

## Trustees Report

Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

**The Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Ad Vincula Ditton.**

Church Office  
79, New Road  
Ditton  
ME20 6AE

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure (1956) as amended. Charity Commission No 1130864

Members of the PCC are elected from the church membership or appointed by the existing trustees.

**Rector**                      Revd Ross Terranova (Incumbent and Chairman)

**Wardens**                    Mr Alan Warner

Mr John Paul (also Treasurer until May 2025)

During 2025 the following served as members of the PCC

**Elected members**      Mrs Deidre Johnson (Until May 2025)

Mrs Lin Atkinson

Mr Ian Cropper

Mrs Caroline Gibbons (Representing the Pre-School)

Mr Julien Myles

Mrs Jenny Stout

Mrs Christine Williams

Mrs Carolyn McMahon (Parish Administrator)

**Co-opted Member**      Mr Simon Webley

**Co-opted Member**      Mrs Ruth Campbell (PCC Secretary and safeguarding officer)

**Co-opted Member**      Mr David Grimes

**Treasurer**                Mrs Kathryn Mitchell (from May 2025)

The PCC meets bi-monthly during the year with an average attendance of 84% Sub-committees met between meetings as required.

## **Aims and Purposes**

St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of assisting, supporting and encouraging the incumbent Rector, Revd. Ross Terranova, in promoting within the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is also responsible for the maintenance of the church and church centre of St Peter's Ditton.

### **Mission Statement:**

*We are here to demonstrate God's love for all,  
as shown in Jesus to people where we live and Work*

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Peter's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship and assists with the planning and thus implementation of services and events throughout the year, to enable people to live out their faith through

1. Worship, prayer and learning about the gospel
2. Provision of pastoral care for the parish
3. Mission and outreach work

Consideration has been given to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

## **Ditton Parish**

Ditton is a large village with a current population of about 6,000 and a new development under construction.

St Peter ad Vincula is situated on The Green in the heart of the village of Ditton and is part of the Diocese of Rochester. The church building dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> Century and the church centre complex is a Victorian school complex complete with a small, attached cottage now converted to meeting rooms. Both buildings are owned by the Diocese of Rochester but maintained by the PCC. The local Church of England Junior School is situated next door and St Peter's maintains close links both with the school and Ditton Church Pre-School which was set up by St Peter's 25 years ago and runs in the church centre. Also within the complex is the parish office which is open two days a week and run by the Parish Administrator. The Parish is under the patronage of the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS).

In addition to church use and Preschool, various groups also hire the rooms in the evenings.

The church continues to be open to all for worship on Sunday mornings and evenings and is the hub of spiritual life in the village with a thriving children's group and refreshments served after the morning service. Additional services are held at Easter and Christmas and for services attended by the both the school and pre-school. In addition, the community is served with funeral, memorial, baptismal and Wedding services

and hosts the annual Remembrance Day Service. Twice a week the Church is open to the village for quiet reflection.

A teaching programme is produced for the morning and evening services and additional teaching courses were run throughout the year by the Rector and Parish members.

Small groups meet throughout the year 2025, which give opportunities for folk for more informal worship, bible study and fellowship with the Crafty Coffee group also providing a creative space to produce items for local organisations and schemes.

### **Church Attendance**

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 11 May 2025, it was reported that the Electoral roll showed there were now 77 people on the roll.

### **Social Media**

The church community has a well-maintained website and an active Facebook page with over 300 followers. The Facebook page is regularly updated with news and photos of services and event and informs the wider community of events and the life of the church.

### **Ditton Primary School**

The primary school has 200 pupils and regularly visits the church for services throughout the year at term ends and festivals such as Easter, harvest and Christmas. Part of the Church's ministry to the school involves gifts of books and bibles to Y6 and this, along with the church visits forms a large and important ministry to the community.

