

ST PETER'S HALE

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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ST PETER'S HALE CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

St Peter's Parochial Church Council ("PCC") has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the ecclesiastical parish and the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church building, St Peter's House, St Peter's Assembly Rooms and School House. The Parish is joined for ministry in a United Benefice with St Elizabeth's Ashley. Each parish has its own PCC and they are governed separately.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Church as a registered charity (No. 1130535 - "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter's Hale") is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community of St Peter's. The Church's website (www.stpetershale.org.uk) demonstrates the extent of our commitment to being involved with the community and providing a wide range of public benefit. Further information is accessible via our Facebook page (facebook.com/stpetershale). All members of the PCC are Trustees of the Charity.

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM") or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:	The Reverend Karen Stanton (until 30/06/24) The Venerable Michael Joseph Patrick McGurk (from 18/11/24)
Churchwardens:	Michael Moore Margaret Moore
Readers:	John Moss Julie Withers Chris Graham
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Grahame Elliott (retired May 2024) Julie Withers (ex officio) Katharine Hass (Secretary) Chris Graham Christine Davison
Until 2025	Martyn Wilshaw (resigned March 2024) Adrienne Davies
Until 2026	Lucy Natrass (resigned November 2024) Nigel Davies

Until 2027

Mary Graham
Elizabeth Parry (Parish Safeguarding Officer)
Elaine English
Callum Bazley
Lesley Bell
Jill Jagger
Kate Barlow
Paul Wood

The trustees are recruited from the members of the electoral roll by notices in Parish publications and via the web site. They are sponsored by other members and voted on at the APCM. All potential trustees have a working knowledge of church activities. Their legal responsibilities are explained to them when they are registered with the Charity Commissioners.

Meetings.

The PCC met 8 times in 2024 of which 3 were before and 5 after the APCM. The attendance at the meetings before the APCM was an average of 76% and an average of 75% for the meetings after the APCM.

The APCM of St Peter's was held on 12th May 2024.

The PCC operates through a number of committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC:-

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law and met 9 times in 2024 of which 3 were before the 2024 APCM and 6 since the APCM. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Mission in Action

In 2024 10% of the Church's covenanted income from 2023 was allocated to MIA to support projects and organisations in the UK and Overseas. MIA made recommendations for the approval of the PCC as to which those should be. It encouraged the Church's engagement with those selected charities and others through prayer and practical support for local organisations such as the collection and distribution of kitchen essentials, clothing, tinned and dried foodstuffs.

During Lent it raised funds for Christians Against Poverty for its local debt counselling service at the Hub in Altrincham. At Harvest time it sought support for Embrace the Middle East for its work with local Christians amongst children with disabilities in Gaza.

MIA met 6 times in 2024.

The Mission in Action Grant will reduce to £2,000 in 2025 following a resolution of the PCC to allow a new budget allocation of £3,000 for local evangelism activities and to reduce the dependence on the Heritage and Centenary Trusts to meet expenditure for the repair and maintenance of church buildings

Buildings and Facilities Committee

Due to the age of the buildings that the church is responsible for (church / St Peter's House / Assembly Rooms / School House) their maintenance continues to be a challenge.

Below is a summary of the major works undertaken in these buildings and future works planned.

Church

The church roofs were once again cleared of saplings that had started to re-grow. All the roofs were cleaned and treated with biocide to remove any green growth.

In the spring the church roof leaked, particularly down the north aisle, the gutters were full of debris from a previously installed wooden walkway which had rotted away and was blocking the downpipes. This was cleared and the major leaks stopped.

The gutters were also cleared and inspected in the autumn. Pictures were taken at the same time which highlighted areas of brickwork where remedial work needs to be done. This will be mainly pointing of coping or capping tiles where the mortar has eroded away.

There are some tiles missing on all the roofs which will need to be replaced.

