

St Peter's Church Elworth

Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31st December 2021

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The Parochial Church Council

The members of the Parochial Church Council are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following have served as members of the P.C.C.

Incumbent: Rev David Page

Assistant Minister: Mr Gareth Davies *(from September 2021)*

Curate: Rev Anthony Rigby

Church wardens:

Mr Stephen Parfitt *(Assistant Chairman)*

Mr Paul Savvides *(Deanery Synod representative)*

Mrs Helen Jones *(Assistant Warden)*

Mrs Helen Coppenhall *(from June 2021)*

Treasurer: Mr Mark Barker

Secretary: Ms Jen Paddison *(to June 2021)*

Mr John Cargill *(from June 2021)*

Elected Members:

Mrs Miriam Astley

Mrs Fiona Cooper

Mr Stash Podhorodecki

Dr Ruth Pollard

Mrs Heather Savvides *(from June 2021)*

Ex-officio:

Mr Bill Chapman *(Parish Evangelist and Deanery Synod representative)*

Mrs Kath Cliffe *(Diocesan Synod Representative)*

Mr Steve Thorley *(Deanery Synod representative)*

Mrs Michelle Walker *(Pastoral Worker)*

By Office: Pastoral Workers, Lay Readers and Parish Evangelists are entitled to serve on the P.C.C.

Vicar's Report

At the end of last year's report, I quoted the often-repeated phrase from the Bible, "Do not be afraid, I am with you" (Isaiah 43 : 5 for example) and urged us to take it to heart during 2021. I have had to do this on many occasions during, what felt to me, an even more challenging year than 2020.

As I reflect at the end of year on why I feel this way, my overriding emotion is that of being left unsupported by those who should be demonstrating leadership in our country and the National Church. On many occasions over the last 12 months, as we have dealt with a myriad of issues including COVID-19 and reaching Carbon Zero by 2030, I have felt a lack of guidance and have been left feeling isolated and thinking what should we be doing? However, praise be to God that He never deserts us: His word is clear and His Holy Spirit, working through the church, is always present. I am especially thankful to the sacrificial giving of so many who have taken on roles in our church throughout the year.

Many people have worked hard to ensure the smooth running of the church, but without the commitment of Paul and Steve (our Church Wardens), Mark (our Treasurer), Anthony (our self-supporting Curate), Cathryn (our Children and Families Worker) and, in the last few months, Gareth our Assistant Minister, I am not sure how we would have coped.

We have achieved much over the last year as we have kept the proclamation of the Gospel with truth and love at the heart of all that we do. The mixed economy of on-line and in-person events has meant that we have kept contact with our worshipping communities. The Pastoral Care Co-ordinators have done a sterling job in keeping people connected to the wider life of the church. Our website Co-ordinator, Stash, has also been pivotal in the work we have done this year.

The national challenges that we faced in 2021 do not look as if they will pass quickly and, as a local Church of England Church, we have many issues to address in 2022.

On the national scale, as a church, issues of safeguarding and the directive to engage with the "Living in Love and Faith" debate will be challenging and will require prayerful, patient, positive engagement. There are also more local challenges for us as this report will highlight on finances, a replacement church heating system as well as other key issues. However, the Bible and history teaches us that it is often at the most challenging times that God is able to act boldly, when His people remain faithful and trust in Him. This truth should spur us all on as we commit all that we are and all that we have to the work of St Peter's in the coming year because it is easy to become passive and disengaged when the world seems to turn against us.

Finally, I think from the tone of this report, you can see how personally challenging I have found the last year and I would especially like to thank my family for all their support, and the church family for their prayerful and practical support across the year.

May we truly, intentionally and with all our resources, commit in 2022 to making the words that we declare in the Lord's Prayer, "Lord, Your will be done", true in our lives.

David Page

Church Wardens' Report

2021 started with services remaining online and 'coffee time' via Zoom. A highlight in January was the live-streaming performance of Joseph the musical – see the separate report.

In Q1, new cameras allowed certain services, particularly funerals and even a wedding, to be live-streamed. With numbers in church being limited, there was much demand for this new facility.

In Q2, the Dangerous Faith sermon series saw church members exploring the plight of Christians experiencing hostility around the world. St Peter's signed up to 'Hong Kong Ready Churches' (UKHK), an initiative to welcome BN(O) visa holders from that city. To date, two families have been in contact with us, one of which arrived in July.

In Q3, following a change of regime in that country, church members welcomed Afghan families who are likewise relocating to this country. These acts of friendship are in addition to the many kindnesses that our congregation showed to their friends and neighbours throughout the pandemic.

A huge blessing in September was the start of our new Assistant Minister. Gareth has already made a big impact and the church has warmly welcomed him and his wife, Becky, to the parish.

Special mention should be made for a core team who have continued to keep the churchyard neat and tidy through the pandemic. This year we have been requesting our wider church members to support the seasonal maintenance work and the response has been very pleasing – thank you to all who have contributed.

Although Covid omicron did curtail some activities, this year's Christmas services were able to take place in safety and, once again, the carol service was held outdoors facing London Road and was extremely well attended.

As Covid restrictions are lifted, we can now deal with the church heating system. Several companies have presented proposals including some for heat pumps. We will select an affordable system that fits our needs and is carbon neutral. With the rising price of energy affecting us all, the church energy bill will be significantly higher in 2022. A special thanks is due to John and Mark for their vigilance on energy.

Steve and Paul would like to thank all who have helped to support the work of St Peter's through another difficult year, but we remember the encouragement from James: *'whenever we face trials of many kinds, we know that the testing of our faith produces perseverance. .'* James 1:2-3

Paul Savvides and Stephen Parfitt

Treasurer's Report

2021 proved to be a difficult year financially as well as in many other aspects, and the PCC recorded a deficit of £54.5k compared to a deficit of £12.5k in 2020.

Income, at £155.4k was down by £35k. Planned Giving at £86.6k was just £2k off last year. Donations at £2.6k were down by £7k and Grants down by £2k. Gift Aid was down by £16k, (see below). Hall lets at £17k were **up** by £3.3k and PCC Fees at £5.3k were also **up** by £0.6k. There was no income from other Churches compared to the £2.6k last year. Out of School Club fees at £15.5k were almost £6k down. 'Other' income was down by £11k, with no bank switch incentive (£4k in 2020) or transfers from OOSC or ABC (£8.2k in 2020). Job Retention Scheme payments to PCC and OOSC were £16.7k, **up** by £3k from last year.

Expenditure, at £210k was up by almost £7k on last year. This is primarily due to increased staff costs with the Assistant Minister and additional admin staffing accounting for a £9.3k increase, pension & HMRC payments by £3.3k and rent by £4k. Hall and Church repairs and maintenance were both up by around £1k each, reflecting a rise from the very low costs of 2020. Mission & Evangelism at £4.3k was slightly up. This included payments of £829 from the Benevolent Fund. OOSC costs were down by £3.5k.

