas Tree Festival from 2nd to 4th December. Although not quite as many trees as before Covid, there seemed a very special atmosphere this year, and I was so encouraged that people chose, without prompting, to leave prayer requests in the Prayer Corner. Thanks again to all involved in organising this and the Christmas Market on 3rd December
- The Iver Village Junior School Christmas Concert at St Peter's on 7th December
- The Confirmation Service hosted on 5th February 2023 at St Peter's, our first since 2016 when 6 candidates, including the 3 baptised in July, were confirmed by Bishop Alan
- The New Wine Leadership Conference in Harrogate from 28th February to 2nd March

It has been great to see Sarah continuing to grow and flourish in her ministry, including starting to preside at Holy Communion, and hopefully, soon, to start conducting Weddings. Her decision to give up her paid employment in December last year has also allowed her to get more involved in regular church activities during the week, including joining the Monday morning "Open the Book" team at Iver Village Infant School, and planning (on her own) and delivering (with me) an RE Lesson for year 5 children at Iver Village Junior School. Many people comment on her enthusiasm and cheerful character and she is a joy to work with.

She was also able to assist the Pastoral Care Team in running the "Warm Spaces" initiative from 11am to 2pm from 9th January to 27th February, as mentioned in the Pastoral Care Committee report.

There are several clergy vacancies in the Deanery at present and Sarah has been able to assist in providing cover for some of these, especially at Horton and Wraysbury.

As always, I am very grateful to Jim Dashper who continues to offer his time, experience and commitment in leading and preaching, especially at St Leonard's.

I am also particularly grateful to Amit, (one of our churchwardens) for taking on the additional role of Treasurer, (on an interim basis only) after Tina stepped down from this role at the end of 2022, and for Tina for providing ongoing advice to Amit during this time of transition.

I am so sorry that Amit will be stepping down as Churchwarden at this APCM. For me personally, Amit has been a great source of wisdom and encouragement and a calming influence in many stressful situations. I am also incredibly grateful to Paul for agreeing to put his name forward once more for election as

Churchwarden. Amit and Paul have very different skills but both have contributed massively, in different ways to our life as a church over the last 12 months.

I also want to thank Rachel for her continued hard work and dedication as our Church Administrator and PCC Secretary. I would not be able to carry out my ministry, in the way that I do, without her.

As always, I am indebted to all those who work alongside me in any form of leadership capacity in the church including those on PCC and Deanery Synod.

Many people in our church serve faithfully and quietly behind the scenes. One of these people is Reina Fisher-van Werkhoven our Parish Safeguarding Officer, and I want to pay tribute to her as she tries to keep up to date with the constantly changing safeguarding requirements from the Diocese. We can all support her in this important role by making sure that we are up to date with our Safeguarding Training, which is of critical importance as we seek to “love our neighbour”. Particular thanks to Reina for organising our first ever Safeguarding Sunday on 20th November.

During Lent this year in our Sunday services (and some of our home groups) we have been using the “Come and See” materials from Oxford Diocese with videos from Bishop Steven, Bishop of Oxford, exploring the Beatitudes from Matthew 5. There has been some very positive feedback on this series.

This year we did not repeat “Fallow February” which we implemented in 2022, but this is something I would like to reintroduce next year (Feb 2024) as I think having a month without “business meetings” was hugely beneficial for many people.

Although it is great news that the vast majority of our congregation have now returned to worshipping “in person”, some do not appear to be attending church as regularly and some still seem to be reluctant to serve regularly as they did in specific roles before the pandemic. The church only really functions properly when everybody is willing to offer their God-given gifts and talents, so we will be encouraging more members of the church family to return to volunteering over the coming months.

I am excited about the future if we can work together to build God’s kingdom in this place, and in particular as we seek to implement our mission priorities for the next 12 months

- Building stronger relationships with local Scouts/Guides groups and with St Peter’s Football Club
- “Vintage Messy Church” (not necessarily this name) – basically “Messy Church” for older folk with Bible based craft activities, a short talk etc.

I will finish with a regular quote from Jim Dashper

“We do not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future”.

God bless
Robert

Revd Robert Gooding

5 Fabric Report

1. Introduction

All members of the Fabric Committee have assisted with a variety of tasks during the year. The Fabric Committee work to ensure costs are kept to a minimum and where possible look to carry out tasks using their own skills. The Committee continues to seek practical help from other members of the church fellowship. There is a rolling maintenance programme for our buildings but of course if work is postponed it means that the fabric will continue to deteriorate, and the costs will increase when the work is finally undertaken.

2. St Peter’s Church

2.1 External

North Aisle Roof

There is some pointing work needed to repair cracks in the flashing, otherwise the roof appears to be in good condition.

Annexe Roof

On the annexe roof a cover angle has been placed at the edge of the roofing material. This means that rainwater needs to pass through a very small opening to reach the gutter. Water overflows during heavy rain if debris collects near the opening. Where the Annexe roof abuts the pitched clay vestry roof the annexe gutter has not been extended to take water from the wide gutter at this point. As a result water has been leaking into the kitchen area and has damaged the plaster. Repairs for this work have been carried out with added flashing to take the rainwater flow into the guttering.

Tower Roof

This seems to be in good condition, however the weathervane would benefit from redecoration, together with the flagpole.

Walls

On the walls there are a number of “clunch” stones that are exfoliating and there is a section of flint work which needs to be replaced. In addition, there are several areas of “clunch” and limestone pieces exfoliating and repairs are required.

Chancel Wall

The blocked window opening stonework is exfoliating and repairs and consolidation are required.

Stonework

The stonework is still in the same state as last year and is in places in urgent need of repair. The render applied to the stonework of the west door continues to slowly break away and has also become a problem around the south aisle door. This must be rectified by removing the render and replacing damaged stone then applying further render.

The stonework to the gully around the church needs repointing

Lighting

Two LCD outside lights have been replaced

Windows

The west window in the south aisle has a serious crack in the jamb at high level. The damage to the west window in the north aisle has deteriorated further. There are a considerable number of minor repairs needed to windows to prevent further deterioration of the stonework. The North window in particular was badly repaired some decades ago and needs urgent attention. Contact has been made for two specialist companies and their quotations are awaited. Once these have been received our architect will look over the works and send a report to the DAC which should help in applying for grants to cover the cost of the repairs.

2.2 Internal

Some repointing of stonework is recommended and the plaster on the west and north walls in the tower area is breaking away and needs repair and redecoration. A survey of the wooden roof rafters to detect signs of any active woodworm is recommended, there has still been no sign of death watch beetle activity, but this needs to be kept under review.

Annexe

The kitchen area, including the floor (which has deteriorated further) will need to be replaced and redecoration will be needed urgently. The damp to the back wall of the toilet has been controlled, however the plaster which has fallen away will need repairing. These items have been prioritised by the Fabric Committee, one quotation has been received and a second/third quote is awaited. Appropriate Faculty applications will be looked into.

Furnishings

The chancel furnishings are still in good repair but the nave cushions have not been replaced. The linen is in good order with thanks to those who launder and care for the linen at both churches.

Heating

All four boilers were serviced in June 2022 and no issues were found. However, we do need to keep in mind that the heating system is over 16 years old.