The gutters around the church are in the main made of cast iron although there are some aluminium inserts. The cast iron gutters have eroded away on the inside in many parts, this and the joins leaking has meant that rainwater is running down the walls contributing to the white efflorescence (white powder) seen inside the church.

Efflorescence is a common and safe reaction that happens in all kinds of masonry products, including concrete and bricks. It is harmless to the bricks. All masonry products, bricks included, contain a certain amount of natural salt deposits in their composition. These salts remain solid and trapped inside the structure of the bricks. Bricks are porous, so water can pass through them and when it does, it dissolves all these salt deposits, carrying them all the way through the surface of the bricks. Once they are in the surface, the water evaporates, but the salts remain. The white salts can be removed with a light scrub with a soft bristled brush and warm water. It is possible to prevent efflorescence by removing the source of the water on the bricks, in other words by preventing the gutters leaking down the outside walls!

A big clear up was undertaken in September removing the efflorescence, dust and spiders' webs that had built up over the years. The Churchwardens thank everyone who took part. It is planned to undertake this again in Spring 2025 with the addition of polishing the woodblock floor.

Thanks to the generosity of the congregations over Christmas and a small grant for Net Zero Projects, the Halogen overhead lights were replaced with eco-efficient LED bulbs in the nave using the existing lighting track. When funds allow, two more will be added in the nave area followed by those in the chancel and sanctuary and finally the baptistery.

Church grounds

The removal of the cedar tree on the corner of Ashley Road and Murieston Road resulted in the timber being planked and some of it used for a cross and the rest for compost bins at the east end of the church. Thanks to those who undertook the making of the cross.

A fence was erected by St Peter's House car park. This and the compost bins were paid for by private donation as was the refurbishment of the Victorian lamp by the north door of the church.

The benches on the garden of remembrance prove to be very popular on warmer days.

17 Bird Boxes sponsored by individuals have been put up on the trees within the church grounds. The Scouts have made insect hotels which are also placed around the grounds.

St Peter's House

Several of the window frames in the old part of the house will need either replacing or refurbishing.

The outside lighting will be updated with brighter LED units and another unit added by the bins.

Assembly Rooms

Trees and greenery were removed from the roofs and joins in the brickwork and coping tiles sealed resulting in stopping leaks and damp.

The Scout Hut fire exit door and door frame need replacing as they are suffering from wear and tear as well as rot.

The ongoing programme of decorating and replacing entrance doors has made the Assembly Rooms a very rentable space.

School House

Sometime in the future the fences on the Assembly Room side will have to be replaced.

ECO Church

The Eco Church Group has continued to discuss and plan a way forward for St Peters to work towards our submission for a Bronze award with 'A Rocha UK' (www.arocha.org.uk) This has now been submitted.

Over the course of the year:-

- we have continued to host our regular litter picks around Hale
- we have looked at recycling in all our buildings to try to reduce the amount of paper we use
- in the church grounds, the compost bins for gardens waste are used regularly and there are bird boxes in position
- towards the end of 2024, the main lights in church were replaced by energy efficient LED lights, with a second phase planned for the near future.

We await the outcome of the Church Eco award which will determine the work going forward. We look forward to welcoming new people who are interested in the environment getting involved in the Group.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Electoral Roll

At 31st December 2024, there were 242 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 161 resident within the Parish and 81 non-resident.

Church Attendance 2024

During 2024, St Peter's Hale hosted **208 different services**, ranging from BCP Holy Communion, Common Worship Communion, Choral evensong, Taizé, Contemporary Praise service, school visits, concerts, Baptism, wedding and funerals.

During the year, according to our service book we had a total of 9,837 people attend. This breaks down into **8,227 adults attending with 1,610 children** (some of these will be the same people). It is worth noting that 31.7% (3,124 people) of all who attended the church during 2024 did so during Advent, which is fantastic but highlights the busyness of that season in the church calendar.