We are changing our accounting procedures from January 2022 which means recognising income and expenses as they occur instead of phasing them over the period to which they relate using 'accruals' and 'prepayments'. This has required a one-time adjustment in the 2021 accounts of -£5.5k caused by: Gift aid income not recognised until it is received -£11.4k, Outward Giving not recognised until donations are made +£10.6k, Expenses fully charged out in 2021 -£4.7k.

It should be noted that cash at bank and on deposit at 31st December 2021 at £278k was £21k down on a year ago. Tangible assets have been reduced by Depreciation charges of £26k. In future such assets will simply be recorded as a list.

However, there will be further pressure on our reserves in 2022 as staff costs incur full year values, and we embark on a heating scheme for the Church. Resolving the church hall 'loan' repayments to Cheshire East Council would release almost £40k. New income streams will be needed.

Finally, I would like to thank Michelle and Allan for banking, which has required more work as we have adapted to new banking arrangements, John as Assistant Treasurer for looking after the utilities which has been no small job this year, Jim for managing the Envelope Scheme and the Gift Aid claim to HMRC and Carolyn for her support at home.

Mark Barker

PCC Report

For a second year, the PCC adapted to the pandemic by meeting exclusively online; what started as an experimental short-term response, has now become the norm, and this way of virtual working has become an established routine which has helped us to continue the work of the church without pause or interruption.

The year's APCM was held by Zoom on the 12th of May 2021 with 40 church members in attendance. The meeting unanimously approved the re-appointment of the church wardens, Stephen Parfitt and Paul Savvides. Helen Jones also continued as assistant churchwarden.

The meeting also unanimously approved the nomination of Bill Chapman to membership of the Deanery Synod.

The electoral role of the church was confirmed as 129 by Allan Walker, the Electoral Role Officer, this being 4 names down on the previous year.

Allan Walker and Steve Valentine agreed to continue for this year in their roles of Electoral Role Officer and Independent Examiner respectively. Jen Paddison stepped down as secretary to the PCC to be replaced by John Cargill.

David thanked the various officers and PCC members for their enthusiastic support and hard work over the course of a particularly challenging year. There are some places available on the PCC and it would be wonderful if church members could devote some additional time to support St Peter's in this way.

John Cargill

The Church Office

For the first few months of 2021, Church Office activity continued in much the same way as 2020, supporting the clergy, staff and church family in a hybrid format from home and physically in the Church Hall itself, hopefully continuing to be 'the Hub' for church communication and to deal with day to day enquiries.

Kate Page continued to work a reduced number of hours until July when Lucy Kelly joined her and Office opening hours returned to 9.00am – 2.00pm each day. Lucy works Monday and Tuesday, with Kate covering the other three days. A new computer was installed in July which has made our tasks much easier. Many thanks to Steve Parfitt for organizing and installing it.

As we continue to experience the effects of the Pandemic some of the work has changed and, from September, the church hall started to be used by outside groups once more. From September, the Church Office took over church hall bookings. We are grateful to Michelle for all her work on bookings over the last ten years and for her patience with us as we get to grips with it all!

We thank everyone for their patience, understanding and support during another challenging year.

Lucy Kelly and Kate Page

The Foyer

The Foyer provides a wonderful space within the Church Hall a place where we can all take the opportunity to meet with others.

There is also the opportunity to browse through or order from the Fairtrade catalogue and several Christian publications are available.

The Foyer is open as the 'Foyer Café' on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (including the Baby Library) and Thursday mornings between 10.00 – 11.30 am for the use of the wider local community, and for the opportunity to enjoy fellowship together perhaps with a friend, neighbour or with your small / home group.

This coming year may provide more opportunities to use the Foyer Café / space as we look forward to being able to reconnect with one another.

Michelle Walker

Welcome Team

The Welcome Team, along with the sides-people, may be the first contact for those who come into Church, may that be to a newcomer or those who attend regularly.

We are currently a small team and would 'welcome' any who feel called to this particular Ministry,

We are usually just inside or at the Church Porch for Sunday Services and at the front door or in the Foyer when services are held in the Church Hall.

We have been able to be present this year mainly at the 10.30am Service and at the arranged Outdoor Services.

How we Welcome is much more than Sunday. We provide a welcome in many areas, our personal and pastoral contacts, the Office Team providing a welcome to Church Hall users and the Church grounds team to those visiting the churchyard. Also by outreach with the distribution of Nexus, Publicity and Communication be it a Poster, our website or Facebook.

Pray for all who welcome in these ministries, and recognise how we are all to be welcomers and welcoming.

Michelle Walker

Church Attendance

Since the size of the congregation in church is so limited the figures for this year do not bear any significance at all. So they are not recorded.

Jim Watson

Church Organisations

Lego

We were pleased to be able to recommence Lego in September 2021. We have a steady group of around 4 to 6 children and they are settling in well to the regular session that is in the meeting room within the church hall. The session usually consists of a story, craft activities, prayer, a little snack and time to play. We often follow the same theme as that in church but occasionally a stand-alone session may be more appropriate. Lego is available to any child aged 3 to 6 years of age whether they attend on a regular basis or come along to a baptism service or any special occasion.

For any further information please contact the church office.

Written on behalf of Lucy, Kate, Tracy, Karen and Denise.

St Peter's Junior Church – Adventurers (Age 6 – 11)

Following over a year of being unable to meet up with the children, Adventurers resumed on 5th September 2021. At the end of the summer, “goody bags” were dropped off at the children’s homes as a welcome back for the children – together with photos and information about the leaders so they could see familiar faces. This year we have said goodbye to Fiona who has helped with Adventurers for 20+ years – we thank her for her enthusiasm and invaluable support and have welcomed Mary to our small team. We have covered parables such as The Good Samaritan and The Lost Sheep and have had around 5/6 children in attendance.

*Cherie,
on behalf of Fiona, Mary, Martin and Paul*

Crèche

Crèche is a provision offered to parents/carers with babies and toddlers up to the age of two years who attend the 10:30 am morning service at St. Peter’s. It takes place in the church hall and offers age appropriate play using a range of toys and books. We have a small group of people who support the delivery of crèche and I would like to extend an invitation for more people to join this team. A small number of babies and toddlers attend. If you would like more information about volunteering please contact children-family@stpeters-elworth.org.uk

Cathryn Houghton

Baby Group

St. Peter's Baby Group was set up in February 2016 in response to the growing number of parents/carers in the local community with babies under the age of 12 months. The group meets on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:30 am and during half terms, and this year, during the summer holidays. We meet in the church hall.

A range of soft play toys is provided and refreshments are offered to the parents/carers who attend. This format provides a great opportunity for new parents/carers to connect with each other and to form lasting friendships. Christian hospitality is a real driver for those serving at Baby Group.