Lighting

To change the bulbs in the Nave, South and North Aisle to LED bulbs would prove very costly as the entire light fittings would need to be upgraded. It is still the intention to look into this when funding is viable.

Miscellaneous

The report from the Quinquennial Inspection which took place in December 2021 was received in June 2022.

The lightning conductor was tested by Bacon Ltd in January 2023 and the certificate was issued.

The cellar is very damp and every opportunity must be taken to ventilate this space.

The situation with regard to mice, bees and wasps continues to be monitored.

Evidence of bats has been found in the Chancel area. As a protected species we can only monitor their existence and clean up after them accordingly.

Plans to take over ownership from the Diocese of the driveway between the two churchyards have been put on hold following an unsuccessful grant application and difficulty in finding alternative grants. The Iver and District Countryside Association have now installed a new kissing gate at the top of the driveway leading

into the field giving a footpath from Iver Churchyard to Colne Brook (i.e. Farlows). A sign has also been installed at the bottom of the driveway indicating the footpath.

The clock stopped working in January 2023 and although obvious fixes were tried it was necessary for the clock engineers to visit. A number of cogs required cleaning to rectify the problem. The clock is now in full working order.

A new Union flag was purchased due to deterioration of the current flag. The deteriorating Diocesan flag was replaced following an anonymous donation from a member of the community for which we are very grateful.

2.3 Tower Report

The bells and fittings were inspected last year by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild's bells advisory experts and found to be in satisfactory condition at that time. Paul Rawlings, Churchwarden was present during the inspection.

They make some (valid) adverse comments concerning warning would-be ringers of the need to pull the clock strike hammer clear, before ringing/swinging the treble bell on which the clock strikes.

There is/are a couple of notices which are usually attached to the treble rope, reminding ringers to ensure that the hammer is clear before the bell is swung. Some new notices may be required.

This aside, the bells are in reasonably good condition and safe to ring under the direction of a competent ringer.

David Rowlands, Bell Tower Captain

2.4 Churchyards

Churchyard work mornings took place in October 2022 and April 2023 at both St Peter's and St Leonard's. At St Peter's, a group of people, including members from the community cleared undergrowth and tidied beds from the churchyards and gullies and gutters were cleared.

The tap in the New Churchyard has not been working for some time. Several attempts have been made to establish the reason for this. Further investigation is still underway, and advice is being sought.

The churchyard is generally in good condition, and we would like to thank the Ivers Parish Council for all their work in maintaining the grounds.

Tombs in St Peter's Churchyard

The parish council have identified certain tombs in the churchyard which need to be made safe for health and safety reasons. Before this work can proceed we are trying to contact next of kin of the deceased in the identified tombs. The work will involve lifting off the tomb tops, removing rubble and bricks and tomb lids replaced at ground level (plus any side panels that have inscriptions). The Ivers Parish Council have a budget for the works and will carry these out. A faculty for these works will need to be applied for.

NB: Upkeep of the Old and New Churchyards, and the Burial Ground is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Responsibility for the administration of burials and monuments in the Burial Ground was handed over to the Parish Council on 1st January 2016. No further new graves will be allowed. Interment in existing graves and interment of ashes will continue.

3. St Leonard's Church

A Quinquennial inspection took place on 29th November 2022 and the report is awaited.

3.1 Exterior

There is moss on the roofs which will require attention. Repair work will be required to broken/missing tiles of all roofs. Some repointing of brickwork and stonework is required to windows, walls and the boundary wall. The render on the walls is in poor condition and has cracked in a number of places.

The putty around the windows in the vestry is in need of repair and members of the Fabric committee will be carrying out this work as soon as possible.

3.2 Interior

The interior of St Leonard's Church is in reasonable condition although some repairs to the stone work of the windows should be carried out to prevent further deterioration. The south west corner of the Nave has a possible water ingress and continues to be monitored.

The boiler was serviced in June 2022 and it was reported that the boiler may need replacing in the near future.

4. St Leonard's Hall

Overall, the hall is in good repair and is being regularly used and respected by hirers. There is one radiator that may need replacing due to leakage and this is currently being monitored

5. St Leonard's House

The house is let at present and the building is generally in good condition.

6. St Leonard's Grounds

The grass is being cut regularly by volunteers for which we are very grateful.

7. The Core

The Core has not been used since December 2017 but serious health and safety consideration would be needed should this building be put to future use.

8. Health and Safety

The Fabric Committee maintains its ongoing commitment to ensure that all activities are risk assessed and appropriate training, equipment, records and processes are made available.

A Health and Safety Policy is in place (reviewed in October 2021) and Accident Report books are in all buildings, first aid kits are maintained, signage and health and safety notices comply with current legislation. Paul Rawlings continues as our elected Health & Safety Officer.

Fire Risk Assessments have been carried out in all of our buildings. Reports have been received and any works required will be reviewed by the Fabric Committee.

9. Fabric Maintenance

The availability of volunteers over the past years has decreased. More volunteers are required to maintain the buildings and to keep maintenance work up to date. Volunteers with practical skills are always welcomed.

There will be a considerable increase in fabric costs should we need to employ external people/organisations to carry out normal maintenance tasks.

A cleaning team is still required at St Peter's and a rota will be drawn up shortly. If you feel you would be able to help with the cleaning, please contact Rachel in the Church Office.

We are very grateful to the volunteers who carry out the cleaning at St Leonard's Church and St Leonard's Hall and to those who cover essential cleaning when required at St Peter's.

Paul Rawlings, Churchwarden and Chair of Fabric Committee

6 Finance Report and Accounts

Executive Summary

The financial year ended on 31 December 2022 with an overall deficit of income over expenditure of £6,449.81. There has been an increase in donations of £3,444.92 last year, fundraising increased by £1,932.20, and rent for St Leonard's Hall increased by £3,303.74 on the previous year. A grant of £1,040.00, from Oxford diocese towards gas and electric costs, has been applied for 2022. Our Parish General Fund, the amount we have available to spend on all unrestricted expenditures, amounted to £28,962.22. Our restricted fund balances total £36,396.06 and endowment fund balances total £104,189.55 (including the investment assets, monies that may only be spent on specific purposes), a joint total of £140,585.61. Your PCC is immensely grateful to you all for the contributions and donations received in 2022. We give thanks we have had the opportunity to use this money wisely to continue God's work here in Iver Parish and beyond, despite the challenges seen post-COVID restrictions being lifted and the global political situation.

INCOME

Our overall income decreased in 2022 by 8.33% from £122,710.41 to £112,488.74

Our income is derived from 5 sources: voluntary income; fundraising; investments; charitable activities and other resources.