## **2025 Events**

### **JAM**

Our young people's group JAM (Jesus and Me) continued to meet during the morning service on Sundays throughout the year and also took an active role during the morning service leading our Harvest Festival. The video of the service had over 250 views on Facebook. They also held a very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning raising over £260. In November they joined with the congregation in preparing Shoeboxes for Link to Hope. Over 70 boxes of goods and gifts were assembled for distribution in Eastern Europe. Contributions were also received from the wider community of Ditton through the Free and Wanted community of Ditton via Facebook, the Crafty Coffee group, Ditton Pre-school and Ryarsh Primary School.

### **Outreach**

This year several visits have been made to the new housing development to welcome newcomers to the parish and distribute welcome cards from the church. This was undertaken by the outreach group and other members of the church family and culminated with carol singing at Christmas.

### **Open Air Service**

We were blessed with beautiful weather again for our annual open-air service in June which was held on the green. The theme was the story of Joseph and we were joined by Ditton Junior School and parents. Pupils gave a very enthusiastic performance of excerpts from Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat and refreshments were served afterwards.

### **Ditton Church Pre-school**

The pre-school navigated multiple problems during 2024, including funding and staffing issues. These were reported to the PCC by representatives throughout the year and the PCC sought to fully support and help the staff during, what was, a very difficult year for them.

### **Building Maintenance**

After an intense period of renovation on the church building over the past few years, this year our attention turned to major repairs to the church centre. The church centre is the Victorian school building and cottage. Repairs were needed to the drainage system, doors and windows and this summer major repairs were undertaken to the church centre roof which were successfully completed over the summer holidays to reduce disruption to the pre-school. Generous donations from previous years Gift days, a wonderful fundraising concert by Childe Rolande along with this year's gift Day donations enabled us to completely cover the costs with only a relatively small sum needed from general funds. The church and church centre are centrally and prominently placed in the village community so to be able to successfully repair and maintain them is crucial to the mission and visibility of the life of the church.

### **New Area for the Interment of Ashes**

The church yard is well maintained and regularly visited by the community, a quiet haven in the centre of the village both for people and wildlife. During 2025 plans for a much-needed new area for the interment of ashes, came to fruition. With help from volunteers the site was cleared and made ready for the first interments in the autumn.

### **Mission and Community Support**

St Peter's has continued to support a range of charities both local and worldwide with donations to our partner missions and charities, CPAS, CMJ, MADM (Making a difference in Maidstone) Tearfund and Crosslinks.

### **Church Away Day at St Benedicts, West Malling**

In May, church members enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship and teaching with Rev Benjamin Thorndike and it was good to spend time together in the relaxed atmosphere of the Malling Abbey, away from busy lives and church roles.



## **Crosslinks**

We were able to provide extra financial support to our new Crosslink mission partners, Adam and Nomfundo Tomalin through our Gift Day giving during 2025. It was an especial blessing and pleasure to welcome them in person at the end of August and to hear about their work with Crosslinks in South Africa.

## **Christmas**

Our carols on the green proved to be very popular once again despite the bitter cold. The event has become a whole village event now well established in the village calendar. A bucket collection for the Heart of Kent Hospice raised £899.58. As with other events, videos and photos were shared with the wider community on the Facebook page as well as details of the amount raised.

## **Financial Review**

The Charity Commission in the UK have allowed smaller charities to use a simplified reporting system for some years now and have now introduced a system for charities to improve transparency and adapt to the diversity of charities in terms of size and complexity. The new Charities SORP 2026, published in October 2025, introduces a three-tier reporting structure. Tier 1 applies to charities with income up to £500,000 and offers simplified reporting obligations. Therefore, this year we have taken advantage of the changes and have prepared our accounts in a simple receipts and payments format.

