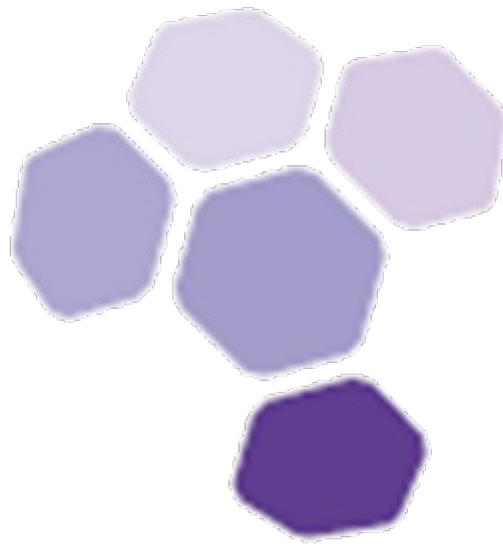


**AGM/APCM REPORTS
ST PETER'S CHURCH, FROGWELL
FOR YEAR 2024**
(Registered Charity No 1131473)



***Journeying together to share our Christian
faith and the love of God with all'***

May 2025

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INTRODUCTION

In Matthew 16:18 you'll recall that Jesus said over Peter "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

And in the song of Moses in Deuteronomy 32 we read 3 "For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God! 4 The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he".

The latter is a poetic tribute to the greatness and faithfulness of God in which Moses eloquently articulates the character and works of God, laying a solid groundwork for comprehending His divine nature and picked up in this hymn by Don Moen:

*Ascribe greatness to our God, the rock,
his work is perfect and all his ways are just. {repeat}*

*A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
good and upright is he. {repeat}*

The former (Matthew 16:18) reminds us that the church is God's idea. God's plan. That HE will build it. And that the world around us will not overcome it.

This is the God we worship, respond in love to, serve and obey.

I remain overwhelmed by the welcome my family and I have received since arriving Feb 24. And I know Jason and Fran feel the same when they arrived in the summer.

You remain faithful, accepting, caring, and even "content" with my challenging a few things and stretching some of our ways of being. Thank you. I trust you value my willingness to listen, share and include too, as we prepare and act together for a positive future that includes newness, whilst also retaining much of what makes us who we are.

Our communities are served by a solid and faithful ministry team, for whom I am very thankful. Together we work hard in leading you and encouraging wide and shared engagement in both worship and missionary endeavours. You have reason to rejoice and be hopeful. There are WONDERFUL and BEAUTIFUL and GODLY things and people all around us in both parishes. And you are included.

A small selection of what we have all achieved together in 2024.

- ✓ Fellowship and fun times with community events, fetes, BBQs, and shared lunches.
- ✓ Reimagining of worship and mission with the realignment and usage of our worship spaces, ECO Church, LIFE Groups, School connections, Mission Area involvement, accessible community worship and community engagement initiatives.
- ✓ Our dependence on prayer with the introduction of Sunday 9am prayers in St Peter's and with more to come for 2025

You are PLAYING YOUR PART. Bless you. Thank you.

As we continue into 2025 and beyond. Bring it on Lord! I am, and we are, ready!

Yours in Christ

Si

Revd Simon Dunn

Priest-in-Charge

Annual Report 2024 of the Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church, Frogwell

Aim and Purposes

St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Priest-in-charge, Reverend Simon Dunn (from February 2024), shared the responsibility of promoting the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish of St Peter's, Frogwell. Simon's installation as priest-in Charge for St Peter's and also for Lacock and Bowden Hill ended the inter-regnum that started in March 2023 and thus the dissolution of the PCC Transition Team. Although we no longer have a priest solely dedicated to St Peter's, we now have additional resources in both a self-supporting minister and a curate that ensures that we remain committed to enabling as many people as possible to 'journey together to share the Christian faith and the love of God with all'. We want to keep in step with God's Spirit in our worship, activities and future plans. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Peter's Church and Church Community Centre, Lords Mead.

Objectives

Any person is welcome to worship at our church and to become part of the St Peter's community. Our site brings people together for Christian worship, education and fellowship from diverse Christian cultures, including liberal, evangelical, sacramental/catholic and charismatic traditions or none.

Led by the priest-in-charge, church wardens, and leadership team, the PCC maintain an overview of life at St Peter's Church to better serve our wider community. Acts of worship include prayer and scripture, music, sacrament, preaching and interaction. In the rest of our Church's activities, we seek to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Christian community through:

- Worship, prayer; and discipleship for children and adults;
- Partnerships with a C of E Academy, hirers, churches, charities & people of goodwill
- Pastoral care and social action for people of church and parish, including our FoodBox ministry.
- Mission and outreach work.
- Stewardship of St Peter's physical, financial & human resources, especially the Church Community Centre.

Achievements in 2024

- The maintenance of a rich and varied pattern of worship under the new priest-in-charge and the introduction of periodic benefice wide services and creation of new worship communities through Sunday prayer sessions and life groups.