(i) Voluntary Income decreased by £15,930.22 from £89,646.93 to £73,716.71

There were no Legacies in 2022 compared to £22,000 received in 2021. Gift aid decreased by £805.92. Plate collections increased in 2022 by £1,725.83. General donations increased by £3,444.92

(ii) Fund raising increased by £1,932.20 (net)

2022 has seen fundraising events with a net income of £5,136.59 with expenditure being £191. It has been very encouraging to see this in an extremely difficult year as we all got back to normal, with

restrictions being lifted post-COVID, and the finance team is immensely grateful to the Social & Fund-Raising team for their continued creativity and resilience in providing events that have been well supported by the members and community this year

(iii) Investment income increased by £94.17

We received a small return of £9.59 on our Santander shares donated to the PCC in 2002 an increase of £2.37. We also received interest of £846.60 a slight increase of £91.80 in 2022 from The Ethel Leach Memorial Fund; an original investment of £1,000 in 2006 invested in M&G Chari fund Unit Trust units is currently worth £14,989.10 a decrease from £15,873.24 in 2021. We also let St Leonard's House, a 3 bed-roomed house in St Leonard's Walk behind St Leonard's Church, at £1,600 per month, which is managed by the church office, so there are no agency fees. This generated an income of £19,200, pa net excluding insurance and repair costs and is a vital source of income

(iv) Income from charitable activities increased by £4034.82 This income source is analysed across three headings

- Lettings income
- Magazines & Books; and
- Wedding & Funeral Fees, of which a proportion is paid to the Diocese

Income from the hire of St Leonard's Hall increased by £3,303.74 from £ 1,534.50 to £4,838.24 in 2022. This is a result of restrictions being lifted from COVID.

The advertising income for the magazine has resulted in an increased of revenue from £2,137.61 to £3,377.69 in 2022

Fees received for weddings and funeral services decreased in 2022 from £4,462.00 to £3,953.00. Fees due to the Diocese amounted to £1,924.00, which is reflected in our Ministry costs

(v) Other Income Resources decreased to £ 1,410.32 from £1,762.96 in 2021

EXPENDITURE

Our Expenditure decreased by 9.1% in 2022 from £130,827.28 to £118,938.55

The significant reasons for this are:

- Parish Share Ministry costs limited
- Cumulative effect of efficiencies in running costs and expenses

Restricted funds

The church has a number of funds which are for restricted use only. These are separately shown in the accounts see note 21(b)

Thank you and appreciation

Once again, the PCC would like to extend its thanks and appreciation to everyone involved in the many and varied aspects of financial activity undertaken at St Peter's and St Leonard's. You will be aware that Tina has now stood down as Treasurer from 31 December 2022, would like to thank her for keeping our accounts so well. Encourage everyone to continue praying for a new Treasurer to take up this important work and support of the church. On behalf of Tina and I would like to say thank you to the Finance Committee and the PCC for their support and commitment during a difficult year in having to make tough decisions as to expenditure during 2022.

Amit John, Interim Treasurer

7 Report on the activities of the Parochial Church Council for 2022-23

The Parochial Church Council have met to transact business on 8 occasions since the last APCM

The Standing Committee of the PCC also met as necessary.

Rachel Nikolay was re-elected as Hon PCC Secretary. Tina Lewis was re-elected as Hon Treasurer. Paul Rawlings and Amit John were elected as Churchwardens.

Robert Gooding chaired the above PCC meetings and Amit John was re-elected as Lay Vice Chair.

There were two PCC vacancies and one Deanery Synod vacancy not filled at the last APCM.

Tina resigned as Treasurer at the end of December 2022, after giving notice of this intention in early 2022 to allow time for a possible replacement to be found. Reina Fisher-van Werkhoven resigned from the PCC in January 2023.

In the absence of a Treasurer, the responsibility falls to the Churchwardens, therefore Amit John took over the interim Treasurer responsibility from January 2023 until a new Treasurer can be appointed.

A PCC Away Day was held on Saturday 9th July 2022, at St Mary's Church and Hall, Wexham. Some personal time was spent with God, there was a presentation from Revd Canon Janet Binns and those present discussed needs and opportunities and mission and financial opportunities for the next 12 months and beyond.

At the time of writing the report, a PCC Away Day is planned for Saturday 29th April 2023.

In these continued challenging times and as we emerged from the covid pandemic and into a cost of living crisis, the PCC worked to ensure the best use was made of our available financial resources and to ensure that our Church continues to be able to support a range of charitable activities outside of the Parish.

Our thanks go to the PCC, our Churchwardens - Paul Rawlings and Amit John, our Vicar - Revd Robert Gooding, our Curate – Revd Sarah Smith and our LLM – Jim Dashper for all of their support and prayer, during the last year.

Rachel Nikolay, Hon PCC Secretary

8 Deanery Synod Report

Deanery Synod met several times during the financial year 22/23 all face to face and held at different parish churches within our Deanery and on the following dates: 18/06/22, 20/09/22, 30/1/22 and 23/02/23. They were chaired by our Area Dean, Revd Canon Janet Binns and are supported by most parishes.

This is the first full year Janet Binns has overseen our Deanery. During her tenure she has strongly led us on the future direction of our Deanery. Some of her important goals have been and promoting what is happening within the Deanery. Her most important goal has been Deanery finances and encouraging parishes to pay their parish share in full, or risk losing their vicar. This has been an ongoing matter for some years, and we firmly believe she is on track to solve the matter.

Deanery Finance

The budget for the Deanery has been approved. It is designed to cover in full the amount that must be paid to the Oxford Diocese. Full payment of Parish share by each church is vital if we are to avoid losing stipends. To achieve this and to encourage parishes to rise to the challenge, Oxford Diocese operates a rebate scheme. The maximum rebate available to the Deanery is 2%,

This year, to achieve the first 1% rebate we need to have paid:

- 20% of all parish shares by 31st March
- 50% of all parish shares by 30th June

To achieve the second 1%, Deaneries need to have paid.

- 100% of its parish share by 31st December

To achieve this would make a huge difference to the Deanery and its funds.

Each parish/benefice is allocated a parish share by the Deanery. Currently there is a shortfall in payment made by parishes of £55,472. This amount is shown as a deficit to our Deanery and will be carried forward into the new financial year. This is a new rule from the Oxford Diocese who are getting a lot stricter on these matters and will act against Deaneries that have not repaid their share in full to the Diocese. This will undoubtedly result in losing full time Vicars and some parishes being placed in groups where one vicar looks after several churches not just one or two.

The Deanery are asking the wealthier Parishes, who are already paying more than 120% above their parish share, to continue to do this in order to offset the shortfall. This helps parishes who are struggling financially. An alternative to this would be for all parishes to pay an extra £3,000 on their parish share and for many this is not financially viable.

Mission and Outreach

Different initiatives are in place to connect more people to their local church. This is being achieved in several diverse ways such as the Greenhouse project and shared gardens. Shared gardens encourage people to come along and keep church grounds in a tidy state. During their work people “Gossip the gospel” which means sharing the good news of the Lord Jesus in an informal way. By doing this it is hoped that people will eventually wish to learn more and eventually participate in more formal church services and events. Revd Canon Janet Binns our current Area Dean is encouraging this by publishing a Monthly newsletter promoting this and other fundraising events that are happening throughout the Deanery. She also holds a weekly Deanery prayer meeting held on Zoom that can be accessed by all.

Parishes in the Deanery are working together to support the people of Ukraine through collaborating with local community groups such as:

- Christian Connections in Schools: Wayne Dixon visits schools
- The Discipleship Training Centre: Provides the opportunity for young people to grow as disciples of Jesus. Anyone aged 18-24 can join this group.
- Intercultural Greenhouse groups: Formed to function as an incubator for churches in the Deanery. This is a central missionary resource for people from all faiths and beliefs to learn about the Lord Jesus and it is hoped it will foster the wider goals of mission within the community.