The year started with the group meeting virtually due to Covid-19 restrictions but from March, a small group met initially outside and then within the church hall. At that time, a booking system was in place. From September, the group was fully opened once again and currently there are between twenty and twenty five parents/carers attending on a regular basis with their little ones.

The group is currently served by Cathryn Houghton, Gareth Davies and one of the grandparents, Lynn Fairhurst. The serving role for this group involves making refreshments, serving hot toast and making everyone as welcome as possible. Based on the gradual increase of numbers attending this group, and due to the increase of new housing in the area, I would envisage numbers attending to continue to rise during 2022.

Cathryn Houghton

Lego Church

Lego Church was initially trialled at the end of 2019 with a couple of sessions before the Christmas period. The sessions ran once/month on a Wednesday in the church hall from 3:30pm – 4:30pm and were open to primary aged children attended by a parent/carer. Due to Covid-19 restrictions during 2020 Lego Church became a virtual club available monthly. During this time lots of family engaged with our Lego builds which were uploaded to St. Peter's Church Website.

Since September 2021 Lego Church has once again been able to meet face to face with three sessions taking place in the Autumn. Unfortunately due to rising Covid-19 cases in December 2021, a virtual Lego Christmas was filmed and uploaded to the church you tube channel with links on the website.

The first half hour of Lego Church involves free building with Lego. After that there are refreshments and then a Lego bible story, a song and a prayer. The children are given a challenge to build something from the story which they have just heard. Since September 2021 we have seen attendance grow rapidly. At the last face to face session in November 2021 in excess of thirty children and their parents/carers attended. It is clear that Lego Church is becoming a firmly established worship event in the lives of our local families.

My thanks go out to Stephen Parker-Aiken and Gareth Davies for their support with Lego Church.

Cathryn Houghton

Xplore

Xplore is a children's club for primary aged children which meets each Friday evening during term time from 6:30pm – 7:45pm in the church hall. The club was set up in April 2013 and is now nearly nine years old. Each week the children take part in a range of activities based around a bible theme. This includes a bible story, a time of worship and sharing of news plus crafts, games and a time of prayer. Simple refreshments are also provided.

Xplore has a regular attendance of between 20 and 30 children, the majority of whom do not attend church. It is a real privilege to be able to forge positive relationships with local families and to engage them in other church related events such as Messy Church, Schools Projects and Church Holiday Clubs.

Earlier in the year during the Covid-19 restrictions, every endeavour was made to keep in touch with our Xplore families. This included invitations to our half termly virtual holiday clubs where up to fifty children joined us for games, challenges, songs and stories. Craft packs were delivered to members' homes prior to the club week so that those children taking part could have the necessary materials needed to complete the craft tasks set during the clubs.

Contact was been maintained with our Xplore families via regular email updates, phone calls and more recently via our Facebook page.

Xplore can only happen because of a very committed team of three adult helpers who come along each Friday and serve the Lord in this very important outreach to the children in the local community. We do need at least one more adult helper going forward.

If you feel that you can help at Xplore please email Cathryn Houghton on children-family@stpeters-elworth.org.uk

Cathryn Houghton

Xplore+

Xplore+ is a group for young people of Year 6 and above which meets in the church hall on a Friday evening from 7:30pm – 9:00pm in term time. The group was set up in 2014 to provide fun activities and a short Christian based discussion for those young people who were moving on from the Xplore group age range. Each term we take the group out on a social evening and in October 2021 we visited Laser Quest in Newcastle-under-Lyme. This trip was well attended with twenty one young people taking part, supervised by our team of helpers. Around twenty young people regularly attend the group.

Earlier in the year when Covid-19 restrictions were in place, Xplore+ met virtually for quizzes, games, crafts and challenges. Seven young people attended every week throughout this period. As restrictions eased, we were able to meet on the Crocus Lawn outside the church for socially distanced games, hot chocolate and short discussions.

From September 2021 Xplore+ has been meeting face to face once again. We have benefitted greatly from the addition of Gareth Davies, our new Assistant Minister to the team. Going forward Gareth will be responsible for the planning and delivery of the group. He has already made a huge impact to our weekly sessions. Gareth has brought with him a wealth of experience which he has already demonstrated in the planning and delivery of the sessions with our young people.

The Xplore+ year ended with our annual Christmas Party which was great fun and enjoyed by all.

Xplore+ can only happen because of a group of committed voluntary helpers. We are seeking more adult help and if you feel that you could support the work of Xplore+ please contact either Cathryn or Gareth on: children-family@stpeters-elworth.org.uk or gareth@stpeters-elworth.org.uk

Cathryn Houghton

Out of School Club

The Out of School Club has now been in operation for over 19 years and continues to offer afterschool care for children from Elworth Hall, Elworth Church of England School and Wheelock Schools. We also offer breakfast club for Elworth Church of England School and Wheelock from the time of 7.15 to 9 am every weekday morning.

We have an average fifteen children a day registered in afterschool club and an average of eight children registered in the morning. We also have ten extra places for occasional use by children for morning and afternoon. We still have plenty of availability, but we have been limited with numbers due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We have again been closed from January to March 2021 and are now slowly picking numbers up again and hopefully by September 2022 numbers will be back up to pre-covid.

The club offers a full range of fun activities and games. Painting, film days, working with clay, construction, cooking, and storytelling. We have a gardening club with a small garden, also a bird club and we very much promote recycling. We encourage the children to bring their own ideas to us on all these subjects.

We will arrange visits from Rev Page, the outreach worker, Red Cross and Police when available. We welcome anyone with a skill to come and share this with the children when COVID-19 is safe to do so again.

The Staff this year have attended the regular courses that are required. These have been online and we are all fully COVID-19 safe and following all the Government and Cheshire East guidance. I would like to thank all the staff for their demanding work and support in an exceedingly difficult year, and the church for all their support in these very hard times.

Nicola Broomhead

ABC

St. Peter's ABC is a Parent/Carer Toddler Group which meets on Thursday mornings from 10:00 am – 11:30 am term time in the church hall. Between thirty five and sixty children and their parents/carers are normally welcomed through the doors each week. This very important outreach provides an opportunity for the children to experience different types of play opportunities including role play, dressing up, small world play and there is always a craft activity available for the children to complete with their parent/carers. It also provides an opportunity for the adults to catch up over coffee. A healthy snack is provided for the children and hot toast is available for the parents/carers to purchase at a small cost. Each session is concluded with a singing time when nursery rhymes are chosen by the children and the singing of these is coordinated by a mum volunteer helper.

A team of regular helpers come along each week to set up the hall with toys and a craft and our refreshments team works hard to provide refreshments from the hatch. ABC can only happen because members of the church family are willing to give up their own time to help out with this very important work.