- Moving the Cornerstone/Peter Window, project forward to consider alternative materials to solve the concrete cancer and threat to the Roper glass involving close consultations with the Diocesan Advisory Committee on the way ahead.
- Continued enhancement of our building and facilities maximising the use of grants and commercial donations where appropriate: further LED light replacement; hall redecoration; new safety flooring; dedicated space for the FoodBox project; and timely responses to our maintenance issues arising throughout the complex.
- Creation of a dedicated space for uninterrupted FoodBox project operations in the Yellow Room - 'St Peter's FoodBox' continued weekly doorstep deliveries to some 110 households which was only possible with the support of 55 volunteers. **(A separate report on FoodBox operations in 2023 is at Appendix A)**
- Our Pastoral Support Team maintained their commitment to those in need, physically, spiritually or psychologically.
- Increased support of St Peter's Academy and Lordsmead Playgroup in worship & governance through our enhanced Ministry Team.
- Maintaining positive partnerships with all hirers & users of Church & Centre community centre.
- Continuing generosity from the congregation via planned giving, including the Parish Giving Scheme.

Activity in 2024

Worship and prayer

St Peter's Church has offered a range of services on a weekly, monthly and seasonal basis:

- a service of Holy Communion with sermon and hymns on Wednesdays at 10am offered a welcome community for 30 people at a time;
- on Sundays a weekly 10am Parish Communion attended by some 40 people.

Anyone is welcome to attend any services. In 2024 there were 115 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The full revision of the roll in 2025 has resulted in a roll of 82. **A full report is at Appendix B.** Attendance at Easter stood at 56 and Christmas at 76.

The Kingfisher Messy Church initiative remains suspended at present, but the hope remains for its reinstatement if resources permit. However, relations with the neighbouring St Peter's Academy have regained vibrancy through monthly services in church and special experience days as well as the introduction of Class assemblies, where each class receives the vicar once a fortnight within their classroom for an act of worship. The relationship with the Lordsmead Playgroup has also been renewed and reinvigorated.

With the departure of Revd Alice Kemp to other Diocesan duties, Simon has also taken over responsibility for the LIGHT (monthly worship led by an ecumenical team for people with special needs) with attendance of 20-30.

Again, there were no weddings in the church, although we read banns for weddings in other churches. There were 3 baptisms and 10 funeral services conducted in the church in 2024.

Cornerstone Project

The PCC has continued to monitor all developments relating to the significant challenges of concrete cancer throughout the church structure. More detail on this is contained in the **Fabric Report of the Church Warden at Appendix C.**

Partnerships and Centre Users

The Lordsmead Playgroup has maintained its operations in both the Hall, Harris Room and the meeting room when required. It had 76 children enrolled as of July 2024 and is looking to expand its hours to meet community demand.

The 'Distinctively Christian' input to St Peter's C of E Academy continued with Collective Worship in the church led by clergy and a reinvigorated presence in its activities. Clergy participation in the governance of the academy has been renewed with Simon's appointment as a governor.

Our hirers have included CLOGs, WWT, Deanery & Diocese, as well as parents & toddlers, uniformed groups and exercise classes as well as family community events. Unfortunately we saw the departure of the Chippenham Male Voice Choir and a keep fit class from our hirers.

Pastoral care

A separate report on our pastoral care activities have been submitted for the APCM (Appendix D). Other groups who contribute to our pastoral support, such as Friendship Lunch and the Ladies Guild, men's activity over meals, coffee and walking; and the Choir remain active. Other pastoral initiatives included the church BBQ, held in the vicarage garden for the first time in many years which was blessed with excellent weather and was appreciated by all concerned. A Harvest Lunch funded by donations was also held and a Poems and Puddings Night which contributed to church funds.

Mission

In a continuing demonstration of our faith, we responded directly to need this past year, exacerbated by the cost-of-living crisis, through our award-winning FoodBox initiative. We also maintained support for many charities: Leprosy Mission, Christian Aid, Send-a-Cow, Stroke Association, Doorway, Food Bank, Cancer Research, Sightsavers, Embrace the Middle East and Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church remains a participating member of Chippenham Churches Together (CCT), but it remains a fragile structure. The Chippenham Mission Area Plan will seek to engage more closely with CCT as it develops its various initiatives.

Volunteers

We thank all who have worked so hard over the interregnum and the successful appointment of a new Priest-in-Charge. The pool of those able to actively support events and initiatives currently remains limited but they have given freely of their time and energy, maintaining the welcoming and friendly character for which the church is particularly noted and encouraging a positive attitude to change in order to achieve growth. We remain ever hopeful and expectant for what the future holds. We greatly appreciate all involved from: administrators, rota members, cleaners, flower-ladies, sacristy/servers, the PA team, welcomers, music & arts, treasury, and other unnamed contributions that are so essential to community. Thank you all for what you do.

Charitable Status

The PCC takes note of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion in setting the framework of its public accountability, and in particular this annual report.

Financial Review

A full **Financial Report together with Audited Accounts for 2024** have been submitted and are incorporated at **Appendix E**. These represent the translation of church activities into financial terms. The **Freewill Offering Report is at Appendix F**.