There is a full Burnham and Slough Deanery Calendar for 2023 and these dates are 17/06/23, 19/09/23 and 29/11/23.

Nita Cuff and Paul Fisher, Lay Deanery Synod Representatives

9 Mission Committee

Paula Carey was co-opted onto the committee in July 2022, Paula brings valuable knowledge and experience from the field. Reina Fisher-van Werkhoven stepped down from the Mission Committee in January 2023 after a number of years of faithful service. Our sincere thanks were extended to Reina for her valuable help and support.

Mission Giving

The mission budget for the year 2022 was distributed as planned.

The mission budget for 2023 is £6,315.00 (+£963.00 compared to 2022 budget of £5,352.00). This equates to 5% of the forecast income as at January 2023. In line with mission giving for 2022 and previous years, it was agreed at the January 2023 PCC that more would be awarded to individuals. Our church remains committed to mission giving and careful financial management and budgeting has allowed us to increase our giving for 2023. The Finance Committee continue to have a standing agenda item to review the opportunity to increase mission giving, should the financial position of the church improve during the year.

There have been no requests to change or consider new Mission Partners for 2023. We therefore currently support:

Mission Aviation Fellowship
Church Army
Far Eastern Broadcasting Associates (FEBA)
London City Mission
Tearfund

Wayne Dixon (Christian Connections in Schools; in association with Scripture Union)
David and Joy James (InnerCHANGE)
Paula Carey (World Horizons)
Stewart and Jo Johnson (Wycliffe Bible Translators)
Simon French (Africa Inland Mission)

A letter was sent to each of our individual Mission Partners in January 2023 advising them that we are still continuing to support them financially and that we have been able to increase our giving compared to 2022. Response letters and messages of thanks and gratitude for our continued support have been received and are displayed on the notice boards in both churches.

Visits from Mission Partners

The following visits were made by our Mission Partners:

- Stewart and Jo Johnson attended the Open Air service at St Leonard's on 26th June 2022 and gave an update on their work and ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators.
- Ilyas Ayoub from the London City Mission attended the service at St Leonard's on 24th July 2022 and gave an update on their work and ministry, particularly their work with Muslims in the community. Ilyas is a missionary in Newham with a particular focus on ministry to people following Islam or another religion.
- Paula Carey gave a "Hotspot" update on her work and ministry with World Horizons during August 2022 at St Leonard's
- Simon French attended the service at St Leonard's on 23rd October 2022 and gave an update on his work and ministry in the UK with Africa Inland Mission
- David and Joy James attended the service at St Peter's on 4th December 2022 and gave an update on their work and ministry with InnerCHANGE
- Joanna Malton from FEBA attended the service at St Peter's on 22nd January 2023 and gave an update on FEBAs projects and ministry. Joanna is the daughter of Douglas Malton, one of the two founders of FEBA
- Wayne Dixon attended the service at St Peter's on 26th March 2023 and gave an update on his work and ministry with Christian Connections in Schools.

- *Christian Aid Week ran from the 14th – 20th May 2023. Both churches have focused on the work and ministry of Christian Aid and have encouraged individual giving to support their key projects worldwide. Not yet taken place – runs in week leading up to the APCM.*

Other Activities

- Church members are encouraged to continue using their Mission Partner prayer cards to remind them to pray for the monthly mission focus, recognising that spiritual support for our mission partners is as important as financial. This is supported by specific Mission Partner prayer requests in our monthly Pray for Our Parish publication. In addition, the Mission Committee worked with our Mission Partners to identify short child friendly videos to explain their work and ministry and these were shared with the fellowship in both churches at the beginning of each month as we began our Mission Partner focused prayer for that particular month. In 2023 the videos are being replaced by a brief introduction and overview, by a member of the committee, of the mission partner at the beginning of each month
- A Christian Aid e-Envelope was set up for our churches and retiring collections held in both churches across Christian Aid week (15th – 21st May 2022). Monies from the cash collections were paid into our e-Envelope. A total of £175.00 plus £25.00 Gift Aid (from 2 individual donations) was raised.
- Robert led an online Bible study at FEBA's monthly zoom prayer meeting on 2nd November 2022, also attended by other members from our churches, and heard first-hand the inspiring stories of the partners working in very challenging circumstances in Ukraine and the fruit that God is producing through their ministry
- In response to the floods in Pakistan, retiring collections were held in both churches in September 2022 raising £184.00 for the Tearfund Appeal. In response to the devastating earthquake in Turkey/Syria, similar retiring collections were held in February 2023 raising £363.00 for the Tearfund appeal

Our Mission Partners are still working in a world that is very different - the coronavirus pandemic and the war in Ukraine has forced all organisations to change the way they work in the service of God. Our continued financial and spiritual support is as vital as ever.

Janet Rayner, Chair of Mission Committee

10 Pastoral Report

The current Pastoral Care Committee has met regularly since the last APCM report. We are pleased to advise that Wendy Jenner has since been co-opted to the Committee.

Robert is very grateful to the Committee and others who took on greater responsibility for Pastoral Care from July to September while Robert was recovering from surgery.

In recent months Robert has been able to do more pastoral visiting including taking Holy Communion to people who have not been able to attend church, although this is still a little limited as Robert is still unable to drive, but it means he is getting more exercise, walking!

We are pleased to report that most of our regulars have now returned to attending church in person, although, for some, sadly not as regularly as before Covid.

In light of the cost-of-living crisis, we started, on 9th January 2023, to provide a weekly "Warm Space" in St Peter's Church Annexe from 11am to 2pm each Monday offering free tea, coffee and biscuits and then, over lunchtime, soup and a roll. This was hosted by members of the Pastoral Care Committee along with Sarah Smith and was funded (including cost of heating) by a grant from Ivers Parish Council for which we were very grateful. Sadly, despite comprehensive publicity, this did not attract those who were suffering as a result of the cost-of-living crisis, and so this was discontinued on 27th February, a month earlier than planned. Other "Warm Spaces" in the Parish organised by other churches and groups found this to be the same. However, it was good to make contact with the small number that did attend and as a committee we are considering if we could provide something else which enables us to maintain the good contacts already made.

We were able to organise our annual Remembering Service on Sunday 6th November 2022 and we are very grateful to all those who volunteered to help in various ways on the day and provided a warm welcome for those attending. Again, many positive comments were received from members of the wider local community who came along to this service.

The Pastoral Care Committee also took a lead this year in organising the Tenebrae service at St Leonard's on Maundy Thursday.

We now have four homegroups meeting either weekly or fortnightly and a few new members joined these groups for the recent "Come and See" Lent series.

Cameo continues to go very well with around 40 people attending on the 2nd Saturday of each month and the group has collected and donated hundreds of pounds to local charities. Likewise, the Tea, Chat and

Company group is growing on the 1st Tuesday afternoon of each month with around 25 attending and they kindly provided flowers for the Mothering Sunday service on 19th March. Both groups provide important informal pastoral care to those who come along and also enable us to reach out to our local community.

