

St Peter's Church, Monkseaton

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31 December 2025

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Administrative information

St Peter's Church is situated on the corner of Woodleigh Road and Elmwood Road, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay. The correspondence address is St Peter's Vicarage, 6 Elmwood Road, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, NE25 8EX.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

<i>Incumbent:</i>	Revd Canon Dr H F Cleugh	
<i>Curate</i>	Revd F Walsh	
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mrs J M Coulson Ms H McDermott S P Storey	Retired 27.04.25 Appointed 27.04.25
<i>Representative on the Diocesan Synod:</i>	None	
<i>Representative on the Deanery Synod:</i>	Mrs E G Mitchell Ms H McDermott	Appointed 27.04.25
<i>Elected members:</i>	Mrs E M Bryant Mrs B Burnett Mrs J E Clarkson Dr D Cranswick S A Doku Mrs P A Hood Mrs A McKeith Mrs B P Packer Mrs J. V. Porter A Sneddon Mrs S Storey Mrs M Wilcox	Appointed 27.04.25 Appointed 27.04.25 Appointed 27.04.25 Died 10.11.25 Treasurer Appointed 27.04.25 Left 23.12.25

Committees and Groups

In 2025 the only committee to meet has been :-

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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Objectives and activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and the Crosskeys Community Hall.

Safeguarding

As a church we are committed to caring for all people safely. The Parochial Church Council adopts the House of Bishops' policy statement Promoting a Safer Church. Our safeguarding policy is reviewed by the PCC and re-affirmed at the APCM. At the APCM in 2024, Elisabeth Bryant was appointed as Parish Safeguarding Officer, Elisabeth Mitchell as DBS Administrator, and Barbara Packer as Children and Vulnerable Adults Advocate. In line with Newcastle diocesan policy, safeguarding policies and administration are managed through the use of the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard.

Church attendance

2025 saw a complete revision of the electoral roll. There are 115 names on the new roll (164 on the previous). Usual Sunday attendance has increased slightly since 2024. Christmas services were particularly well attended. There has been a significant increase in the size of the total worshipping community, with a number of new members. During the year there were 2 marriages in Church (0 in 2024) and 14 funerals took place (10 in 2024) of which 8 were held in Church (5 in 2024). 11 baptisms took place in 2025 (2 in 2024). We also presented 6 candidates for confirmation at a service in St Peter's in July.

Review of the year

As the overview below indicates, 2025 has been a busy year in the life of the parish. We were particularly delighted to celebrate with our curate, the Revd Francesca Walsh, as she was priested and presided at the eucharist for the first time at Petertide. It was a pleasure also to have Emily Emmerson-Finch, an ordinand from Lindisfarne College of Theology, on placement with us. During the year we have marked with sadness the deaths of retired Reader Anne Bartlett, and then in November, our reader and PCC member, Jan Porter.

We continue to work with our neighbours at Billy Mill and Shiremoor to establish ministry for Murton Park.

Ecumenical services were held for Good Friday, Remembrance and Christmas together with St Andrew's URC and Monkseaton Methodists. A joint service was held for Christian Aid Week with St Andrew's URC, for which we welcomed a speaker from Christian Aid.

We have been pleased to welcome Monkseaton High and Middle Schools, and Appletree Gardens and Langley First Schools into church in the year, for services, events and classroom visits.

As the report below indicates we have undertaken further work on the fabric of the building, all of which is to serve making the church more welcoming and accessible. The building remains generally open during daylight hours, and is well-used by the local community as well as by those who attend public worship here.

1. Worship

The main service of the week continues to be the Sunday 10am parish eucharist, with a said service of Holy Communion at 8.30am. During 2025 we took the decision to reduce Sunday evening prayer to usually once a month (last Sunday). Storybook Church meets in the afternoon on the second Sunday of the month. There is a midweek eucharist on a Wednesday morning, and Oasis meets fortnightly. A series of silent meditation and compline took place in the autumn. The principal feasts of the church are observed.

A small number of parishioners receive holy communion at home regularly.

Following consultation with the congregation, the PCC resolved to seek permission from the Bishop to admit baptised children to communion before confirmation, and this was granted.

We have been pleased during the year to have some of our young people begin serving regularly at the parish eucharist. We note with particular appreciation the continued contribution of our choir to our worship.

2. Christian nurture

During 2025, we again offered joint programmes for Lent and Advent with St Paul's Whitley Bay, and St Mary's Monkseaton. We offered a study course in the parish exploring 'Ways of Praying', and a study morning exploring the Nicene Creed, with particular reference to 2025 being the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, for which we also provided copies of the Church of England's 'We Believe' booklet. During the year, Oasis has reflected on animals in the Bible, and on the saints to whom the parishes of the Tynemouth deanery are dedicated,

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3. Social, fundraising, and charitable giving

During the year, the St Peter's Women's Fellowship and Mothers' Union met regularly to fulfil their several purposes. Pebbles Baby and Toddler Group met weekly during termtime, run by church members, and continues to be well attended and a core element of our regular outreach to the wider community.