We have maintained our policy of keeping a £8,000 minimum reserve in line with Diocesan and Charity Commission guidance. Following a return to relative normality post Covid and the removal of some future uncertainties, we reviewed our previous decision to restrict our Parish Share to the diocese. The decision was taken to meet our 2024 requested pledge in full given the much-reduced request was made, reflecting the fact that the church would now be part of a benefice and share ministerial costs with Lacock and Bowden Hill.

Structure, governance and management.

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Peter's the membership of the PCC consists of the clergy, churchwardens, any licensed lay minister, deanery synod representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All the baptised who attend services at St Peter's are encouraged to register on our Electoral Roll and are welcome to stand for election to the PCC.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church and parish. New members receive initial briefing and support as to the workings of the PCC and sign standard terms of reference. All are required to undertake the national church's mandatory safeguarding training.

Officers of the PCC include a church warden, treasurer, and parish secretary and they are ably assisted by other members of the Leadership Team, that in addition to clergy, can consist of other nominees of the PCC each year.

Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has various ways of dealing with particular aspects of parish life. Groups and individuals address worship, safeguarding, Cornerstone, finance, premises, outreach and pastoral issues, all responsible to the PCC and reporting back to it as necessary.

The PCC and the Leadership Team each met 6 times in 2024. The AGM/APCM was held on 12th May 2024.

Links

The Priest-in-charge participated in Diocesan and Deanery life as well as in Chippenham Churches Together and following his induction was the PCC's link as ex-officio Governor for St Peter's C of E Academy.

Deanery Synod

The church had no Deanery Synod representatives during the year. Our Church Warden remained in her role as Deanery Secretary and member of the Deanery Leadership Team. This continued to ensure necessary information flows and co-ordination with wider deanery thinking and planning, especially in regard to the development of the Chippenham Deanery Mission Area Plan. **The work of the Synod is covered in a separate APCM report (see Appendix G).**

Safeguarding

Safeguarding and Inclusion informs all aspects of our ministry at St Peter's as we have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' guidance. Information of who to contact in case of a Safeguarding Concern, or for advice about procedures and good practice in the parish and the diocese, is published in the foyer of the Church. St Peter's Church operates with both a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), Bev Webb, and an Assistant Safeguarding Officer, Joan Taylor-Gunston. Caroline Masters continued as our DBS Validator.

St Peter's PCC has agreed policy guidance for parish safeguarding, safer recruitment, and response to safeguarding concerns or signs of domestic abuse. The PCC has also adopted the national statement of the House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church; safeguarding policy statement' in our parish safeguarding policy. Safeguarding is a standard item on all PCC agendas. **(A safeguarding report for the APCM is at Appendix H).**

St Peter's PSO input to the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard to monitor performance and progress against national standards and requirements. Progress continues to be made and this year we raised our standard from level 2 to level 3. All PCC members have completed the mandatory basic and foundational training on safeguarding. We shall continue to work towards full compliance in 2025.

Administrative Information

St Peter's Church is situated at Frogwell, Chippenham. It is part of the Diocese of Bristol within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Peter's Church, Lords Mead, Chippenham SN14 0LL. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Reg No. 1131473)

PCC members who served at any time from 1 January – 31 December 2023:

Ex-Officio members:	
Priest in Charge:	Revd. Simon Dunn (from February 2024)
Associate Minister	Revd. Lynne Godfrey (from April 2024)
Curate	Revd. Jason Lee (from August 2024)
Church warden:	Mrs Vivienne Fuller
Deanery Synod representatives:	No representatives.
Elected members:	Mrs. Daphne Brindle (Deputy Chair)
	Mrs Sue Burt
	Mrs Elisabeth Davies
	Mr. Ivan Hurcum
	Mr Matthew Hurcum (Treasurer)
	Mr. Christopher Gough
	Mrs Gill Perkins (from May 2024)
Co-opted Member	Nigel Fuller (Secretary)
	Bev Webb (Safeguarding Officer)

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Revd. Simon Dunn (PCC Chair)

Revd. Simon Dunn

25 April 2024



FoodBox: Review of 2024

Background:

The FoodBox project collects surplus food from local stores, supplements this with purchased food, and distributes to those in need throughout the area. The project runs under the auspices of the PCC and operates in partnership with the wider community across Chippenham and its surroundings. It is wholly run and supported by volunteers from many churches across the area, as well as volunteers from the local community with no church affiliation. The FoodBox Strategy Team are required to submit 6 monthly reports to the PCC on their activities. This review is composed of the two reports submitted in 2024.

Jan to Jun 2024

Highlights

- The Organisation Chart created by the Strategic Team now has all essential Lead roles filled
- The first half of 2024 has shown that the Strategic Team is well en route to achieving its aim of making FoodBox a sustainable operation. As a result, Strategic Team members are standing down and a Leadership Team comprising the Operational Leads has been created

Headwinds

- FoodBox is now running at capacity and has been forced to create a waiting list
- Stores are working hard to reduce their wastage, resulting in less food for FoodBox to deliver to our Recipients

Timeline

- Jan: All Operational Lead roles filled including Core Administration
- May: Following the resignation of many of the original Strategic Team, Operational Leads were invited to form a Leadership Team
- Jun: Decided to commence a new volunteer recruitment drive, which started in earnest in July