Our average attendance at each service was as follows:

- BCP 8:30am Sunday = 22 adults and 1 child
- Holy Communion 10:00am Sunday = 52 adults and 8 children
- Contemporary Praise 8:30am first Sunday = 26 adults and 17 children
- BCP Wednesday communion = 17 adults and 0 children
- Choral Evensong (2nd Sunday) = 16 adults and 0 children
- Taizé (5th Sunday evening) = 5 adults and 0 children

We had 5 schools' visits, 2 concerts, 7 funerals with 2 burial of ashes, 8 baptisms and 5 weddings during the year.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duties under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Discipline Measure 2016 to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. This duty is taken very seriously and the PCC has adopted the national Church of England safeguarding procedure and guidelines including the policies for "Safer Recruitment".

All PCC members have agreed to undertake online training which is repeated every two to three years. New members of the PCC have to undertake the training following election. A couple of members have been exempted from that training because of the extensive training and accreditation undertaken for other institutions where they had dealings with children or vulnerable adults.

Most members of the PCC have DBS certification to comply with Diocesan requirements for working with children and vulnerable adults. Any without such certification by the time of the 2025 APCM will not be eligible either for re-election or for continuing their term of office.

A Safeguarding report is a standing item on the agenda for PCC meetings.

There are several laminated posters around the Church premises including a photo of Liz Parry as Parish Safeguarding Officer with her contact details and those of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Liz has undertaken all safeguarding officer training as stipulated by the Diocese and including undertaking the Safeguarding Leadership programme in February 2025.

During 2024 there was 1 safeguarding issue which was dealt with by the PSO and the Churchwardens. Following this issue a template is in course of preparation with a flow chart, list of actions and details of contact organisations for referrals,

The Parish is enrolled on the "Parish Dashboard Safeguarding" of Chester Diocese at Level 3 (the highest level).

Bowdon Deanery Synod Report

The Bowdon Deanery Synod met in February, May and October 2024.

The Rev'd Mike Loach, the co-chair of the Diocesan Environment Forum, addressed the February meeting. He reported that the Church of England is aiming for all parishes and churches to be net zero by 2030 although it is recognised that the many older buildings are a challenge. The Diocese is working towards becoming an eco-Diocese. A Net-Zero Officer has been appointed to provide support to parishes. Churches should be trying to complete the Energy Footprint Tool as part of the Annual Parish Return and aim to register with the Eco-Church scheme. There are resources available through the Diocese and he commented that he thought with probably only some minor adjustments most parishes could qualify for the A-

Rocha Bronze award. He shared some ideas for eco projects including making bug boxes and litter picks both of which St Peter's is doing.

The appointment of Jane Proudfoot as Archdeacon of Macclesfield was noted.

A report from the November 2023 General Synod was received including the passing of the motion to permit prayers with and for same sex couples as part of a regular service.

The May meeting was an open meeting run as a facilitated discussion to which everyone in the Deanery were invited. It was addressed by the Rev'd Peter Frogatt, the Diocesan Director of Outreach and by Jon Pocock, the Diocesan Strategic Programme Director. The Diocesan Vision was summarised. The strategy process had commenced emerging from the Vision with the aim of encouraging and helping all parishioners to be more effective in mission reaching new people and places with the good news of Jesus. The Vision is titled "Together in Christ, Sharing Hope".

The Rural Dean, Rev'd Andrew Knight, reported on his appointment as Vicar of St Mary's Bowdon with the Collation and Induction service on September 4th. He advised that St Mark's Dunham was to merge with Bollington, Over Tabley and Rostherne from 1st June and would be transferring to Knutsford Deanery.

The October meeting was another open meeting and was addressed by Katy Herrera, the Diocesan Family, Children and Youth Adviser. She informed those attending that the Church of England Growing Faith Initiative aimed to put children, young people and families at the heart of Ministry and this works best when Churches, parents and schools could work closely together. Small groups of those attending shared what was happening in their parishes and provided feed-back.