Robert has still not yet been able to recommence (with others) the monthly Holy Communion service at Sunnyside Nursing Home, although he continues to offer this.

Sue Kightley and Maureen Traxler are both now serving again on the volunteer Chaplaincy team at Wexham Park Hospital and continue to be available as part of the "End of Life" team.

We are, as always, very grateful for all the "unofficial" pastoral support that members of the church family offer to others quietly behind the scenes.

Revd Robert Gooding - Chair of Pastoral Care Committee

11 Safeguarding

Introduction

In October 2022 the Church of England published its national safeguarding report, Past Cases Review 2, which consisted of a review of more than 75,000 files, some dating back to the 1940s. The purpose of PCR2 was to identify both good practice and institutional failings in relation to how allegations of abuse have been handled, assess any identified risks and respond to these where appropriate, and to provide recommendations to the Church that will lead to improvements in its safeguarding work. Following on from the previous Past Cases Review (2007) 383 new cases were identified, 168 of which related to children, 149 to vulnerable adults, with 27 recorded as both and 39 with no recorded data. Data on the alleged perpetrators showed 242 cases related to clergy, with 53 relating to church officers and 41 relating to volunteers whose role included engagement with children. In a foreword, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York said:

"It is always with great sadness and profound shame that we, again and again, come face-to-face with the brokenness and failings of our church in its day-to-day interactions and in its processes and leadership.(...) There are no possible excuses, no rationalisations for our church's failure to share the love of God and value each and every person (...) Our aspiration is for a church where children, young people and the vulnerable can worship, learn, socialise and develop in a safe and caring environment, with the knowledge they have a voice and can confidently raise concerns."

(<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-news-releases/national-report-church-englands-second-past-cases-review>).

It is in this context that safeguarding activities are implemented and monitored in this parish, to ensure the safeguarding, care and nurture of the children and vulnerable people of all ages in our church community. Promoting a Safer Church is important, and safeguarding is a standing agenda item at each PCC meeting. This is where policies are being reviewed, or any relevant topic is discussed. It has also been an opportunity for learning from national case reviews.

Regular meetings (every two to three months) take place with the Safeguarding committee, consisting of Revd Robert Gooding, Rachel Nikolay, Church Administrator and Reina Fisher-van Werkhoven, Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO).

Safeguarding activities and management take place in line with Church of England Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. Where appropriate Diocese Safeguarding meetings or workshops are attended. A special Safeguarding Sunday service took place both in St Peter's and St Leonard's church on the 20th November 2022 to raise awareness of the church's responsibility to demonstrate God's love and care for people by ensuring the church is a safe place for all and in particular the vulnerable. This will be repeated annually.

Safeguarding Policy, Guidance and Information

Details of Parish Safeguarding Policy are available on the parish website and are reviewed annually (last updated October 2022).

The 'Promoting a Safer Church' information poster with key contact details for safeguarding concerns is available on the parish website and is displayed in both church buildings.

Safeguarding Learning and Development

All employed staff and church officers (all volunteers having a role in serving the church) are required to complete Safeguarding training, according to CoE training guidance, almost all of which is available as online learning. Those involved with children and vulnerable adults will be required to complete an enhanced level of safeguarding training. The purpose of this is to raise awareness of abuse that could take place, but most of all to prevent this and make the church a safe place for all.

Currently 56.4% of staff and volunteers are fully compliant, and 43.6 % is not compliant with this. All have been reminded via email on several occasions that training is still outstanding, and this also being reiterated at PCC meetings.

The fact that the training is only available online is a barrier for some volunteers who do not have access to internet or are not conversant with online training. There is the opportunity for them to complete the training with support at the vicarage, and a face-to-face training session is being planned for the Basic Awareness training. Many of the activities involving interactions with children and vulnerable adults which did not take place during lockdown, have now resumed which highlights the urgency to complete any outstanding training. In addition, DBS clearance is being requested for those roles that include involvement with children and vulnerable adults.

Safer Recruitment and People Management

The Church of England has developed a comprehensive Safer Recruitment and People Management toolkit in order to formalise the process of employing paid staff and volunteers. This includes the use of job descriptions and obtaining references, DBS checks, and completion of required safeguarding training. New volunteers and staff will need to be supported in their role through regular meetings. The parish reports to the Diocese the progress in meeting these recruitment and management requirements via an online dashboard. When new staff or volunteers will join the team, the new process will now need to be followed.

Concerns Raised

No safeguarding concerns have been shared with Parish Safeguarding Officer since the last report.

Reina Fisher-van Werkhoven, Parish Safeguarding Officer

12 Music Ministry

Roger Hall continues to provide music leadership at most St Peter's 10am services together with Reina Fisher-van Werkhoven, in line with the removal of all remaining Covid-19 restrictions. A hand injury prevented live sung music leadership at St Peter's between November and March, but video alternatives with appropriate online streaming rights were sourced and used in its place. Anne Torrent also kindly provides music for St Leonard's services, parish joint services and other special events. We continue to pray for more members to join the music ministry team.

Roger Hall

13 Children & Families

To start with, a big thank you to the Children and Families Committee and those who have volunteered for any aspect of Children and Families work. We couldn't do it without you! Unfortunately, Tina Lewis resigned from the committee in June 2022.

Sunday Seekers and Sunday services

Rotas continue to be tricky, with the team being reduced to two core leaders, one of whom also volunteers in other areas of the Sunday Service. We only have one person available each week, which means we need to have the doors to the Annexe open and someone in church "within sight" to ensure we meet our safeguarding responsibilities. We urgently need more volunteers. We are also only able to cover at most 3 out of 4 Sundays a month. I am not sure how sustainable this will be without other volunteers.

Due to reduced volunteers, the service on the 2nd Sunday of the month continues to be an All Age service. This is usually the week for Baptisms, with a lot of non-church people attending. We have tried to include elements such as drama, a shorter interactive talk, and interactive prayers. Feedback from this so far has been very positive, both from visitors and regulars. Sometimes this makes the service difficult when it has been planned as an All Age, but there are no children or families at the service.

Scripture Union material (with a small amount of supplementary material occasionally) continues to be well received by the children and the leaders of Sunday Seekers.

We are looking into some Book/P.E. Kit style bags for each child to use for their equipment.

As we really need to "kick-start" our vitally important work with children and young people, the committee continues to discuss how we could do this without a Children and Families Worker.

Schools Ministry

The Open the Book Team (in conjunction with King's Church) returned at the beginning of June 2022 to taking weekly Open The Book Assemblies at Iver Village Infant School and the school visited St Peter's for a Harvest Festival Service on 4th October and the team led a Christingle service at the school on 5th December. On 2nd December, the whole of IVIS (apart from Nursery) visited the Christmas Tree Festival. Robert also gave Harvest and Christmas talks at The Old Station Nursery in Iver High Street. In June 2022 Robert was also finally able to return to taking occasional assemblies at Iver Village Junior School, although there was a brief "pause" after Christmas due to rising Covid infections in the school. The Junior School

once more held their brilliant Christmas Carol Concert at St Peter's on 7th December. It was great to see the church packed with children and their parents.