Earlier in the year ABC could not meet face to face due to the Covid-19 restrictions but from September 2021 we have been fully open once again and the group has been very well attended. The ABC year ended with our annual Christmas Party which was attended by fifty one children and their parents/carers. We were entertained by Nick Barnes, a well known local magician. The children were given a Christmas gift and a party tea and parents/carers were served seasonal fayre.

Cathryn Houghton

All Age Team

As with many activities throughout 2021, the All Age team was not able to plan services until the latter part of the year, which began with Harvest in September. As the team welcomed Gareth, it was good to consider different parts of the service, so that hopefully there was something for all ages to reflect upon. Although each service has the same component parts, the focus is always on God's word and how that can be brought to life.

As a team we feel privileged to lead these services and we recognise that we have a responsibility to continue to try to keep the services fresh and relevant for all ages. We pray that God will continue to lead us in this ministry in 2022 and thank Him for his guidance throughout the past year.

*Rebecca Douglas, Gareth Davies, Nicola Hathaway, Jenny Drain,
Paul Savvides, Denise Shone, David Page, Helen Jones*

Elworth Church of England Primary School

Once again I have to report on a very difficult year for the staff and children of Elworth C of E, but thank our Lord Jesus Christ that we have such a dedicated team within the school.

I have been fortunate to visit the school, not as often due to restrictions, Governor meetings have been a mixture of online and in person. During the in person meetings I was able to look around the school and see for myself the Christian distinctiveness of the school, being able to speak to staff and get from them just how the children and staff understand Christian values of the school.

The school is blessed to have a school chaplain. I know of only one other at a Secondary school in the region. Her input is so valuable and I am sure you will read about this in another report.

I can confirm with you that the schools RE policies are upto date and that collective worship takes place every day as a whole school in the main hall and also in class. These are lead by the HT, Rev. Page, Chaplain or class teacher

The school is due a SIAMS visit within the next 2 years. It is in a very strong position as Christian values, teachings and understanding by both staff and pupils is very high.

I would ask all who read this report to support the school with your prayers and to understand just how difficult school life is during this pandemic.

Stephen Parker-Aiken, Foundation Governor

Chaplaincy at Elworth C of E

Since September 2020 I have had the privilege of serving Elworth CofE School as it's School Chaplain. This extension to my normal Children and Families Outreach Work has been introduced to extend and hopefully enrich the outreach work of the church within the local school community.

The role involves a thirteen hour commitment to the school and includes a range of outreach activities. These include: Collective Worship with the school community, smaller group worship activities, coordination of charity events between school and church; one to one work with those in need of spiritual encouragement and support; leading the children of the Worship Council, Worship Warriors, to coordinate their active input into the development of Christian based activities around school and opportunities to walk alongside staff, parents and children and to offer pastoral support where appropriate. The role also includes regular worship planning sessions including input to the termly Prayer Spaces Days.

Cathryn Houghton

Youth Church

Youth Church restarted in September, meeting during the 10.30am Service. We comprise of a leadership team of five, with Gareth Davies and Nicola Hathaway joining our team over the past six months, which has been a real blessing.

On a Sundays we have up to six young people who attend. Due to COVID-19, we have had to adapt our sessions, but have continued to have fun and play (socially distanced) games, whilst learning more about our faith and each other. Our young people have blossomed over the last term, and have really enjoyed returning to Youth Church. We are looking forward to finding out what the next term brings.

Ruth Dave

Curate's Report

My first six months as the curate here at St. Peters despite COVID and all its restrictions has been filled with joy. Unlike many of my fellow curates throughout the diocese I have not needed to spend time in getting to know new faces and forming new friendships within a new church and we as a family didn't have to uproot and move into a draughty church house. This is one of the good things in doing your curacy in the church you have worshipped in and still worship in. Though there are also difficulties associated with this approach especially when you are also a 'Self-Supporting Minister' (SSM) having a fulltime job outside the church. The transformation into deacon and curate becomes more subtle as the only change people often see is the strange new shirt and clerical collar worn, to which thankfully there are now some quite trendy and interesting options.

One of the most significant parts of my curacy has been my ordination to the priesthood. This would not have been possible without the help and support of my family and David Page. The day in Chester cathedral was absolutely special from beginning to end, unfortunately numbers were again restricted due to the COVID pandemic, but thanks to technology the ordination was live streamed across the globe. Thankfully God isn't limited by COVID, and The Holy Spirit filled the space and allowed for grace to abound.

This year I have also had the opportunity to initiate with David a weekly staff meeting and prayer time. This has become a time of focus and quiet each Monday morning where we can reflect and give thanks for the previous week and plan mission and ministry for the oncoming week.

Over the last 12 months it has been great to work as part of a ministry team and being involved with baptism and wedding preparation and funeral planning. Many thanks to all and especially Lucy and Kate for keeping us administratively in order and on task.

St. Peters is a place of many blessings for me and many and I am encouraged by the thought of continuing my curacy amongst you all and our community.

Anthony Rigby

Inter-Church Mission Support Group

The Inter-Church Mission Support Group consists of Church Family members who represent and support different charities. The Group determines how our Outward Giving budget is spent – and ideas for this are always welcome. Our policy is to ‘tithe’ St.Peter's voluntary income, with the amount accrued in one year being spent in the next to give some clarity in our budgeting. Each year we are supporting some charities on an ongoing basis to give certainty of funding to them for particular projects. Thus £2,000 was given to Compassion UK's project for pregnant women and babies under a year old in Delmas, Haiti .£1,000 was given to each of Cornerstone Church, Crewe, Lifeline Debt Advice in Sandbach, SYCAM in Chennai, India, Dalit Freedom Network to sponsor the education of Dalit children, Tearfund, and Slavic Gospel Association to sponsor a church and its pastor in Vilengrad Bulgaria. £500 was given to North West Partnership for church planting and evangelism. The rest of our £11,405 budget was shared between Christian Aid (£750), Bible Society, Barnabas Fund (£308 each), Childrens Society, Christian Vision for Men, CMS, WaterAid and Scripture Union, (£307.90 each). Additionally, we co-ordinated donations for SYCAM from Church family members and remitted £2,760 direct to SYCAM as Friends of SYCAM who previously channeled UK donations have ceased operating. Any ideas for sponsorship of worthy charities, particularly those that are Christian based, will always be considered.

Mark Barker

Church Choir

Due to the ongoing disruption caused by the Covid situation, there is not a lot to report on the Choir activities at St. Peter's Church during 2021. However the situation has been slightly better than we experienced in 2020. Our Vicar David, said that the Choir could get together from approximately May/June 2021 to record some traditional hymns with the organ accompaniment, which could then be added to the on line services which were available for the congregation to download during the various periods of lockdown.

This information was passed on to all nine members of the Choir, but due to the on-going fear of the virus, only three of our members were prepared to make themselves available on a regular basis. These were Helen and Steve Coppenhall and myself, together of course with our wonderful Organists, Barry and Karen. It was nice too, to have Karen join us to sing when Barry was able to play the organ, and it was also nice to welcome Paul Savvides to join us on occasions when he was able to do so, to add further volume when needed, and I would like to express my thanks to Karen and Paul for their willingness to assist in this matter.