Operational numbers

- FoodBox comprises some 60 volunteers covering operations from Sunday to Friday
- Since April, FoodBox has been working at or near capacity of 120 deliveries per week
- Each week, FoodBox is catering for in excess of 330 Recipients comprising 190+ adults and 140+ children
- From Jan to Jun, 39 households were added to the list, with only 25 removed
- As at end-Jun, waiting list exists of 5 households
- Surplus food is collected from 10 supermarkets, comprising 18 collections each week
- From Jan to Jun, FoodBox planned to pack/deliver 2982 bags, but due to emergency additions and occasions when a surplus of food was collected, the number exceeded 3000 bags

Finances

- FoodBox depends on receiving grants and donations to enable the purchase of staple foods:
 - Wiltshire Council awarded FoodBox £5000 with a stipulation that it must all be spent by end-Mar. This was achieved by buying better quality food and giving out Tesco vouchers
 - Along with other grants, we have applied for a grant of £2700 from Chippenham Borough Lands Charity (CBLC) and should know the result by end-Jul
 - CBLC has a new CEO who recently contacted us directly. We hope to meet in the near future
 - £1000 tax relief on Sutton Benger donations was received
- FoodBox continues to be impacted by food inflation costs, resulting in higher weekly spend for just the basic foods

July to Dec 2024

Highlights

- The Strategy Team comprising of each of the Operations leads is now fully functioning. The Roles are as follows: -

Chair people	-	Cath, Caroline, (Charlie in support)
Collections	-	Jill
Buying	-	Linda & Angie
Packing	-	Caroline
Delivery	-	Cath
Admin	-	Alex
Finance	-	Iain

- We now have a volunteer team of approx 90 People, carrying out the various roles.
- Finances are looking good, we have been successful in several grant applications, we now have enough money to keep us going until mid Summer.
- In 2024 we delivered 6,097 Bags to people in need.

Operational Details

- FoodBox is now running at capacity and has been forced to create a waiting list, we are delivering 125 planned bags each week and have 22 people on waiting list.
- We are going to be given our own room in early 2025.

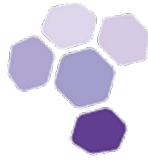
Finances

- FoodBox depends on receiving grants and donations to enable the purchase of staple foods, as mentioned above we have been successful in receiving grants from: -

Arnold Clark
Wiltshire County Council
Chippenham Borough Lands
Wessex Water
Wiltshire Community Foundation

On behalf of the FoodBox Strategy Team

2024



**REPORT ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL
FOR
ST PETER'S, FROGWELL
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Every 6 years, all Church of England churches must complete a new electoral roll. The purpose of this refresh is to ensure each church is accurately reflecting its membership. 2025 is the start of the next 6-year period.

Over the previous 6 years, St Peters had counted 116 people on its electoral roll. However, by the end of the period, 6 people had passed away or moved away from the parish. This left 110 people remaining on the roll. Of these 110 people, some were not expected to re-enrol due to changes in their personal circumstances.

The new roll was conducted between 23rd February 2025 and 6th April 2025. In line with the requirements of the Church of England, all 110 people were contacted, and announcements were made in service between 23rd February and 5th March (inclusive). As a result of the invitation to re-enrol, St Peters now has an electoral roll of 82 people, including 5 new members.

Of the 82 people on the roll, 58 people are a member of the Church of England, or of a church in communion with the Church of England, and resident in the parish. This represents 70% of the members.

In line with the Church of England rules, the full list of people (names only), has been posted in the narthex since 19th April 2025.

Mr Christopher Gough
Electoral Roll Officer

April 2025

APCM CHURCH WARDEN'S (PREMISES) REPORT: INCLUDING CORNERSTONE – 2024

Introduction

This has been another year in which I, as a singleton church warden, have been blessed with the support of many within our church community in ensuring the maintenance, safety and – when possible – the improvement of our facilities. I am most grateful to that dedicated band of volunteers who have gone above and beyond in offering their time, energy and expertise to benefit others both with regards to our congregation and the wider community.

The Peter Window

When I last reported to you on this issue we had just undergone the tender exercise to replace the Peter Window mullions on a like-for-like basis. This had resulted in a single compliant bid, but with uncertainties about the sole specialist concrete caster being able to achieve the requirement and coming in at an unaffordable price - £300K+. We therefore sought guidance from the Diocesan Advisory Committee in January on the way ahead. To achieve a more affordable solution we obtained their agreement to explore the possibility of using alternative materials to concrete for the replacement, such as steel/aluminium, stone or wood. Specialist bodies – Historic England the Church Building Council and 20th Century Society – had to be approached due to the church's heritage listing to see if they would be content with such an approach. This took some time, but no adverse comments were received. We had concurrently asked our architects to do some preliminary work and then commissioned a full feasibility exercise in June.