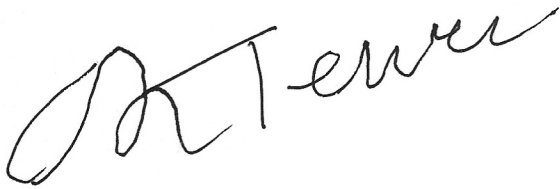
This transition has necessitated adjustments to allow for funds included in 2024 as liabilities and debtors which have been clearly noted. 2025 was also a year in which over £15,000 of restricted funds, carried over from previous years was used for essential repairs to the centre with some small sums forwarded to designated charities. The result of this is that this year we have a 'planned' deficit. Despite this, payments into Diocesan savings scheme have been maintained against future building maintenance, and we have managed to add to our Savings account. The three month's reserve policy has also been maintained. We also received a very generous legacy from a church member which has been designated for essential equipment upgrades. Overall, our finances have remained stable over 2025 for which we thank God and the generous giving of the church family.

For the last time, Peter Tite has acted as our independent assessor, and I want to extend my personal thanks for the help and support he has given me in the last year. Peter has been a faithful friend to St Peter's for many years and I am sure you will want to join with the PCC in expressing our gratitude to him for his service.

## **Accounting policies**

- Reserves are maintained to cover at least 3 months' expenditure.
- Special funds are established for any major project or appeals undertaken.
- The use of Designated Funds is considered as the need arises.
- Any substantial funds in the current account which are not for immediate use are placed in interest bearing accounts as approved by the PCC.

Approved by the PCC on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Terranova', written in a cursive style.

Revd. Ross Terranova (PCC Chairman)

# St Peter's Ad Vincula Ditton

## Financial Statement

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>
<u>2024</u>				
£71,367.80	Regular giving	£67,681.41	£0.00	£67,681.41
£1,657.30	Collections at services	£3,772.56	£271.19	£4,043.75
£8,082.36	Tax recovered	£12,837.05	£0.00	£12,837.05
£48.00	Grants	£0.00	£24.00	£24.00
£9,891.85	2024 Tax recovered in 2025	£8,052.35	£1,839.50	£9,891.85
£30,742.77	Other donations note 1	£10,124.00	£37,167.34	£47,291.34
£1,133.40	Activities for generating funds note 2	£591.34	£1,190.65	£1,781.99
£2,309.45	Church activities note 3	£2,386.87	£1,154.00	£3,540.87
£8,609.00	Trading activities-rents	£8,069.25	£0.00	£8,069.25
£107.81	Bank interest	£63.87	£0.00	£63.87
£1,409.26	Other receipts	£2,037.28	£0.00	£2,037.28
£0.00	Transfer from Gold account	£9,362.23	£15,637.77	£25,000.00
<b>£135,359.00</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>£124,978.21</b>	<b>£57,284.45</b>	<b>£182,262.66</b>

### ADJUSTMENTS

transfers into general account from savings	-£9,360.00	-£15,637.77	-£25,000.00
*2024 Gift Aid recorded 2024 received in 2025	-£8,052.35	-£1,839.50	-£9,891.85
<b>Adjusted balance</b>	<b>£107,563.63</b>	<b>£39,807.18</b>	<b>£147,370.81</b>

### PAYMENTS

£17,190.64	For Church running note 3	21,721.39	1,178.00	£22,899.39
£63,962.91	For Church activities note 4	£66,109.57	0.00	£66,109.57
£1,387.94	Mission and evangelism note 5	£1,814.96	£253.00	£2,067.96
£7,156.03	Utilities Note 6	£8,843.64	0.00	£8,843.64
£3,697.06	For trading Note 7	£3,856.99	0.00	£3,856.99
£815.94	To generate funds note 8	£0.00	£28.15	£28.15
£10,553.94	Charitable and Mission giving note 9	£5,000.00	£16,430.07	£21,430.07
£22,963.44	Building repairs note 10	£1,399.65	£39,090.23	£40,489.88
£3,949.31	Other note 11	£4,672.59	£0.00	£4,672.59
£20,269.50	Transfers into Gold account	£10,000.00	£20,000.00	£30,000.00
<b>£151,946.71</b>		<b>123,418.79</b>	<b>76,979.45</b>	<b>£200,398.24</b>