Sarah and Robert enjoyed going to Iver Junior school to do a year 5 RE Lesson on the History of Christianity on Wednesday, March 22nd.

Sarah is fortunate to still be able to attend St Helen's College, the school she worked, for carrying out assemblies and prayers.

Sarah provided Chaplaincy cover at Shiplake College in Henley, and they have asked if she will continue to go and carry out services for them in the chapel and some whole school assemblies in the future. Another primary school has approached Sarah and asked if she would do a two-day Christianity RE workshop. This is in the planning stages.

TotZone

Totzone has now moved to St Leonard's Church Hall. We have a few families that come regularly, and the children enjoy having the bigger space the hall provides, to run around in. We are looking forward to being able to use the outdoor space in the Summer.

Other Events

Unfortunately, we were unable to have a Light Party this year as Sarah was at her Graduation, and we were short of help, but the 4pm Christmas Eve Family service was well received.

Baptism Preparation and Follow Up

We have had a few Baptisms this year and will be holding Baptism Bonanza again on April 22nd 2023.

St Peter's Football Club

Robert has only been able to make a couple of visits to St Peter's Football Club since the start of the new season, as he is still unable to drive, but closer links with the Club are part of our new vision for the church.

Other

Sarah has attended a few courses on inclusion and diversity, which will help when planning inclusive activities for Sunday Seekers children.

Revd Sarah Smith – Chair of Youth and Children's Committee

14 Social and Fundraising

The Social & Fundraising Team has had another busy year organising a variety of events involving many meetings and behind the scenes planning and preparation. In addition to raising valuable monies for general church funds the team strives to reach out to the wider community, serving and sharing the love of Jesus through all we do. The events reported on are those which took place during the period of this report, June 2022 to May 2023 and the amounts raised are net (after costs).

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event and Iver Open Gardens – 4th June 2022

These were two wonderful community events running alongside each other. It was great to see so many people attending and enjoying themselves and great feedback was received.

Due to the unsettled weather forecast, the decision was made, after prayer to move the Jubilee event inside to create an 'indoor street party'. We are sure God was in this decision as it made for a much more intimate event with a real buzz created throughout the church, there was not a lull at all during the afternoon with the church busy throughout.

We were very grateful for the creative skills of Richard from Richings Players who produced a replica of the original Coronation throne which was enjoyed by adults and children, kings, queens, princes and princesses wearing robes and crowns/tiara's on loan also from Richings Players.

There were over 70 fabulous pictures of the Queen on display in the church throughout the event and for the following week, created by children from our local nurseries, pre schools, infant and junior schools and there were a number of fun activities for adults and children alike and many cream teas and cakes were enjoyed!

There were some amazing raffle prizes donated, including from local businesses and all prizes were very well received by the winners!

Open Gardens was also a huge success, 5 beautiful and very different gardens were open and ticket sales exceeded our expectations. Perhaps the take up of gardening during the various lockdowns was a boost for this as the garden owners commented on much more interest and questions from their visitors. Our plant stall was boosted by donations from members of the community, Iver Flowerland and Nick's Nursery, Denham.

We were able to use the £150 grant money from Bucks (carried over from the cancelled, due to covid lockdown, VE Day event), and an incredible total of **£1667.00 was raised.**

Tower Tours & Cream Teas – 7th and 21st August 2022

With more volunteers available, we were able to successfully run both Tower Tours & Cream Teas weekends during August 2022. Over 50 people climbed the tower over the two Sundays, a good number of people took the audio tour of the church, commenting on how interesting it was, a few children took part in the Treasure Hunt and many cream teas were consumed! We were blessed with dry, warm weather and mostly clear skies on both occasions allowing for some great views from the top of the Tower. The events **raised a total of £628.64**

‘Calendar’ Quiz Night – 19th November 2022

This was our first ‘in-person’ quiz since the pandemic. With Roger, our Quizmaster unwell on the day, it was down to Rachel Nikolay to take the ‘hosting’ seat for the evening, ably assisted by Helen Macdonald in her teacher role checking the answers and scores! Due to the rising prices, it was agreed to run the quiz without fish and chips and to lower the ticket price and invite people to bring their own nibbles and drinks which was positively received. It was good to see some returning teams after what seemed such a lengthy break and also some new teams. A raffle was also held. **The event raised £430.00**

Iver Christmas Tree Festival & Christmas Market – 2nd to 4th December 2022

There were 40 beautiful trees on display, an increase on 2021 with the church looking amazing. We think this year may have been one of our busiest years and estimate around 200 visitors throughout the weekend. It was great to see so many visitors from the local community and beyond. Some lovely and very positive feedback was received including how coming into the church with all the twinkling lights gave them a real sense of peace and calm. Some visitors are already planning their tree entries for this year! A raffle was held which again included some prizes donated by local businesses.

Although the Grotto was again unmanned, it was still well received and children were encouraged to have their photo taken (by a parent/carer) and to take away a Christian Christmas story book with them. We were again helped with the loan of straw bales by a local farm and some other donated additions to the grotto.

The Christmas Market on Saturday 3rd December was really well attended, with some great stallholders selling quality items – some returning from previous years and some new ones. There were 16 stalls in total and a food van outside for the first time, which was also well received.

Really positive feedback was received from both visitors and stallholders with many stallholders keen to return again. **The event raised a truly amazing £1705.10**

Light Up the Ivers – Christmas Eve 2022

St Peter’s was again number 24 on the ‘Advent calendar’ and was decorated with lights, a lit star and pictures and Bible verses depicting characters from the Nativity. This was well received by the community, with one person commenting how they always look forward to the Parish Church being number 24 and we never let them down! We hope you all had a chance to see the display between 24th December and 3rd January.

‘Body Parts’ Quiz Night – 18th March 2023

It was again agreed to run the quiz with a reduced ticket price and inviting people to bring their own nibbles and drinks. With Roger returning as Quizmaster, ably assisted by Karen Hall another fun night was had with only a few points separating the teams after most rounds. A raffle was also held. **The event raised £406.10**

Easter Eggsperience – 8th April 2023

This event was held at St Leonard’s Lawn as part of the Richings Park Centenary Celebrations. This was a family event with Easter themed activities including an Easter Scramble (Easter Egg hunt), Chicken Run (Egg and Spoon), Cracking Crafts, Plucky Dip, Raffle and more. Refreshments were served and we even had an ice cream van pop down for an hour. The event was well attended by families who all enjoyed the event with the added bonus of being blessed with glorious weather. Although not a significant amount of funds were raised it was a great opportunity to connect with local families. **The event raised £182.47**

Celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III – 7th May 2023

At the time of writing this event has not yet taken place. The event will be held at St Peter’s Church and will have lots of fund activities and refreshments served street party style. A report on this event will be included in the 2024 Annual Report.

In addition to those already thanked, the Social & Fundraising team would like to extend their grateful thanks to the following:

Gerald Paine for making countless jars of his ever popular and delicious jams and marmalade which have been sold in aid of church funds, **raising an amazing £582.60**

Roger and Karen Hall who continue to skilfully compile and host our quizzes.

Our very talented cake bakers and to those who have so generously donated towards the costs of running events.

Maureen Carter and her team for the beautiful table decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival and the lovely handmade lavender bags filled with locally grown lavender.