Due to the slow response time of certain suppliers, the study was not completed until September. The results were not conclusive as to a best option although stone offered perhaps the best option. However, the PCC were concerned at the use of a material not found elsewhere in the building and at the still high cost involved of £200K+. We shared the conclusions with the DAC and sought informal guidance on the way ahead. As a result, we decided to explore a curtain wall solution with an aluminium frame, coloured to match the current décor, as this appeared to offer the best chance of affordability and longevity. High hopes of finding a commercial frame maker to meet our requirements were soon dashed with few being prepared to take on the complexity of our task when simpler, quicker and equally profitable options were available to them elsewhere in the marketplace. Nevertheless, we did find two potential contractors prepared to pursue the scheme. However, it soon became apparent that a major cost driver was the removal of the glass by conservation approved contractors and the need for bespoke frames given the glass' non-standard size. To get costs back to a level where the majority of the funding can be found from within our own resources will probably require that we replace the peter Window with a

standard frame and double-glazed units and store the Roper glass for display in an alternative way at a later date. We are currently exploring this option with the Diocese. The only alternative would otherwise appear to be the removal of the window and its boarding up. However, we remain hopeful that we can convince all concerned that the proposed solution is viable and that we can generate the lower level of grants necessary for its achievement.

New Projects to Improve Facilities

Once again, we have sought to improve our facilities for the benefit of our community users. This has included:

- a) Redecoration of the Community Hall and its corridors to meet the needs of the Lordsmead playgroup within the complex, supported by a donation from the Thompson family in memory of their parents. We have also renamed it the 'Thompson Hall' in memory of Chris and Marilyn's commitment to St.Peter's.
- b) The fitting of new nonslip safety flooring to the Hall corridors, kitchen, toilets and offices to meet health and safety issues caused by cracking to the original vinyl, for which we obtained a Area Board grant of £2000. New skirting boards have also been purchased supported by Kellaway Building Supplies with a significant free gift in materials.
- c) Replacement of old halogen lighting units with new eco-friendly LEDs paid for entirely by a grant from the diocese of £2,000.
- d) Replacement of a blown double-glazed unit in the hall to meet our green objectives, again paid for by the Diocese at a cost of £250.
- e) Relocation of the church office into the vestry to ensure that FoodBox could operate without interruption from a dedicated space and the nave could be returned to its primary purpose of worship.

Regrettably we did lose a major user of our facilities with the departure of the Chippenham Male Voice Choir who moved their rehearsals elsewhere – not due to any shortcoming on our part, but purely the geographical convenience of their current members. Similarly, our hirer for keep-fit moved premises. We wish them all well. However, it does emphasise the need to ensure that our facilities remain attractive to potential hirers given its considerable contribution to church funds.

Ongoing tasks

Other ongoing significant areas of maintenance covered during the year included:

- a) Repair to the water damaged suspended ceiling in the link. This proved a protracted exercise given the unwillingness of companies to bid as, again, our was not a current commercially available system. When we did finally get a

contractor in, the following day a violent storm revealed that the flat roof leak that we thought had been fixed, had not and we were back where we started. There have been other storms since and further flat roof repairs. Hopefully we will see matters resolved in 2025.

- b) Repair to the automatic door caused by a hinge failure, the costs of which were covered by an anonymous gift. Further repairs and painting have taken place above the narthex and the main ring beam to minimise the potential for water tracking into other parts of the building and to present a welcoming face to our community.
- c) A flashing repair carried out to the base of the church steeple to again prevent water penetration into the nave.
- d) Employment of a new grass cutting contractor who has maintained our green spaces to an exemplary level without increasing our costs.
- e) Renegotiation of our waste collection contract, obtaining a new bin and increasing the waste limit at a lower overall cost.
- f) Renewal of our photocopying contract with a new machine at no extra cost but with an initial significant gift of free copying paper.

We will continue, wherever it is justified, to seek to reduce or maintain our costs to ensure that we are getting the most from the resources available to us.

Conclusion

The cost of general maintenance over the course of 2024, not including Cornerstone, amounted to nearly £10K. Total running expenses including maintenance came to nearly £38K. We have incurred more costs to get us to the current stage with the Peter Window where a solution is tantalisingly close. This considerable expenditure over many years has, however, been necessary to convince the powers that be that options are indeed limited and that the threat to the Roper heritage is a real and present danger.

Looking after this complex will not, I am sure, see the number of challenges it poses reduce. However, I am hopeful that at the coming APCM I will not be left to face them alone. My prayerful hope is that, during 2025, we can at long last see our anxieties over the Peter Window removed. Its artistry has been both a blessing and a burden and its drain on our resources an inhibition to growth.

Vivienne Fuller
Church Warden

April 2025

Pastoral Work at St. Peter's Church Chippenham for year 2024.

At St. Peter's the Pastoral Team aim to co-ordinate the care of the St. Peter's Church Family.

During the year our team has comprised six members. We welcomed Rev Lynne Godfrey and Rev Simon Dunn to our team. In compliance with Diocesan requirements, all have completed the necessary courses and checks.

What do we do?

We meet each month to review and plan our actions. Communication between, commitment to and support for each other is essential for us as a team. Confidentiality is most important.

Our work is very varied. We aim to respond promptly to those who contact us. People may need support for a short while or it may be over a prolonged period, or just need someone to talk to. We continue to support those who are no longer able to attend church services, our message being 'we the church still care about you and have not forgotten you'. The important ministry of Home Communion is available, monthly, to those who ask.