### ADJUSTMENTS

transfers into savings account	-£10,000.00	-£20,000.00	-£30,000.00
2024 Gift day funds recorded as expended in 2024*	£0.00	-£7,129.38	-£7,129.38
2024 Payment recorded as a liability received in 2025*	-£1,200.00	£0.00	-£1,200.00
<b>Adjusted balance</b>	<b>£112,218.79</b>	<b>£49,850.07</b>	<b>£162,068.86</b>

### Deficit

**-£18,135.58**

### ADJUSTED DEFICIT

**-£14,698.05**

**\*ONE OFF ADJUSTMENTS RESULTING FROM THE CHANGE ACCRUEL ACCOUNTS (2024) TO RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS (2025).**

### CAF General Account

Balance at 1st January 2025	£21,803.12	£15,637.77	£37,440.89
Balance at 31st December 2025	£18,706.31	£599.00	£19,305.31
			<b>-£18,135.58</b>

# **St Peter's Ad Vincula Ditton** **Financial Statement**

## **NOTES**

<u>2024</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>
	<b>1. All other giving</b>			
£19,273.90	Gift day	£0.00	£23,769.34	£23,769.34
£0.00	Tax recovered	£0.00	£5,746.00	£5,746.00
£0.00	Roof fund	£0.00	£5,280.00	£5,280.00
£0.00	Tax recovered	£0.00	£1,300.00	£1,300.00
£11,468.87	Other donations	£10,124.00	£1,072.00	£11,196.00
<b>£30,742.77</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£10,124.00</b>	<b>£37,167.34</b>	<b>£47,291.34</b>
	<b>2. Activities for generating funds</b>			
£0.00	Childe Rolande concert	£0.00	628.15	£628.15
£0.00	Tear fund quiz	£0.00	£210.00	£210.00
£140.00	Christmas cards	£0.00	352.5	£352.50
£120.00	Theatre ticket sales	323.84	£0.00	323.84
£873.40	Sponsored events	£267.50	£0.00	£267.50
<b>£1,133.40</b>		<b>£591.34</b>	<b>£1,190.65</b>	<b>£1,781.99</b>
	<b>3. Church activities</b>			
£1,560.00	Fees	£1,506.43	£1,154.00	£2,660.43
£749.45	Away day	£799.44	£0.00	£799.44
£0.00	Film night	£81.00	£0.00	£81.00
<b>£2,309.45</b>		<b>£2,386.87</b>	<b>£1,154.00</b>	<b>£3,540.87</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
	<b>3. Church running</b>			
£1,961.68	church insurance	2,028.22	£0.00	£2,028.22
£5,778.80	Parish administrator	8,925.00	£0.00	£8,925.00
£1,680.00	churchyard	2,061.00	£24.00	£2,085.00
£0.00	training	612.00	£0.00	£612.00
£75.00	Governance	75.00	£0.00	£75.00
£629.24	centre and office consumables	514.15	£0.00	£514.15
£2,340.46	Office and admin	3,205.21	£0.00	£3,205.21
£66.75	Bank/transaction charges	61.00	£0.00	£61.00
£1,810.87	Equipment and maintenance	1,015.02	£0.00	£1,015.02
£2,077.10	Centre Insurance	2,160.79	£0.00	£2,160.79
£770.74	Church services and events	£1,064.00	£1,154.00	2,218.00
<b>£17,190.64</b>		<b>£21,721.39</b>	<b>£1,178.00</b>	<b>£22,899.39</b>
	<b>4. Church Activities</b>			
£5,775.00	Parish share	£5,919.37	£0.00	£5,919.37
£58,187.91	Clergy and staff expenses	£60,190.20	£0.00	£60,190.20
<b>£63,962.91</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£66,109.57</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£66,109.57</b>
	<b>5. Mission and Evangelism</b>			
£0.00	childrens activities	£791.51	£253.00	£1,044.51
£1,387.94	books, materials	£1,023.45	£0.00	£1,023.45
<b>£1,387.94</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£1,814.96</b>	<b>£253.00</b>	<b>£2,067.96</b>
	<b>6. Utilities</b>			
£4,244.18	Centre and cottage energy	£4,355.43	£0.00	£4,355.43
£2,161.01	church energy	£3,158.52	£0.00	£3,158.52
£145.40	Churchyard water	£177.39	£0.00	£177.39
£605.44	centre water	£1,152.30	£0.00	£1,152.30
<b>£7,156.03</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£8,843.64</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£8,843.64</b>