The Lay Chair, Esme Hamer reported on appointments including Rev'd Jill Elston as Diocesan Environment Adviser and the result of elections to the Diocesan Synod with Chris Graham and Julie Withers from St Peter's elected to the House of Laity.

The Rural Dean offered a tribute and prayers for Rev'd Tom Ryan, Curate at St Alban's Broadheath who died on 26th June 2024.

Vicar's Report

Having recently joined the church in November 2024, it has been my privilege to see the ongoing work and the faithfulness of the people of God here at St Peter's over many years. The continual commitment to our Sunday services and the welcome of the families and other into the life of the church is such a massive example to many others beyond the parish. Being a new vicar in a very well-established church will bring with it many challenges, not only for myself but also for the established congregation. The common phrase I've heard that "this is what we have always done" is ok as long as it grows the church and deepens our relationship with Jesus, sharing with the Diocesan vision of being 'Together in Christ, sharing hope'.

Advent was such a busy season for us all. It took me by surprise the number of services that we offered to various groups and congregations and with over 3000 people attending during

Advent alone (Carols and mulled wine, Christingle, concerts, schools' visits and our normal Sunday services.)

I owe a great debt of gratitude to all those volunteers who make these services happen. I especially want to mention the work of the wardens, the deputy wardens, the organist and the choir for their regular commitment to serving others behind the scenes, including also Alex in the office who provides essential administration. This church, along with many others, can only operate with the use of volunteers. Whilst we don't want to rest on our laurels, I want to thank God for each and every single one of you who participated in the various different ways.

As a church we have members who support the ministry of the kingdom by volunteering for General Synod, Deanery Synod, Readers, PCC representatives, our Sunday School, our welcoming team, the Vergers, the Flower Guild, the chimers, the choir, the lectionary readers, servers, intercessors, the Church Women's Fellowship, the Mission in Action team, the Sunday School. The list can go on and on and on and long may it continue.

But there is more that we can do. So many people in our parish don't yet know Jesus and don't know the good news of his forgiveness. They are not yet involved in any form of church whatsoever. We are very fortunate to participate and to have good relationships with the six churches in Churches Together in Hale, and as we continue to work together, may we continue to share the hope that is within each one of us.

The very first sermon that I preached here at Saint Peter's was at the Wednesday morning communion service and I spoke about the feeding of the 5000. Each one of us having metaphorically our own 5 loaves and two fish. The choice is whether we offer that to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords to perform the miracle or not and keep it to ourselves – it is our choice. Each one of us, no matter how long you have been coming to church have gifts of time, talents, and treasure to offer. What gifts are you offering to the church? I'm not just talking financially, even though that is so important, we are not able to pay our full parish share due to lack of funds. But I'm talking about your time and your talents. Each department, each area of our church, relies on other people giving of their time and their talents and their treasure as we go forward to serve us and for each one of us to grow.

So, what can you do? Photography, business, IT, safeguarding, speaking, praying, reading, welcoming, serving in the children's area, being part of a committee to look at things that are important. Are you creative, do you love to sing, play an instrument, good with money or numbers? The list goes on, so therefore, for those who are already involved, thank you and for those who are yet to get involved, talk to us, offer what you have you will not regret it.

So together for 2025, may we be a faithful church that will be together in Christ sharing the hope that we are called to share with others around about us.

Financial Review

The income to support the Church in its pastoral care and ecumenical mission is the sum of giving by parishioners, both planned and unplanned, together with any surplus generated from the letting of its facilities for local community activities. In the year to December 2024, there was a surplus from all activities of £29,918 (2023: £9,128 deficit).

The transition from a deficit in 2023 to a surplus is largely down to the following:

- As in the previous 2 years, very generous contributions from the Heritage and Centenary Trusts, together amounting to £60,184 (2023: £49,963), allowed the Church to continue to fulfil its activities and carry out significant building repairs on all church buildings.
- Costs savings initially made during in 2023 such as the decision to make the role of Children and Youth Minister redundant and to negotiate with the Diocese a halving of the amount paid as the Parish Share have continued to have a beneficial effect in 2024. In addition there have been savings on utilities and office costs. Building repair and maintenance costs, whilst still significant are lower than in 2023.