Social and fundraising events included a number of coffee mornings, a Burns Night Supper and Ceilidh, a soup and pancake lunch on Shrove Tuesday, Christian Aid big breakfast, a spring craft fayre, a summer concert, a 'Curry and Ceilidh' evening, a parish Christmas lunch, and a film and supper evening showing 'Tinderbox', exploring the conflict in Israel-Palestine. Fundraising has been for parish, and also for Christian Aid, the Fairtrade Foundation, and the specific appeals listed below. Members of the congregation contributed generously towards the Mothers' Union's appeal for backpacks for prisoners on release, and towards Christmas backpacks to be distributed by the People's Kitchen, and in support of the BAY foodbank. This included a Christmas giving tree providing presents for children locally whose families are supported by the foodbank. Christmas Eve collections were again divided between church and the Children's Society

4. Fabric

The main capital expenditure on the building was the long-awaited upgrade to the church lighting, which was funded by a generous donation from a parishioner.

The most obvious piece of work has been the development of a new children's area in the heart of the nave.

We have also had to undertake a number of smaller maintenance tasks on the church and hall, and are aware that there will be more such work to do to keep the building fit for mission, including necessary work on the electrics.

Both church and hall remain in largely good condition, and the grounds are well-maintained.

This was recognised in the summer when the church gardens were placed in the North Tyneside in Bloom community category. We note our particular thanks to all those who maintain the church, hall, and grounds.

5. Eco-Church

We were delighted to be awarded our Eco-Church Silver Award in May, and are now working towards Gold. Significant in our achieving Silver was our development of our outside space, including wildflowers, a bug hotel, a labyrinth, registering with the Quiet Garden Movement, and running a children's activity morning in National Children's Gardening Week.

The provision of blister pack recycling boxes in church has proved particularly successful.

The parish has an environmental policy and keeps this under review.

Finance

The responsibility for our financial wellbeing as a church falls upon the PCC and later in these reports you will find details of our financial statements for the last financial year. Grateful thanks to our treasurer, Alex Sneddon, for maintaining the financial records during the year and for producing these statements.

Planned Giving continues to be the main source of income for the day to day needs of the parish.

Membership of the Planned Giving Scheme was maintained and pledged giving increased marginally to £60,133, (2024 - £56,734). Donations amounting to £55,787 have been able to attract Gift-Aid (£52,257 in 2024) which has enabled the Church to claim from the Inland Revenue £13,947 (£13,064 in 2024).

The planned giving review scheduled for the autumn was postponed owing to the need to change the church banking arrangements. Further claims have been made to the Inland Revenue under the Small Donations Scheme. £2,375 was receivable over the course of 2025 (£616 in 2024).

The total income amounted to £115,758 (2024 - £115,398) with expenditure totalling £123,235 (2024 - £167,613).

The major expenditure in the year (as ever) was our parish share contribution of £60,000,

The PCC has committed to paying £64,800 in 2026. The PCC undertook to keep this under review, in the hope that a greater parish share contribution be made if circumstances allow.

On behalf of the PCC

Rev Canon Dr Hannah F Cleugh

9th February 2026

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Peter's, Monkseaton

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 10, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the Regulations) and the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

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

It is my responsibility to :

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

(signed)

Trevor Hogg ACA

31st March 2026

Parochial Church Council of St Peter's, Monkseaton

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
		Funds	Funds	2025	2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2(a)	82,768	4,130	86,898	78,426
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	1,068	6,938	8,006	16,369
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities</i>					
- to further the Council's objects	2(c)	11,393	0	11,393	13,372
- to generate funds	2(d)	7,782	0	7,782	5,631
<i>Income from investment</i>	2(e)	1	0	1	113
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	2(f)	395	1,283	1,678	1,487
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		103,407	12,351	115,758	115,398
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Grants</i>	3(a)	669	4,130	4,799	3,762
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>	3(b)	107,181	8,281	115,462	161,418
<i>Church management and administration</i>	3(c)	1,478	0	1,478	1,281
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>	3(d)	1,496	0	1,496	1,152
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		110,824	12,411	123,235	167,613
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(7,417)	(60)	(7,477)	(52,215)
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD					
AT 1 JANUARY 2025		114,529	844	115,373	167,588
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD					
AT 31 DECEMBER 2025		107,112	784	107,896	115,373

Parochial Church Council of St Peter's, Monkseaton **Balance Sheet at 31 December 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	4	80,200	83,218
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock	5	105	105
Debtors	6	5,597	6,918
Short term deposits		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		25,031	29,770
		<u>30,733</u>	<u>36,793</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	7	(3,037)	(4,638)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		27,696	32,155
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR		0	0
		<u>107,896</u>	<u>115,373</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	8	107,112	114,529
Restricted	8	784	844
		<u>107,896</u>	<u>115,373</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9th February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd Canon Dr H F Cleugh

Mrs J Coulson

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention applying the accruals basis of accounting.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. Restricted funds are those funds which can only be expended on the purpose designated by the grantor or donor.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups which are regarded as informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

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

Planned giving receivable, Gift Aided or otherwise, is recognized only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognized when the income is recognized.