As we can spend a considerable amount of time, visiting people in their own homes, it is vitally important to be able to develop 'trusting relationships' not only with them but also with their families/carers.

We take people regularly for Doctors', Dentists' and Hospital Appointments.

Wherever possible we visit people in hospital and inform the Hospital Chaplain of their stay.

Visits have been made to Cepen Lodge, Middlefields and Avon Court Care Homes

Our 'card ministry for a diversity of occasions', expresses our care to many.

We provide support where necessary for bereaved families by visiting and sending cards of condolence. In November we organise a 'tea' (immediately before a Remembering Service) for families who have held a funeral in church or at the crematorium during the previous 3 years. This is well received.

We thank you for your continuing support and appreciation of our ministry both in practical ways and in prayer.

**Daphne Brindle
Pastoral Team Leader.**

March 2024



St. Peters Church

LORDS MEAD, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 0LL

Journeying together to share our Christian faith and the love of God with all.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 DECEMBER 2024

CHARITY NUMBER 1131473

St. Peter's Church, Chippenham
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:		St. Peter's Church Chippenham
Charity number:		1131473
Principal office address:		St. Peter's Church Lords Mead, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN14 0LL
Charity trustees at date of approval:	Ex-Officio members: Priest in charge: Associate Minister Curate Dep. Chairperson: Church wardens: Treasurer: Deanery Synod representatives: Elected members: Co-opted members:	 Rev. Simon Dunn Mrs Lynne Godfrey Jason Lee Mrs. Daphne Brindle Mrs. Vivienne Fuller Mr. Matthew Hurcum none Mrs. Daphne Brindle Mrs. Sue Burt Mr. Ivan Hurcum Mr. Chris Gough Mrs Gill Perkins Mrs Lis Davis Mr Nigel Fuller (Secretary) Bev Webb (Safeguarding Officer)
Former charity trustees who served during the financial year:		

St. Peter's Church, Chippenham

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Financial Review

Summary:

"Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen nineteen and six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery."
(Wilkins Macawber, David Copperfield by Charles Dickens)

Last year's summary was overshadowed by the reporting of declines in our income from both renting out our rooms and of voluntary giving, resulting in an overall decline in our funds. I am happy to report that over the course of 2024, we are £1,581 better off (approximately 1%) and we have met the Diocese Parish Share request in full. The increase in the regular giving seems to be continuing in 2025. Clearly this should result in happiness according to Mr Macawber!

A note about Restricted and Unrestricted Funds

A Restricted Fund, of which we have six, can only be used for the purpose of that fund. For example, if a donor gives money for Foodbox, that money is credited to the Foodbox Restricted Fund and can only be used for buying food for Foodbox. Unfortunately, wo(men) cannot live on bread alone, the insurance premiums, and waste collection, along with a multitude of other necessities, also need to be paid. For this we need to rely upon the faithful generosity of those who give unconditionally (unrestricted) to the church. To those people, thank you very much.

Although on initial inspection of the figures it may look as if we have a lot of money, the vast majority of it is tied up in various restricted and designated funds (96%), leaving only £6,188 with which to do as we please.

Over the past few years it has been common practise to allocate 5% of rental income to the Fabric Fund. Despite also allocating 10% of the sale of Sheldon Road to the Fabric Fund, this has proved to be an inadequate amount, even just to cover essential repairs, such as the boiler failure or the repair needed to the back door. Consequently, we have decided to start allocating 10% of rental income to the fabric fund.

During 2024 we also started an Energy Designated Fund. This was in response to wildly inaccurate estimated bills from our Electricity provider, irregular billing from our gas supplier and the usual seasonal fluctuations in energy usage. We prudently allocated £700 a month, now that the full year has completed, £4,000 has been returned to unrestricted funds and the monthly allocation reduced to £550.

Income: Our income sources are primarily from voluntary unrestricted giving (£38,583 (£38,295 in 2023)) and the renting out of our rooms (£34,190 (£32,150 in 2023)). Encouragingly, we have not seen so many people leave us this past year and indeed have added to the number of people contributing. Hence I remain upbeat regarding our income for 2025.

Expenditure: As last year, our big expenditure items were Parish Share (£42,861 (£39,600 in 2023)), electricity (£1,330 (£9,700 in 2023)), repairs and maintenance (£10,327 (£16,200 in 2023)) and cleaning costs (£15,473 (£13,400 in 2023)). The outlook for the coming year is to increase our income from room rentals, and our giving, to give us a little extra finance to share our Good News throughout the community, providing a vibrant and attractive focal point for our work.

Parish Share:

Last year we pledged to meet the Dioceses request for £42,860 in 2024. We met this target. 2025's request is for £43,003, a very reasonable 0.3% increase. We intend to pay in full again this year.

FoodBox at St. Peter's: It is unfortunate to report that this service remains necessary. Indeed, a waiting list has developed. Income from grants and donations topped £28,900 in the past year with expenditure at £27,964. Mr Macawber is happy for them.

Cornerstone Fund: The Cornerstone fund has remained static over the year, earning a modest amount of interest (£6,504), largely balanced by various professional fees (£3,547). The looming expense of the Peter Window will be our biggest financial concern for the foreseeable future.