Income from planned and unplanned giving, including collections and tax rebates, maintained a similar level to 2023 levels at £96,867. This is the first time in six years that there has not been a sizeable year on year decline, although levels are still significantly behind 2018.

Average planned giving per person increased by 5.4% although the number contributing fell due to the loss of 8 members. Contributions were received from 112 members in the year, a fall of 7%. Other donations, including Gift Aid, amounted to £17,367.

Hire income in both the Assembly Rooms and Peter House was below 2023 levels but lower building costs have ensured a surplus in both locations. At the Assembly Rooms the surplus was £15,366 (2023: £2,719 deficit) and at Peter House of £5,048 (2023: £1,847).

The tenant at School House left during 2023 resulting in a vacant period during which further maintenance work was carried out. A new tenant is now in place, the net effect in the year is income of £6,092 (income £15,128 and costs £9,036).

Expenditure within unrestricted funds decreased by 1% to £175,677 (2023: £177,428), excluding Assembly Rooms and Peter House costs.

After allowing for the Mission in Action Grant unrestricted income exceeded expenditure by £44,850 (2023: £2,039 deficit).

Within restricted funds, expenditure on charitable activities totalled £11,104. Taking depreciation into account expenditure exceeded income by £13,837 (2023: £7,089).

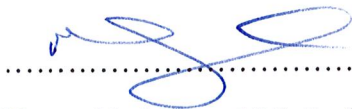
The surplus has allowed the Church to re-build some longer-term saving reserves. This surplus has left the Church in a significantly stronger financial position going forwards albeit this has only been achieved with the support of Trust contributions. The PCC has approved a small deficit budget for 2025 based on similar levels of activity and expenditure as 2024. It continues to recognise the need to reach out to a new generation of planned givers to reverse the decline in contributors and income highlighted above.

Reserves Policy

The unrestricted funds at the year-end were £156,335 (2023: £112,580) which the PCC considers adequate to cover future costs and emergency expenditure. In making this judgement, the Trustees have considered the current and predicted future levels of income and they believe it is reasonable, together with the cost reducing actions originally taken in 2023, to assume the Church remains a going concern. (See Note 1.1)

Risk Management

The principal risk is that the number of members and the funds raised through the stewardship scheme declines to an extent that the church fails to raise enough funds to support itself. The decline in income over a number of years continues to be a key focus with new younger members encouraged to join the stewardship scheme. Increasing other income sources, particularly hire income, is also a major centre of attention. Expenditure continues to be controlled.



Venerable Michael McGurk

PCC Chair

03 March 2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF HALE ST PETER

Charity no. 1130535

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

Statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources (Note 3)				
Income and endowments				
from:				
Donations and legacies	174,418	-	174,418	162,219
Charitable activities	5,728	1,741	7,469	12,505
Other trading activities	81,926	-	81,926	84,330
Investments	4,453	10	4,463	2,293
Total	266,525	1,751	268,276	261,347
Resources expended (Note 4)				
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds*	215,930	6,583	222,513	252,458
Mission Fund charitable activities	-	11,104	11,104	14,017
Other	4,740	-	4,740	4,000
Total	220,670	17,687	238,357	270,475
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	45,855	(15,937)	29,918	(9,128)
Net income/(expenditure)	45,855	(15,937)	29,918	(9,128)
Transfers between funds	(2,100)	2,100	-	-
Net movement in funds	43,755	(13,837)	29,918	(9,128)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	112,580	184,267	296,847	305,975
Total funds carried forward	156,335	170,431	326,766	296,847

* Restricted Funds include £5,603 (2023: £5,603) permanent endowment fund (note 11)