Oakwoods Estate Agents for sponsoring the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Iver Open Gardens event with advertising boards and a raffle prize and for the Iver Christmas Tree Festival & Market.

Many local businesses for donating a number of our raffle prizes.

Everyone who volunteered to help and support these events in any way, they could not run so successfully without you all!

My personal thanks to our small but perfectly formed Social & Fundraising team for their endless commitment and hard work in putting together an array of fun and enjoyable events for all.

Please continue to prayerfully consider ways in which you could help us in the coming year as we seek to serve the Lord in our community and church. All of these events would not have been possible without the help of many people, and we thank them all again for their time and service.

Rachel Nikolay, Chair of Social & Fundraising Committee

Parochial Church Council of Iwer, St. Peter and St. Leonard
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCOME STATEMENT
for the year to 31st December, 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 (£)	PRIOR YEAR TOTAL FUNDS 2021 (£)
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming Resources from generated funds						
Voluntary Income	1 (a)	71,965.71	1,751.00	0.00	73,716.71	89,646.93
Activities for generating funds	1 (b)	5,086.59	50.00	0.00	5,136.59	3,204.39
Investment Income	1 (c)	20,056.19	0.00	0.00	20,056.19	19,962.02
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2.00	12,168.93	0.00	0.00	12,168.93	8,134.11
Other incoming resources	3.00	1,410.32	0.00	0.00	1,410.32	1,762.96
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		110,687.74	1,801.00	0.00	112,488.74	122,710.41
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of generating voluntary income	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund raising trading: costs of goods sold and other costs	5.00	141.75	50.00	0.00	191.75	103.75
Investment Management costs	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charitable Activities	7.00	117,616.82	271.00	0.00	117,887.82	130,425.34
Governance costs	8.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Other resources expended	9.00	446.98	312.00	0.00	758.98	198.19
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		118,305.55	633.00	0.00	118,938.55	130,827.28
Net INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		-7,617.81	1,168.00	0.00	-6,449.81	-8,116.87
Other recognised gains and losses						
Realised		0.00	308.62	2,179.37	2,487.99	1,792.11
Unrealised		0.82		-9,081.54	-9,080.72	10,612.33
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		0.82	308.62	-6,902.17	-6,592.73	12,404.44
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2022		311,892.32	34,919.44	111,091.72	457,903.48	
Balances CARRIED FORWARD at 31st December 2022	21.00	304,275.33	36,396.06	104,189.55	444,860.94	

Parochial Church Council of Iver, St. Peter and St. Leonard
BALANCE SHEET at 31st December 2022

	Note	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	11(a)	275,000.00	275,000.00
Investment Assets	11(b)	76,741.57	85,822.29
TOTAL		351,741.57	360,822.29
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		0.00	0.00
Short Term Deposits	13.00	51,533.19	49,045.20
Cash at Bank		41,586.18	48,035.99
TOTAL		93,119.37	97,081.19
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		0.00	0.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS		93,119.37	97,081.19
NET ASSETS		444,860.94	457,903.48
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	21 (c)	304,275.33	311,892.32
Restricted	21 (b)	36,396.06	34,919.44
Endowment	21 (a)	104,189.55	111,091.72
TOTAL		444,860.94	457,903.48

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th April 2023
and signed on its behalf by





Parochial Church Council of Iwer, St. Peter and St. Leonard
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCOMING RESOURCES
for the year to 31st December, 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	2021
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
1. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS					
1 (a) Voluntary Income					
Giving under gift aid	46,090.81	1,060.00		47,150.81	47,956.73
Income tax recoverable on covenants	12,169.27			12,169.27	11,179.12
All collections (open plate) at services	8,060.70			8,060.70	6,334.87
Wall box donations	27.10			27.10	2.30
Grants	1,040.00			1,040.00	0.00
Legacies	0.00			0.00	22,000.00
Donations	4,577.83	271.00		4,848.83	1,403.91
Youth, children & family work		420.00		420.00	770.00
Bells Fund		-		0.00	0.00
Worship Group		-		0.00	0.00
TOTAL	71,965.71	1,751.00	0.00	73,716.71	89,646.93
1 (b) Activities for generating funds					
Fetes, bazaars and other fund-raising events	5,086.59	50.00		5,136.59	3,204.39
TOTAL	5,086.59	50.00	0.00	5,136.59	3,204.39
1 (c) Investment Income					
Share Account Income	9.59			9.59	7.22
Interest Received	846.60			846.60	754.80
Rental	19,200.00			19,200.00	19,200.00
TOTAL	20,056.19	-	0.00	20,056.19	19,962.02
2. INCOME RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES					
Church Hall Lettings : St Leonard's Hall	4,838.24			4,838.24	1,534.50
Magazines and books	3,377.69			3,377.69	2,137.61
Fees	3,953.00			3,953.00	4,462.00
TOTAL	12,168.93	-	0.00	12,168.93	8,134.11
3. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES					
Refunds and rebates	1,404.57			1,404.57	1,738.85
Miscellaneous	5.75	-		5.75	24.11
TOTAL	1,410.32	-	0.00	1,410.32	1,762.96
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	110,687.74	1,801.00	0.00	112,488.74	122,710.41

Parochial Church Council of Iwer, St. Peter and St. Leonard
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
RESOURCES EXPENDED
for the year to 31st December, 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	2021
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS					
4. Cost of generating voluntary income					
Fees and costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5. Fund-raising trading: costs of goods sold and other costs					
Fundraising costs	141.75	50.00	0.00	191.75	103.75
TOTAL	141.75	50.00	0.00	191.75	103.75
6. Investment management costs					
Professional Advice	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7. Charitable Activities					
Missionary and Charitable Giving	3,052.80			3,052.80	2,753.00
Home Missions and Other Church Societies	2,299.20			2,299.20	2,074.00
Ministry	60,279.04			60,279.04	72,592.00
Working expenses of incumbent, curate & parish office	24,884.09			24,884.09	26,158.59
Church Running Expenses	11,574.09			11,574.09	19,425.52
Church Maintenance	5,750.33	271.00		6,021.33	3,902.48
Upkeep of Services	1,518.13			1,518.13	1,230.96
Expenditure on Parish Magazine	5,155.40			5,155.40	3,584.00
Parish Training & Mission	0.00			0.00	0.00
Youth, children & family work		0.00		0.00	0.00
Church Hall running costs St Leonards	1,956.11			1,956.11	1,432.45
Other PCC Property Upkeep - St Leonards House	1,147.63			1,147.63	1,622.34
TOTAL	117,616.82	271.00	0.00	117,887.82	134,775.34
8. Governance Costs					
Accountancy and independent examination fees	100.00			100.00	100.00
TOTAL	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
9. Other Resources Expended					
Organ Expenses		312.00		312.00	0.00
Bells Fund		0.00		0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	262.58			262.58	35.00
Bank Charges and Loan Interest	184.40			184.40	163.19
TOTAL	446.98	312.00	0.00	758.98	198.19
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	118,305.55	633.00	0.00	118,938.55	135,177.28

10. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2008 and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and SORP (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.