Conclusion: There are signs that we may have started turning a corner. Last year my conclusion to the annual report was 'concerning' as we were running a slight deficit. This year we turned a modest surplus and I am full of hope. How fine is the line between misery and happiness to which Mr Macawber alludes.

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I would like to thank all those who have helped the Treasury team this year, with particular thanks to Ivan Hurcum for his continued weekly processing of any income to St Peters and the annual Tax Reclaim from the taxman. But my biggest thanks goes to those of you who contribute to the life of St Peters, not only those

who give financially so generously, but also those who give their time, talents and prayers to this community. Without this we would be poor, no matter what our balance sheet states.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hurcum', is centered within a rectangular box. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Matthew Hurcum PCC Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM: Donations and Legacies Regular giving Receipts from donors

	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Funds (Note 8)	Total 2024	Total 2023
Planned giving	£24,274		£1,125	£25,399	£24,464
Collections other than planned giving	£6,092		£80.00	£6,172	£5,851
Income tax recovered	£8,218		£1,206	£9,424	£8,105
Grants	£5,478	£500		£5,978	£4104
	<u>£44,061</u>	<u>£500</u>	<u>£2,411</u>	<u>£46,972</u>	<u>£42,524</u>

Other Donations and Legacies (note 2)	£2,932		£27,037	£30,570	£19,434
Income from Charitable Activities (note 3)	£2,979	£70		£3,049	£3,922
Other Trading Activities (note 4)	£35,180		£601	£35,180	£34,074
	<u>£41,091</u>	<u>£70</u>	<u>£27,638</u>	<u>£68,799</u>	<u>£57,430</u>

Total Deposited into Bank	<u>£85,152</u>	<u>£570</u>	<u>£30,049</u>	<u>£115,771</u>	<u>£99,954</u>
Income from Investments (note 5)	£352		£6,504	£6,856	<u>£4,037</u>
Total Income and Endowments	<u>£85,504</u>	<u>£570</u>	<u>£36,553</u>	<u>£122,627</u>	<u>£103,992</u>

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EXPENDITURE ON:

	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Funds (Note 8)	Total 2024	Total 2023
Expenditure on Charitable Activities (note 6)			£29,299	£29,299¹	<u>£2,754</u>
Parish Share	£42,861			£42,861	£39,600
Other Expenditure (note 7)	£36,484	£7,882	£4,770	£49,137	£64,518
Total Expenditure from Bank Account	<u>£79,345</u>	<u>£7,882</u>	<u>£34,069</u>	<u>£121,296</u>	<u>£106,872</u>

	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Funds (Note 8)	Total 2024	Total 2023
Net income/(expenditure)	£6,160	(£7,312)	£2,484	£1,331	(£2,880)
Transfers between funds	£1,274	£9,900	(£11,174)	£0	
Net movement in funds	£7,434	£2,588	(£8,690)	£1,331	(£2,880)
Add back net movement in unrepresented cheques (note 8)	£0	£0	£0		£0
Net Assets 1st January	£4,703	£8,000	<u>£141,298</u>	£154,001	£156,881
Net Assets 31st December	<u>£12,137</u>	<u>£10,588</u>	<u>£132,608</u>	<u>£155,332</u>	<u>£154,001</u>

Notes:

¹ In previous years Foodbox expenditure was listed under 'Other Expenditure'. This accounts for the shift in expenditure to 'Expenditure on Charitable Activities' from 'Other Expenditure'.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Restricted & Unrestricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Cash Funds			
HSBC current account	£8,206	£8,206	£19,057
HSBC deposit account	£19,102	£19,102	£11,250
CCLA Investment Fund	£128,339	£128,339	£123,759
Cash Floats	£85	£85	£85
Total Assets	£155,732	£155,732	£154,151
Liabilities	£400 ²	£400	£150 ¹
Net Assets	£155,332	£155,332	<u>£154,001</u>

¹ £150 held in trust. £75 each for Sightsavers and Embrace The Middle East

² £400 held in trust for The Leprosy Mission.

The attached notes on pages 5 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the PCC 24th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by Rev Simon Dunn (PCC Chair) and Nigel Fuller (PCC Secretary)



Rev Simon Dunn (PCC Chair)



Nigel Fuller (PCC Secretary)

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1. Notes

- (i) The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. These financial statements have also applied the guidance from the new Charities SORP (FRS102) that is effective for all year ends from 31 December 2015 onwards and replaces the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005).
- (ii) These financial statements are prepared using the receipts and payments basis and as such exclude income earned during the financial year that have not been received as at 31 December as well as amounts owing from obligations entered into during the financial year for which payments have not been raised. In particular this applies to donations towards Sightsavers and Embrace The Middle East which were received during December 2023 but had not been forwarded to the charities until January 2024.
- (iii) The funds specified on page 4 represent all the funds of the PCC including those which are subject to special restrictions regarding their use.

The PCC is committed to maintaining an £8,000 minimum reserve representing three months essential expenditure, which is held within the HSBC current and deposit accounts. The level of the minimum reserve will be decided annually by the PCC. It is a requirement to have a contingency plan to restore funds to the minimum reserve level should ever the situation arise.