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

Funds raised by the Autumn fayre and similar events are accounted for gross.

Other income

Income arising from the use of the Crosskeys Community Hall is recognized when the income is due.

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Resources used

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for as it accrues.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993, although the expenditure thereon is included in resources expended.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust of the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church ledger, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

Freehold property

The cost of the extension to the Crosskeys Community hall is depreciated on a straight line basis over 50 years.

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fixed assets

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 5 years.

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £300 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current assets

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

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

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
2 (a) Incoming resources from donors				
Planned giving:				
Gift Aid donations	55,787		55,787	52,257
Income tax recoverable	13,947		13,947	13,064
Other planned giving	4,346		4,346	4,477
Collections	4,412		4,412	2,504
Donations & Collection boxes	1,901	4,130	6,031	5,508
Small donations tax reclaimed	2,375		2,375	616
	<u>82,768</u>	<u>4,130</u>	<u>86,898</u>	<u>78,426</u>
2 (b) Other voluntary incoming resources				
Grants	0	0	0	720
Donations, appeals, etc	1,068		1,068	3,673
Legacies	0	6,938	6,938	11,976
	<u>1,068</u>	<u>6,938</u>	<u>8,006</u>	<u>16,369</u>
2 (c) Incoming from operating activities to further the Council's objects				
Bookshop	2		2	7
Toddler Group	1,656		1,656	1,643
Crosskeys Community hall lettings etc	8,143		8,143	11,187
Fees for weddings etc	1,592		1,592	535
	<u>11,393</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,393</u>	<u>13,372</u>
2 (d) Incoming from operating activities to generate funds				
Magazine advertising	0		0	0
Autumn fayre	3,034		3,034	2,394
Other fund raising events	4,748	0	4,748	3,237
	<u>7,782</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,782</u>	<u>5,631</u>
2 (e) Income from investment				
Interest receivable	1	0	1	113
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>113</u>
2 (f) Other ordinary incoming resources				
Miscellaneous	395	1,283	1,678	1,487
	<u>395</u>	<u>1,283</u>	<u>1,678</u>	<u>1,487</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>103,407</u>	<u>12,351</u>	<u>115,758</u>	<u>115,398</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 2024 £ £	
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED				
3 (a) Grants				
Charitable donations	669	4,130	4,799	3,762
	<u>669</u>	<u>4,130</u>	<u>4,799</u>	<u>3,762</u>
3 (b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church				
Ministry:				
diocesan parish share	60,000		60,000	56,500
clergy expenses	786		786	668
vicarage & curate's house expenses	6,127		6,127	4,475
Church:				
running expenses	8,035		8,035	7,845
maintenance	6,847		6,847	3,733
Music	783		783	738
New church porch project	270	0	270	57,006
New sound system	0		0	7,231
New church lighting	16	6,938	6,954	0
Architect's quinquennial report	0		0	1,800
ECO church expenses	495		495	0
Crosskeys Community hall running costs	16,546		16,546	14,577
Toddler Group	841		841	238
Organists' honoraria	3,293		3,293	3,203
Flowers	0	1,343	1,343	1,053
Miscellaneous expenditure	3,142		3,142	2,351
	<u>107,181</u>	<u>8,281</u>	<u>115,462</u>	<u>161,418</u>
3 (c) Church management and administration				
Examiner fees	600		600	540
Printing and stationery	294		294	443
Photocopying	584		584	298
	<u>1,478</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,478</u>	<u>1,281</u>
3 (d) Costs of generating funds				
Autumn fayre	374		374	432
Other fund raising costs	1,122	0	1,122	720
	<u>1,496</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,496</u>	<u>1,152</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	110,824	12,411	123,235	167,613

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4 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant & equipment £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets			
COST			
At 1 January 2025	125,601	45,458	171,059
Additions		0	0
At 31 December 2025	125,601	45,458	171,059
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2025	45,450	42,391	87,841
Charge for the year	2,500	518	3,018
At 31 December 2025	47,950	42,909	90,859
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2025	77,651	2,549	80,200
At 1 January 2025	80,151	3,067	83,218

	2025	2024
5 STOCK		
Bookstall stock at cost	105	105

6 DEBTORS		
Income tax recoverable	1,185	1,003
Prepayments	4,412	5,345
Other debtors	0	570
	5,597	6,918

7 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Creditors and accruals	3,037	4,638
	3,037	4,638

8 SUMMARY OF FUNDS HELD	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
General fund	16,677		16,677	16,368
Flower fund		784	784	844
Legacies and gifts fund	4,591	0	4,591	4,608
Crosskeys Community Hall fund	85,093		85,093	93,094
200 club	751		751	459
	107,112	784	107,896	115,373

9 Legacies and specific gifts received during the year amounting to £6,938 (2024 - £11,976)

10 It is the PCC's current policy to retain all reserves with a view to meeting any future unanticipated costs within the Church and the Crosskeys Community Hall.