As we now seem to be getting closer to the end of this virus, I sincerely hope that 2022 will see a return to some form of normality in the near future.

Margaret Taylor

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat – January 2021

Following a decision to move Christingle from January 2021 to December 2020, some of us looked at what we might do to fill the void, particularly during what would become one of the bleakest months of the pandemic. The answer was a world premiere of Joseph the musical on Zoom!

Having obtained special permission from the various licensing authorities, St Peter's in association with Church4All and Churches Together in Sandbach were able to 'stage' a feast for the eyes and the ears. Each song was performed by a separate household with costumes produced by an ever active wardrobe department, green screen backdrops and a backing musical track pre-recorded by our very own musicians. There were many stars in the making: who can forget Matthew as Joseph in prison or Simon as Joseph before a very stern Pharaoh (Lynda)? Thanks to the twenty or so households who worked so hard to make the production a success and which drew an estimated audience of over two hundred.

Paul,

on behalf of Judith, Mary, Gayle, Liz, Steve, Helen, Andrew, Helen, Isla, Sophie, Chloe, Hannah, Matthew, Martha, Anthony, Tracy, Cathryn, Bethany, Steve, Ellis, Keira, Chris, Sam, Mary, Helen, Katy, Libby, Martin, Stephanie, Greg, Heather, Bethany, Helen, Nina, Mark, Kath, Pat, Andrea, Ella, Anna, Amber, Emily, Jane, Rebecca, Jenny, David and Kate.

Slavic Gospel Association

St. Peter's has supported the Slavic Gospel Association including Stefan and Mira Zarev during 2021.

Training and support for pastors and leaders has continued with courses carefully planned around Covid outbreaks. Summer camps and church based childrens ministry has been successful in different eastern european countries. Many churches have supported people in their areas in different ways during the Covid pandemic.

We continue supporting Stefan and Mira Zarev and their family at churches in Velingrad and Rakitovo in Bulgaria.

Bill Chapman

Church Prayer Life

There are a number of ways that the church prayer life has been encouraging this year during this time of the Covid pandemic.

More people have joined in the monthly prayer meetings held on Zoom and led by different housegroups each month. Also there has been an increase in the numbers of people joining the Connect network and praying for other members of the church, as well as outside of the church community. Because of the Covid Pandemic there has been a marked increase in the requests for prayer for individuals and families who have been affected or have other needs, and this increased awareness of needs within our community has, I feel, brought people closer together. People have said how supported they have felt by knowing that the church is praying for them, and how helpful they have found this. We also prayed for the new Bishops of Stockport and Birkenhead who were appointed during the year. Most of the housegroups now incorporate a time of joint prayer as part of their Zoom meetings.

When able to, and around covid procedures, the church building has been opened for private prayer on Sunday mornings on the first and third Sundays of each month when there has not been a scheduled service .

Private or group prayer is an essential part of our Christian Life in developing our relationship with God through Jesus.

Norma Chapman

Worship Group

The worship group lead the singing-part of the worship at the 10.30am service. We have experienced a few changes as we have started to meet face-to-face again following the many periods of lockdown over the last year or so. At the time of writing, we are now able to meet in the church hall on a Sunday at 9.30am to practise and pray together, and we are grateful to Anthony, Mitch and Allan for their support in setting up the electrical equipment before we start. We have so appreciated being able to worship together again 'in real life' and one lasting result of our experiences this last year is that we have a renewed sense of privilege and purpose, and do not take for granted the strength that is gained through worshipping our amazing God collectively.

Please pray for us in this year ahead that we will continue to find new sources of worship music and inspiration, that we will again be able to join with Christians from the wider church community to encourage each other and share ideas to 'wake up' the church for this new season. Please pray as always that we will be able to 'make a joyful noise' in Jesus's name as we grow in our love and service of Him. And if you want to join us, as a musician, singer or sound technician, but most of all as a worshipper of Jesus, come and talk to us.

Heather Savvides,

*on behalf of Paul, Miriam, Cathryn, Carolyn, Steve,
Stephanie, Bill, Matthew, Emily, Lynda and Simon.*

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal 2020

Despite the ongoing challenges presented by the Covid 19 global pandemic it was once again wonderful to see the response to this year's campaign. We are absolutely thrilled to report that with the 51 shoeboxes collected at Elworth C.E Primary School together with the contributions from St Peter's Church family, Elworth Pre-School and the community of Elworth the total number of shoeboxes collected in 2021 was **125**.

We will not witness the individual impact that our gifts and prayers have but we are reminded that every shoebox makes a difference in the life of a child, their families and their communities. Every shoebox is important. The purpose remains the same - to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ through a gift filled shoebox. Through prayer, through the gift of their shoebox and through the opportunity of children participating in a bible study called "The Greatest Journey" the word of God is shared.

It is incredible to learn that in 2020 a total of 265,975 shoeboxes were collected in the UK with an amazing worldwide total of 9,113,853. Individuals, communities, schools and churches worked relentlessly and innovatively to ensure that the shoeboxes were packed and distributed.

Thank you for your support. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Please can I urge you to continue to pray for the young person in receipt of our shoeboxes. Pray they may come to know Jesus as a real friend.

May I take this opportunity to report that in 2020 many of us got notification that their shoeboxes were sent to Central Asia. We are still waiting notification for this year's destination.

If you would like any further information please contact Denise Shone.

Denise Shone

Fair Trade

2021 was another difficult year for everyone and especially Fair Trade. Due to lockdown I didn't have a stall until July, when I had a sale of the remaining items I had in stock. Services started up again outside and in the Church Hall, but I didn't have another sale until the Harvest Service at the end of September, when I restocked with gifts and food items to see how things went. Interest and sales picked up and I started having sales twice a month on the run up to Christmas.

I am hoping that 2022 will be a better year and that I can continue to have sales at the All Age Services once a month. I am open to taking orders in between and will increase frequency again on the run up to Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me during this difficult year.

Carolyn Barker

Messy Church

Under normal circumstances, St. Peter's Messy Church would take place twice each term in the church hall. It would usually be held on a Saturday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The ethos of Messy Church is to provide a relaxed craft and activities based approach to bible themes for the whole family. There is always a time of worship and celebration followed by a hot meal for everyone. For many people Messy Church is the only contact they have with church and so it is vital that the gospel message is presented in a clear and vibrant way.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions earlier in the year St. Peter's Messy Church sessions took the form of Messy Church uploads on our church website or Messy Church in a Bag, which proved very successful with bags being delivered to households or collected from the church hall. Also some Messy Church sessions took place at Elworth CE School with Messy Easter and Messy Pentecost being enjoyed by KS2 classes.