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 are those funds that must be spent on restricted special purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided in note 21 (b). Endowment funds, where the capital must be retained, are explained in note 21 (a).

The financial statements 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 or those that are informal in gatherings of church members

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when repayment claim has been received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt is reasonably certain.

Fund raising events are accounted for gross.

All trading income is recognised gross.

Other income

All rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rent is paid.

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on a revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources used

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

All costs are accounted for when paid.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time)

Investments

Investments are valued at market rate at 31 December.

Current Assets

Accounting is made on the receipts and payments method.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Notes to the FINANCIAL STATEMENT (continued)
for the year to 31st December, 2022

11. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	St Leonard's House (£)	St Leonard's Hall (£)	Total (£)
11 (a) Tangible Fixed Assets			
Gross Book Value at 1st January 2022	235,000.00	40,000.00	275,000.00
Depreciation: Charge for Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Book Value at 31st December 2022	235,000.00	40,000.00	275,000.00
11(b) Investments		2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Fabric Maintenance and Improvement Fund			
2973.63 shares in the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund			
Historical cost at 31st December 2022 £24,179.72 (2973.63 shares value £24,179.72)			
Market Value at 31st December 2022		61,439.36	69,636.76
Ethel Leach Memorial Fund			
1020 M & G Charifund Unit Trust units			
Historical cost at 31st December 2022 £1,000.00 (2006 1020 units value £1,000)			
Market Value at 31st December 2022		14,989.10	15,873.24
Other Investment			
126 Banco Santander Shares previously Abbey National 10p Ordinary Shares			
Historical cost at 31st December 2022 £252.70.24 (2002 100 share value £130, 2013 7 shares value £38, 2014 8 shares £46, 2015 5 shares £24, 2016 1 share @ £4, 2020 5 shares £10.70)		313.11	312.29
Market Value at 31st December 2022			
Total Investment Assets		76,741.57	85,822.29

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 (£)	2021 (£)
12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND					
Fixed Assets	275,000.00			275,000.00	275,000.00
Investments	313.11		76,428.46	76,741.57	85,822.29
Current Assets	28,962.22	36,396.06	27,761.09	93,119.37	97,081.19
Current Liabilities	0.00			0.00	0.00
Fund Balance	304,275.33	36,396.06	104,189.55	444,860.94	457,903.48
13. DEBTORS				2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Income Tax recoverable				0.00	0.00
Diocesan fees payable				0.00	0.00
Other				0.00	0.00
TOTAL				0.00	0.00

14. Wages, Salaries and Pensions

The PCC employed one part time worker during 2022 (2021: one). The PCC contributes 1% of the employee's salary into the government backed pension fund NEST. Employees also contribute 1% into the fund. There are no costs to the PCC in the administration of this scheme.

No members of the PCC received payments of expenses during 2022. The vicar received reimbursement of expenses all of which were related wholly to work undertaken on behalf of the church.

15. LONG TERM MAINTENANCE FUND

The Long Term Maintenance Fund is invested with the Central Board of Finance. The income and interest are available for the maintenance and enhancement of the churches.

16. MILLS MEMORIAL FUND

The capital relating to this fund is invested with the Central Board of Finance, and the income is used to defray the cost of tuning the organ at St. Leonard's Church.

17. MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE GIVING

	Expenditure	
	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Giving to Overseas Mission		
Mission Aviation Fellowship	357.60	321.00
Paula Carey - World Horizons	396.00	358.00
FEBA	357.60	321.00
Tear Fund	357.60	321.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators	792.00	716.00
Africa Inland Mission (AIM)	792.00	716.00
Total	3,052.80	2,753.00
Giving to Missions at Home		
Interchange	792.00	716.00
Church Army	357.60	321.00
London City Mission	357.60	321.00
Christian Connection in Schools (Wayne Dixon)	792.00	716.00
Total	2,299.20	2,074.00

Notes to the FINANCIAL STATEMENT (continued)
for the year to 31st December, 2022

18. LOANS

There have been no loans in 2022.

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The PCC has a related party relationship with Iver Educational Trust (IET). Both charities share trustees and transactions occur between both parties. Iver Educational Trust rents office space to the PCC and share the costs of a secretary. During the year the PCC paid IET £3,000 for the use of office space and IET paid the PCC £4,500 for secretarial services.

20. SPECIFICATION OF FUNDS HELD AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Church Funds are held in one of the following locations:

Current Account	Cheque Account with Nat West Bank.
CBF	Central Board of Finance of the Church of England. The PCC has five CBF accounts: the Reserve that contains the majority of our savings, the St. Leonard's account for St. Leonard's Hall, the FMIF account for the income from the FMIF trust fund the St Peter's Bells fund and the St Peter's Tower fund
FMIF	Fabric and Maintenance and Improvement Fund. There are two accounts of this name: an income account (see CBF) and a trust fund.
Ethel Leach Fund	There are two accounts in this name: a trust fund (investment account) and an income account (part of the CBF reserve: see above)

21 (a) Endowment Funds	2022	2021
	(£)	(£)
<i>Mills Memorial Fund (CBF St Leonards)</i>	1,000.000	1,000.00
<i>Ethel Leach Memorial: Income Account (CBF St Leonards)</i>	3,592.78	3,533.15
<i>Maintenance Trust Account (FMIF CBF Account)</i>	16,124.95	14,649.63
<i>Fabric Maintenance and Improvement Trust (Trust Account)</i>	61,439.36	69,636.76
<i>Ethel Leach Memorial Trust (Investment Account)</i>	14,989.10	15,873.24
<i>Graveyard Maintenance Trust (CBF Reserve)</i>	7,043.36	6,398.94

** Items in italics are capital sums*

104,189.55 111,091.72

21 (b) Restricted Funds	2022	2021
	(£)	(£)
Alpha Course (Current Account)	236.24	236.24
Bells Fund (Current Account)	225.40	225.40
CBF General Reserve (CBF Reserve)	6,510.45	6,425.93
Chairs for St Peter's (Current Account)	2,152.62	2,152.62
Organ Fund (Current Account)	624.95	936.95
St Peter's Bells Fund (CBF Account)	7,463.79	7,366.89
St Peter's Tower Fund (CBF Account)	9,797.86	9,670.66
St Peter's window restoration fund (current account)	2,935.00	2,935.00
Worship Group (Current Account)	49.65	49.65
Youth Work (Church C/A)	3,323.98	2,903.98
Iver Family Fun Day (current account)	216.12	216.12
St Leonard's House Deposit (current account)	1,800.00	1,800.00
Kitchen flooring fund (current account)	1,060.00	0.00
TOTAL	36,396.06	34,919.44

21 (c) Unrestricted Funds	2022	2021
	(£)	(£)
St Leonard's House	235,000.00	235,000.00
St Leonard's Hall	40,000.00	40,000.00
Banco Santander E0.50 Ordinary Shares	313.11	312.29
Parish General Account	28,962.22	36,580.03
TOTAL	304,275.33	311,892.32

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: **THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER, IVER** **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: **31st December 2022** Charity Number (if applicable): **1128999**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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) and that 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 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 the 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 which gives me reasonable 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: Michael Kennedy

Date: **7 March 2023**

Name: **Michael Kennedy**

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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