# **St Peter's Ad Vincula Ditton** **Financial Statement**

<u>2024</u>		<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>7. Trading payments</b>				
£3,697.06	Centre cleaning	£3,856.99	£0.00	£3,856.99
<b>£3,697.06</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£3,856.99</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£3,856.99</b>
<b>8. Generating funds</b>				
£815.94			£28.15	£28.15
<b>£815.94</b>	<b>Totals</b>		<b>£28.15</b>	<b>£28.15</b>
<b>9. Charitable and mission Giving</b>				
£1,841.87	Tearfund	£1,250.00	£230.00	£1,480.00
£1,250.00	CMJ	£1,250.00	£0.00	£1,250.00
£1,500.00	Crosslinks	£0.00	£14,814.00	£14,814.00
£1,369.00	CPAS	£1,250.00	£0.00	£1,250.00
£282.19	Poppy appeal	£0.00	£457.57	£457.57
£234.00	Link to hope (Shoebox)	£0.00	£226.00	£226.00
£330.00	heart of kent hospice	£0.00	£352.50	£352.50
£1,250.00	MADM	£1,250.00	£220.00	£1,470.00
£2,496.88	Other	£0.00	£130.00	£130.00
<b>£10,553.94</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£5,000.00</b>	<b>£16,430.07</b>	<b>£21,430.07</b>
<b>10. Building repairs</b>				
£11,192.83	Church repairs	£0.00	£271.70	£271.70
£7,129.38	Centre major repairs	£0.00	£33,954.60	£33,954.60
£4,641.23	Centre general repairs	£1,399.65	£4,863.93	£6,263.58
<b>£22,963.44</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£1,399.65</b>	<b>£39,090.23</b>	<b>£40,489.88</b>
<b>11. Other payments</b>				
£539.60	Cottage repair fund	£539.60	£0.00	£539.60
£2,000.00	church repair fund	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
£1,409.71	Refunds	£2,132.99	£0.00	£2,132.99
<b>£3,949.31</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£4,672.59</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£4,672.59</b>

## **Statement of assets**

<b>Caf Bank Gold account (Savings)</b>		
£15,515.00	Balance 1st January 2025	£36,358.92
£20,269.50	Receipts	£5,000.00
£574.42	Interest	£790.62
<b>£36,358.92</b>		<b>£42,149.54</b>

## **Savings held with the Diocese**

<b>Church repair fund</b>		
£15,030.11	Balance 1st January 2025	£17,584.19
£2,000.00	Receipts	£2,000.00
£554.08	Interest	£535.16
<b>£17,584.19</b>		<b>£20,119.35</b>

<b>Cottage repair fund</b>		
£5,484.78	Balance 1st January 2025	£6,020.26
£539.60	Receipts	£539.60
£193.88	Interest	£181.06
<b>£6,218.26</b>		<b>£6,740.92</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>		
31/12/2025	Retention fee with regard to roof repairs	<b>£600.00</b>
	Restricted collections not yet forwarded	<b>£560.00</b>

<b>Non monetary assets</b>	
	Church and grounds (leased)
	Centre complex (leased)
	Office equipment
	Church audio visual equipment



**Report to the trustees**

The PCC of St Peter Ad Vincula, Ditton, Aylesford, Kent.

**On accounts for the  
year ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

**Charity  
no (if any)**

1130864

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2025**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

*P. Tite*

Date:

16/03/26

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P. TITE

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