From September 2021 we have been able to hold one face to face Messy Harvest session. This was well attended with around one hundred attendees. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 cases rising during December, Messy Christmas had to be cancelled. However, forty craft packs were made available to our Messy Church families, the majority of which were collected and enjoyed.

At the time of writing, it is hoped that we can resume face to face Messy Church sessions in the new year.

A team of ten helpers serve the Lord Jesus at Messy Church. This is a really important outreach to our local community.

Cathryn Houghton

Speak

What a strange year! We have still been producing Speak, which is our bimonthly church magazine and is distributed online, as often as possible.

The magazine is for the church family. Please email office@stpeters-elworth.org.uk to add your name and email to the distribution list.

Do you read Speak? Please let me know what you think. As ever the magazine needs new material and someone to help put the magazine together so contact editor@stpeters-elworth.org.uk. I would be more than happy to chat with you.

Bethany Jones

Churchyard

This year has been rather a challenge again due to the continuing restrictions in place regarding social distancing. All the machines have been serviced and repaired as necessary. Several more grave sites have been restored and grave headstones straightened and secured. During the course of this season we gained four new and very able volunteers, Heather and Paul Savvides, Howard and Ray.

Unfortunately Jenny Haddon has moved away and we miss her company.

Bill Morrison

Sewing Machine Group

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR SEWING MACHINE BACK TOGETHER AT LAST

Sewing together with like minded friends is such a lovely way to spend time. We offer each other, ideas, support, encouragement and occasionally expertise.

We have discussed at length how important it was to us during lockdown to be able to meet online to discuss what projects we were working on, and how being sewers helped to get us through the difficulties of lockdown.

Thankfully we are now meeting again in person, which is wonderful. We like to think we are a friendly, welcoming bunch but the only way to find out will be to come along and join in. Some of us have been sewing for years, whilst others are less experienced.

From quilting to dressmaking to soft furnishings, if it can be done on a sewing machine we will 'have a go' and we are always happy to help beginners to 'have a go' too.

We now meet twice a month, on the second Wednesday in the evening from 7.00 -9.00 and on the last Friday during the day from 10.00 - 2.00 (bring your own lunch). There is a notice on the board in the church hall giving exact dates.

Do pop in and see what we are up to and to maybe find out if you would like to join us.

COME AND MEET US, HAVE A BREW AND A CHAT

Gail Dell

Book Club

It has been a better year for book club this year as we were able to meet in person again. We met outside for most of the year, with the weather being relatively kind to us, then at last we were able to move back to the church hall. We have covered a wide range of fiction books, some modern, some not so. Not every book has been enjoyed by all but that's the challenge, to read something we would not usually pick up and I hope that we have all discovered new authors that we now enjoy.

Do come along and join us. We now meet on a Tuesday at the beginning of the month, at 4.30pm.

Lucy Kelly

Home Groups

Monday House Group

With the pandemic continuing throughout the year, we continued to meet by Zoom and we are all more comfortable with the technology now. We have been meeting typically three times a month to continue providing fellowship, support and prayer for each other which has been so necessary during these troubled times. During the year we have undertaken a variety of studies including the Lausanne Foundation “Creation Care”, Open Doors “Dangerous Faith” about the persecuted Church as well as a number of Bible studies including Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times, Jesus’ post-Resurrection appearances and Psalm 119. Outside our meeting nights, we led the March prayer meeting. We have been a source of fellowship and spiritual support to each other in this difficult year. Anyone who wants to try experiencing a Home Group will be welcome.

Mark Barker

Kairos

The KAIROS group had hoped to return to face-to-face meetings during 2021. Sadly, that was not to be, although in the summer we managed to gather outside for a social evening.

KAIROS led the July Prayer Meeting, taking PSALMS as the theme.

Our studies throughout the year consisted of the following:-

- THE KING’S CHOIR: Singing the Psalms with Jesus (January to March 2021)
- SOUL SONGS: Exploring love, guilt, fear and temptation from the psalms (March to June 2021)
- THE HOLY SPIRIT: Understanding His work in our lives. We began this study in June, but suspended it in the autumn in order to follow the studies corresponding to the CREATION CARE sermons, returning to the study in November.

Christine Saucedo

Monday Small Group

The Monday Small Group (MSG) met throughout 2021, weekly during the lockdown restrictions period up to the summer break, and then fortnightly during the autumn.

To date we have met mostly via Zoom, tuning in at a slightly later hour to allow young children to be put to bed. We make significant use of a dedicated WhatsApp group for mutual support, sharing prayer requests and other information.

Our studies have been quite varied. Early in the year we made use of material prepared by the Bible Project, then enjoyed a detailed 4-week study of the Easter events. During the autumn term we completed the excellent 8 session 'Introduction to the Bible', which has been made available to online groups by Bible Society.

We were really pleased to be able to meet together in person on a warm August evening for a barbecue. It was particularly welcome, as it turned out to be the only time in the whole year that we were all together, with the children, in person.

We always make time in our meetings to pray together, and reserve occasional Monday gatherings for social 'chat time'. If you want to find out more about this group, please contact us through the St Peters church office.

Lynda and Simon Wisbey

Koinonia

Koinonia continued to meet on line via Zoom weekly through the pandemic and then moving to fortnightly in September. In October we welcomed our newest member, Daniel.

Q1 - We started the year using a Spring Harvest resource: Trust, Enduring Hope by Eric Gaudion with sessions drawn from the stories of Joseph in Egypt, Gideon, Peter's reaction to Jesus walking on the water, Paul's shipwrecked voyage to Rome, Hebrews and Romans. These studies provided reassurance and allowed people to reflect on the nature of our trust in our Lord.

Q2 - Dangerous Faith by Open Doors was a series looking at the persecuted church in the world today. The series helped us to appreciate the great sacrifices that many Christians make each day in remaining steadfast in their faith in the face of opposition and great hardship. During this series St Peter's became involved in two outreach initiatives, as described in the Church Warden's report.

Q3 and Q4 - Creation Care by Lausanne Movement and A Rocha was a series exploring how our Christian faith makes us stewards of God's creation. Our timetable took us up to the COP26 Climate Change intergovernmental panel conference in Glasgow which one church member was able to attend and to provide his personal experience of being there. In November, there were two well attended local nature walks, one led by local naturalist and member of A Rocha, Dr George Hill.

*Paul,
on behalf of Daniel, Fiona, Anthony, Stephanie, Simon,
Lynda, Kath, Katherine, Heather and Karen.*

Fuyin

Another unprecedented year when we remained in the grips of the Covid 19 pandemic but despite this, this wonderful group of ladies continued to support each other both spiritually and practically. We are so grateful that our Lord Jesus Christ has bought a group of 11 ladies together who are committed to growing in their Christian faith. On a Wednesday morning between 09.30 – 11.30 ish we worship, pray and study scripture. The continued presence of Covid has meant that in the main we have met in the virtual world via zoom but wherever possible face-to face meetings did take place. We were particularly thankful for the use of Mary and Pat's gardens where we could meet for a brew whilst safely following national guidelines.