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Balance Sheet

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Current year £	Prior year £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets (Note 7)	-	166,687	166,687	172,290
Total fixed assets	-	166,687	166,687	172,290
Current assets				
Debtors (Note 8)	8,664	2,714	11,378	13,979
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 10)	170,501	1,030	171,531	136,964
Total current assets	179,165	3,744	182,909	150,943
Creditors				
Amounts falling due within 1 year (Note 9)	22,830	-	22,830	26,386
Net current assets/(liabilities)	156,335	3,744	160,079	124,557
Total net assets	156,335	170,431	326,766	296,847
Funds of the Charity				
Restricted income funds (Note 11)	-	170,431	170,431	184,267
Unrestricted funds	156,335	-	156,335	112,580
Total funds	156,335	170,431	326,766	296,847

Signed on behalf of all the
Trustees



Date of Approval: 03 March 2025

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Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of preparation and going concern

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity operates as a going concern because it has sufficient funds and reserves to pay all its liabilities as they fall due.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Income

Recognition of income

Income is included in the SOFA when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS SORP.

Grants and donations.

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Contractual income

Contractual income is only included once the charity has provided the related service.

Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Settlement of insurance claims

Insurance claims are only included in the SOFA when the general recognition criteria are met.

2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Deferred income

Deferred income is only recognised where payment has been received in advance.

Creditors

The charity has creditors that are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Provision for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Basic financial instruments

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraph 11.17 to 11.19 FRS102 SORP.

2.3 Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £4,000. They are valued at cost. The depreciation rates and methods used are:

Freehold buildings:	2% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% straight line

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Notes to the accounts

Note 3	Analysis of income	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Current year £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies	Gift aid giving	59,335	-	59,335	60,424
	Income tax reclaimed	14,814	-	14,814	15,106
	Non Gift aid giving	5,934	-	5,934	5,910
	Collections	15,576	-	15,576	13,212
	Income tax reclaimed	1,208	-	1,208	2,369
	Donation from Trusts	60,184	-	60,184	49,963
	Other Donations	14,886	-	14,886	13,742
	Other Gift Aid	1,481	-	1,481	1,493
	Legacies	1,000	-	1,000	-
	Total	174,418	-	174,418	162,219
Charitable activities:	Mission in Action	-	1,319	1,319	3,625
	Choir Fund	-	251	251	250
	Flower Guild	-	171	171	263
	Fees	5,728	-	5,728	8,367
	Total	5,728	1,741	7,469	12,505
Other Trading activities:	Church Lettings	1,391	-	1,391	1,033
	Assembly Rooms				
	Lettings	51,017	-	51,017	54,696
	School House Letting	15,128	-	15,128	12,236
	St Peter House Lettings	14,390	-	14,390	16,365
	Total	81,926	-	81,926	84,330
Investment income:	Interest income	4,453	10	4,463	2,293
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-
	Total	4,453	10	4,463	2,293
	GRAND TOTAL	266,525	1,751	268,276	261,347

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Note 4	Analysis of expenditure	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Prior year £
Expenditure on raising funds	Parish Share	45,781	-	45,781	43,596
	Clergy Expenses	6,461	-	6,461	6,525
	Church costs (including heat light & insurance)	21,518	-	21,518	28,202
	Church Repairs	35,525	-	35,525	21,052
	Upkeep of Grounds	7,523	-	7,523	12,040
	Wages & Salaries	27,031	-	27,031	26,040
	Assembly rooms costs (including staff)	35,651	-	35,651	57,415
	St Peters House Costs	9,342	-	9,342	14,518
	Educational expenses	130	-	130	284
	Administration Expenses	17,932	-	17,932	19,112
	School House repairs	9,036	-	9,036	16,577
	Vicarage repairs	-	-	-	-
	Depreciation	-	5,603	5,603	5,603
	Flower Guild	-	464	464	323
	Choir	-	516	516	1,171
	TOTAL	215,930	6,583	222,513	252,458
Expenditure on restricted funds	Mission in Action				
	Overseas Charities	-	5,726	5,726	7,240
Charitable activity	Home Charities	-	5,296	5,296	6,760
	Other	-	82	82	17
Total expenditure on charitable activities		-	11,104	11,104	14,017
Other	Governance - independent examiner fees	4,740	-	4,740	4,000
Total other expenditure		4,740	-	4,740	4,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		220,670	17,687	238,357	270,475