Helan helped us start the year sharing a super poem: T.S. Eliot's Journey of the Magi with a reflection by Janet Morley. During the year we used a range of resources to guide our study. We used the Interactive bible study guide titled "Enduring Hope" by Eric Gaudion. We studied the Gospel of Luke with the aid of the Cover to Cover study guide "7 session Bible Study for Small Groups and individuals" by John Houghton. We also used a resource called "Christian Character study guide" by Andrea Sterk & Peter Stazzero.

We followed the teaching from Church using resources produced by Open Doors "Dangerous Faith" and in light of COP 26 which was held in Glasgow we took the opportunity to study the material by Lausanne Global Classroom called "Creation Care Study Guide." The latter end of the year we started to look at the Minor Prophets.

In June we led the monthly prayer meeting and used the lessons learnt from Barnabas to be the focus of our intercessions.

All in all a challenging but special year. We look forward to 2022 and hopefully a year without Covid restrictions.

*Denise Shone on behalf of Andrea, Elsy, Helan, Helen, Julie,
Mary, Pat, Rachel, Sue and Susan.*

Philia

Philia is a home group who meet every Monday evening from 7.30- 9pm on Zoom. We are an international group! Our members are in the UK, Switzerland, Scotland and Barbados. Over the last year we have looked at study guides such as *Fruit of the Spirit* (Selwyn Hughes) which investigates the Holy Spirit through a variety of bible readings, *Praying the Psalms* (Juanita Ryan), nine studies that show how to use the psalms in our daily prayers, and we are currently looking at the *Lausanne Creation Care* study guide. Leading the group is Jennifer Drain. There are nine members altogether having just welcomed a new member, Becky. We are a chatty group who like challenging subject matter and often probe what the Bible means and how we can interpret and use the teachings in our everyday lives.

Jenny Drain

Lighthouse Home Group

Lighthouse Home Group meets once a week on a Thursday. This year we have had a combination of online and in person meetings. On average 6 of us meet. We study the bible together and support one another in prayer. This year we used the Dangerous Faith materials and as a group we read and discussed Mere Christianity. We have also maintained the social element of our group through Zoom quiz and game nights.

Miriam Astley

‘Middlewich Road’ Home Group

This group, unfortunately, has not been meeting this year, though we have been keeping in touch. We look forward to renewing our fellowship as soon as conditions make us feel safe.

Jim Watson

Independent examiner's report to Elworth P.C.C.

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 26 to 34, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the P.C.C. you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the P.C.C. and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - b) to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the regulations have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should have been drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr S. Valentine ACMA
Chartered Accountant

Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ending 31 December 2021

Funds	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary income	2(a)	84,695	10,580	-	95,275	122,813
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	20,808	-	-	20,808	18,358
Income from investments	2(c)	129	-	-	129	1,008
Church activities	2(d)	22,479	-	-	22,479	30,779
Other incoming resources	2(e)	16,772	-	-	16,772	17,695
Total Incoming Resources		144,883	10,580	-	155,463	190,653
Resources Expended						
Church activities	3(a)	198,210	10,829	-	209,039	202,615
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(b)	92	-	-	92	87
Fund raising trading costs	3(c)	823	-	-	823	513
Investment management costs	3(d)	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs		-	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended		199,125	10,829	-	209,954	203,215
Net Incoming (Expended) Resources Before Transfers						
		(54,242)	(249)	-	(54,491)	(12,562)
Transfers	10	-	-	-	-	-
Net Movement In Funds		(54,242)	(249)	-	(54,491)	(12,562)
Total Funds brought forward		1,291,664	25,697	3,943	1,321,304	1,333,866
Total Funds Carried Forward		1,237,422	25,448	3,943	1,266,813	1,321,304

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible	6(a)	1,097,144	1,124,517
Investments	6(b)	-	-
		<u>1,097,144</u>	<u>1,124,517</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	917	16,639
Short term deposits	11	242,673	250,544
Cash at bank and in hand	11	34,465	49,090
		<u>278,054</u>	<u>316,273</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year			
	8	845	11,945
		<u>277,209</u>	<u>304,328</u>
Net Current Assets			
		<u>1,374,354</u>	<u>1,428,845</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			
		<u>1,374,354</u>	<u>1,428,845</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year			
	9	107,541	107,541
		<u>1,266,813</u>	<u>1,321,304</u>
Total Net Assets			
		<u>1,266,813</u>	<u>1,321,304</u>
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted		1,237,422	1,291,664
Restricted	10	25,448	25,697
Endowment	10	3,943	3,943
		<u>1,266,813</u>	<u>1,321,304</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by



The Revd David Page (P.C.C. Chairman)

The notes on pages 28 to 34 form part of these accounts.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of St.Peter's Church Elworth to hold unrestricted cash in reserve for three months operating costs including salaries and parish share, anticipated building & equipment works, principally for replacing the church heating system, for funding employment costs of the Assistant Minister for 2022 and 2023. It will also hold restricted cash reserves for the Benevolent, Outward Giving, Church Hall Development and Endowment funds. At 31st December 2021, the amounts held in reserve are as follows:

Unrestricted Reserves	Item	Total
Operating Costs	£45,000	
CEC Loan repayment 2016 – 2022 inc	£39,200	
Building Work & Equipment reserves	£45,082	
Assistant Minister provision 2022-3	<u>£84,000</u>	£213,282
Restricted Reserves		
Church Hall Development	£12,022	
Outward Giving	£10,580	
Benevolent	£2,246	
Music Donation	<u>£600</u>	£25,448
Endowment Funds		£3,943
Total Reserves		<u>£242,673</u>

- The cash reserves in the deposit account meet the Reserves requirement.
- The PCC will continue to hold additional funds within the Out of School Club, Fairtrade and ABC accounts. This policy will be reviewed every 12 months.

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2015.

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

1.1. Funds

Endowment Funds are funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

1.2. Incoming resources

Planned giving collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received for the year 2020-21. For tax year 2021-22 tax refunds will be recognised on receipt. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

1.3. Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.4. Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which required a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment, fixtures and furniture used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over an appropriate number of years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. The Church Hall building will be depreciated over 75 years with plant & machinery, toolstore and railings depreciated over 25 years.

2. Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving	76,010	10,580	86,590	88,729
Tax recoverable	4,131	-	4,131	20,048
Cash Offertories	1,091	-	1,091	1,631
Other Donations	2,577	-	2,577	1,234
Specific Donations	55	-	55	8,310
Other Grants	831	-	831	2,861
Legacies	-	-	-	-
	84,695	10,580	95,275	122,813
2(b) Activities for generating Funds				
Church Hall Lettings	17,046	-	17,046	13,704
Fair Trade Sales	682	-	682	646
Miscellaneous	3,080	-	3,080	4,008
	20,808	-	20,808	18,358
2(c) Income from Investments				
Interest	129	-	129	1,008
2(d) Income from Church Activities				
Wedding and Funeral Fees	5,348	-	5,348	4,718
Out of School Club Fees	15,592	-	15,592	21,128
ABC Door Collections	770	-	770	859
Income from other churches	-	-	-	2,686
Heat & Light, photocopying	769	-	769	1,388
	22,479	-	22,479	30,779
2(e) Other incoming resources				
Bank account switch incentive	-	-	-	4,000
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	16,772	-	16,772	13,695
Others	-	-	-	-
	16,772	-	-	16,772

3. Resources Expended

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
3(a) Church Activities				
Outward Giving	255	-	255	11,476
Parish Share	68,132	-	68,132	67,668
Ministerial Expenses	796	-	796	541
Vicarage Rates	3,039	-	3,039	2,782
Assistant Minister	1,915	8,898	10,813	-
Family & Child Outreach	9,464	-	9,464	10,321
Church Running expenses	6,406	-	6,406	5,993
Church Repairs	1,775	-	1,775	623
Depreciation AV system & lights	1,246	-	1,246	1,246
Church yard expenses	653	-	653	786
Music and Service expenses	1,603	-	1,603	1,178
Administration and Publicity	18,840	1,102	19,942	13,968
Education and Training	103	-	103	237
Mission and Evangelism	4,123	829	4,952	4,433
Out of School Club – Wages	36,658	-	36,658	38,791
Out of School Club – Equipment	-	-	-	23
Out of School Club - Running Costs	2,017	-	2,017	3,428
Church Hall Running costs	41,185	-	41,185	39,121
	<u>198,210</u>	<u>10,829</u>	<u>209,039</u>	<u>202,615</u>
3(b) Cost of generating voluntary income				
Giving envelopes	92	-	92	87
3(c) Fundraising trading costs				
Fair Trade Purchases	823	-	823	513

4. Staff Costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Wages and Salaries	57,266	5,144	62,410	54,645
HMRC, Pension & Admin	7,752	1,101	8,853	6,156
	<u>65,018</u>	<u>6,245</u>	<u>71,263</u>	<u>60,801</u>

Five staff are employed by the Out Of School Club; a Manager, Deputy Manager and up to two assistants. The PCC has employed a Church Hall cleaner, Family & Child Outreach worker, and up to two Office Administrator staff, and from September, an Assistant Minister in 2021.

5. Payment to PCC members

During the year various PCC members have at times purchased items on behalf of the church and have been re-imbursed by the PCC. The PCC therefore considers that these amounts are exempt from disclosure.

6. Fixed Assets

6(a) Tangible (all unrestricted)		Freehold land and buildings	Church & Hall equipment	Total
		£	£	£
Actual Cost	At 1 January 2021	1,317,784	80,404	1,398,188
	Additions at cost	-	-	-
	Disposals at cost	-	-	-
	At 31 December 2021	<u>1,317,784</u>	<u>80,404</u>	<u>1,398,188</u>
Depreciation	At 1 January 2021	209,263	64,408	273,671
	Charge for the year	23,634	3,739	27,373
	At 31 December 2021	<u>232,897</u>	<u>68,147</u>	<u>301,044</u>
Net Book Value	At 31 December 2020	1,108,522	15,995	1,124,517
	At 31 December 2021	<u>1,084,887</u>	<u>12,257</u>	<u>1,097,144</u>

The freehold land and buildings now comprise the Church Hall, toolstore/garage, railings, car park gates and refurbished footpath. Church & Hall equipment comprises the Church AV system, new lights, a piano keyboard, a ride-on mower and other gardening equipment. In the Church Hall, the security system, interim PA, tables, chairs, defibrillator, acoustic panels, artificial turf, AV system, foyer furniture, replacement corridor lighting and dishwasher. a camera system in the Hall and Church with a cabled link between the two and wi-fi in the church.

6(b) Investments

All unrestricted			Total
		£	£
Cost	At 1 January 2021	0	0
	At 31 December 2021	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

7. Debtors (Unrestricted Funds)

	2021	2020
	£	£
Tax recoverable	-	12,853
Insurance prepayment	-	2,828
Other prepayments	-	958
Other debtors	917	-
	<u>917</u>	<u>16,639</u>

8. Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year (unrestricted)

	2021	2020
	£	£
DBF Creditor	398	425
Outward Giving	-	11,405
Accruals	-	-
Rental prepaid	-	-
Other Creditors	447	115
	<u>845</u>	<u>11,945</u>

9. Creditors - Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Church Hall Loan	107,541	107,541

The Church Hall Loan is repayable in equal annual instalments of £5,660 over a period of 22 years starting in 2013. The first three year's repayments have been waived by Cheshire East Council and taken to account in 2016. A review regarding future repayments was started with Cheshire East Council during that year, with no outcome at the time of publication of these accounts.

10. Funds

The restricted funds comprise the Church Hall Development, Benevolent, New Minister, Outward Giving, Organ (dormant), Churchyard (dormant), and a music donation. The Endowment funds relate to four legacies on which only the interest may be used by the PCC for the upkeep of the churchyard. Out of School Club, Fair Trade and ABC Group are accounted as Unrestricted.

Fund movements

	Balance at 1 Jan 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Church Hall Development	12,022	-	-	-	12,022
New Minister	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-
Benevolent	3,075	-	(829)	-	2,246
Outward Giving	-	10,580	-	-	10,580
Churchyard	-	-	-	-	-
Organ	-	-	-	-	-
Music Donation	600	-	-	-	600
Total	25,697	10,580	(10,829)	-	25,448

11. Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	1,097,144	-	-	1,097,144
Investments	-	-	-	-
Debtors	917	-	-	917
Short term deposits	213,282	25,448	3,943	242,673
Cash at bank and in hand	34,465	-	-	34,465
Liabilities:				
Amounts falling due in one year	(845)	-	-	(845)
Amounts falling due in over one year	(107,541)	-	-	(107,541)
Total	1,237,422	25,448	3,943	1,266,813

St. Peter's ABC Group

Income and Expenditure Statement for for the year ended 31 December 2021

	£	£
Income		
Donations	769.86	
		769.86
Expenditure		
Refreshments	101.76	
Crafts / Equipment	376.28	
Christmas Party	120.00	
Donation to Operation		
Christmas Child	255.00	
Other	0.00	
		853.04
 Net Income for the year		(83.18)
Balance b/f 1 January 2021		242.11
Balance c/f 31 December 2021		158.93
Bank Balance as at 31 December 2021		244.43
Less unrepresented cheque		(120.00)
Add cash not paid in for 01/12/2021		34.50
Total		158.93