Note 5 Details of certain items of expenditure

	Current year £	Prior year £
Independent examiner's fees	4,740	4,000

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Note 6 Paid Employees

6.1 Staff Costs

	Current year	Prior year
	£	£
Salaries and wages (including assembly rooms)	26,408	27,139
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	622	644
Total staff costs	27,030	27,783

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

6.2 Average head count in the year

	Current year	Prior year
	Number	Number
All employees worked on charitable activities	1	1
Total	1	1

Note 7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
7.1 Cost or valuation					
At the beginning of the year	290,332	-	-	18,706	309,038
At end of the year	290,332	-	-	18,706	309,038
7.2 Depreciation					
At beginning of the year	118,042	-	-	18,706	136,748
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	5,603	-	-	-	5,603
At end of the year	123,645	-	-	18,706	142,351
7.3 Net book value					
Net book value at the beginning of the year	172,290	-	-	-	172,290
Net book value at the end of the year	166,687	-	-	-	166,687

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Note 8 Debtors and prepayments

Analysis of debtors	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Current year	Prior year
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	3,771	-	3,771	1,496
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	4,893	2,714	7,607	12,483
Total	8,664	2,714	11,378	13,979

Note 9 Creditors

9.1 Analysis of creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Current year	Prior year
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	2,714	-	2,714	10,337
Accruals and deferred income	16,542	-	16,542	12,497
Taxation and social security	404	-	404	382
Other creditors	3,170	-	3,170	3,170
Total	22,830	-	22,830	26,386

Trade creditors includes amounts of £2,714 due from unrestricted to restricted funds.

9.2 Deferred income

Deferred income consists of receipts and rents received in advance in respect of 2025 of £1,104 and is included in the figure of £16,542 above.

	Current year	Prior year
	£	£
Movement in deferred income account		
Balance at the start of the reporting period	1,204	2,425
Amounts added in current period	1,104	1,204
Amounts released to income from previous periods	(1,204)	(2,425)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	1,104	1,204

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Note 10	Cash at bank and in hand	Current year	Prior year
		£	£
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)			
Short term deposits		157,832	123,543
Cash at bank and on hand		13,699	13,421
Total		171,531	136,964

Note 11 **Charity funds**

11.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period

Fund names	Type	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried forward
		£	£	£	£	£
Choir	Restricted	243	251	(516)	100	78
Flower Guild	Restricted	1,045	171	(464)	-	752
Mission	Restricted	10,014	1,319	(11,104)	2,000	2,229
Garden of Remembrance	Restricted	675	10	-	-	685
Peter House	Permanent Endowment	172,290	-	(5,603)	-	166,687
General Fund	Unrestricted	112,580	266,525	(220,670)	(2,100)	156,335
Total Funds		296,847	268,276	(238,357)	-	326,766

11.2 Transfers between funds

The transfer from unrestricted to the restricted Mission Fund represents the annual tithe donation from the General Fund.

Note 12 **Transactions with Trustees and related parties**

12.1 Trustee remuneration benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related charity.

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12.2 Trustees' expenses

Trustees are reimbursed for any items of expense they incur directly from suppliers on behalf of the Church in the running and maintenance of its facilities. All expenses are approved by an independent member of the Standing Committee. In 2024 this amounted to £7,544.

12.3 Transactions with related parties

There have been no transactions with related parties in the current year.

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Statement of the PCC's responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the PCC are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The PCC are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the PCC of St Peter's, Hale



Venerable Michael McGurk

03 March 2025

Chair

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter's Hale.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of Hale St Peter for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 12 to 21.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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03 March 2025

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