- (iv) Assets recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities include:

- Moveable church furnishings held by the Church Warden on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
- Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment of which the PCC is free to dispose of without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1,000.

- (v) Expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion that relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.

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2. Other donations and legacies

	2024	2023
To Restricted Funds:		
Cornerstone Fund donations	£160	
AED Fund (from Wednesday coffee income)	£601	£495
LIGHT service		£448
Friendship Lunch		£100
Wiltshire Council for "Foodbox"	£15000	£5,000
Borough Lands for "Foodbox" (3 grants)	£2700	£3,500
Chippenham Lions for "Foodbox"		£1,520
Sutton Bengel Beer & Sausage Festival for "Foodbox"		£1,500
St Andrews PCC for "Foodbox"	£500	£500
Neighbourly Grant for "Foodbox"	£1000	£1,000
Arnold Clark community fund for "Foodbox"	£2500	
Wiltshire Community Foundation for "Foodbox"	£3000	
Rowde Community Shop for "Foodbox"	£637	
Station Hill Baptist Church for "Foodbox"	£200	
Other donors for "Foodbox"	£1340	£2,654
	<u>£27,638</u>	<u>£16,717</u>
To Unrestricted Funds:		
Craft Day		£37
Angela Hurcum (Marmalade sales)		£57
Daphne Field (cards)		£103
Bev Webb (Sale of Christmas Cakes)		£165
Sale of Votive candles		£91
Keynenburg & Morgan		£100
Collection for Andrew's Leaving Presentation		£606
Bequests (Terry Bate)		£1,000
Sunday Coffee Fund net		£485
Other donations		£73
Collection from funeral of Z Williams	£38	
Donation from Toddlers	£96	
Donation from Lunch Club	£200	
Donation from Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust	£163	
Donation from St Cyriacs (Simon's party)	£514	
Remnants of Flower fund	£22	
In Memory of...Pitchfords	£400	
In Memory of...Tolcher	£500	
In Memory of...Thompson	£1000	
	<u>£2,932</u>	<u>£2,717</u>
Total	<u>£30,570</u>	<u>£19,434</u>

3. Income from Charitable Activities

	2024	2023
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Fundraising for general purposes		
Summer fete (BBQ)	£998	£730
Funeral collections for St. Peter's Church (Kath Bollen)		£80
Use of photocopier		£1
Poems, Puddings and Punch	£330	
Harvest Lunch	£231	
Rock Around the Christmas Tree	£140	
Wedding/Banns Fees	£162	
Funeral Fees	£1,118	
	<u>£2,979</u>	<u>£811</u>
Fundraising for specific purposes		
Energy Fund (part of Funeral Fee)	£50	
Clergy Expense Fund (part of Funeral Fee)	£20	
Christian Aid	See Note at end of Accounts	£25
Sight Savers		£195
Send a Cow (The Ripple Effect)		£409
Leprosy Mission		£308
Embrace The Middle East		£75
Funeral donations for charities		£515
Wiltshire Historic Churches		£236
Dorothy House (D. Pitchford)		£251
Guide Dogs Blind		
Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute		
McMillan Cancer		
Action on Poverty		
Cancer Research		£296
Ride & Stride		£473
Alzheimers Research (V. Adcock)		£278
Stroke Association		£50
	<u>£70</u>	<u>£3,111</u>
Total	<u>£3,049</u>	<u>£3,922</u>

4. Other trading

	2024	2023
Lord's Mead Playgroup rent	£23,201	£20,052
Other Hall Lettings	£10,989	£12,098
Sunday Coffee	£797	
Votive Candle sales	£142	
Homemade goods	£51	
Wedding/Banns Fees		£99
Funeral Fees		£1825
	<u>£35,180</u>	<u>£34,074</u>

5. Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
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	Designated Funds	Funds		
Interest on CBF Account		£6,504	£6,504	£3,894
Interest on Deposit Account	£352		£352	£143
			<u>£6,856</u>	<u>£4,037</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	2024	2023
Send a Cow (The Ripple Effect)	See Note at end of Accounts	£409
Sight Savers		£120
Christian Aid		£25
Embrace Middle East		
Prostate Cancer UK (John Webb)		£202
Leprosy Mission		£308
MacMillan Nurses		£296
Wiltshire Historic Churches		£473
Dementia UK (Jean Robbins)		£55
Deanery Synod subscription		£30
Dorothy House (Jean Robbins/Dorothy Pitchford)		£306
Alzheimer's Association (Violet. Adcock)		£278
Wiltshire Air Ambulance (John Webb)		£202
Stroke Association		£50
Foodbox Expenses	£28,758	
Light Service Expenses (Transport for Disabled)	£541	
Total	<u>£29,299</u>	<u>£2,754</u>

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7. Other expenditure

	2024	2023
Clergy Expenses¹		
Expenses	£2,403	£111
Visiting preachers	£736	£1,366
Other Service Costs	£140	
	<u>£3,279</u>	<u>£1,477</u>
Benefice fees	<u>£518</u>	<u>£393</u>
Church Maintenance and Running Expenses		
Electricity	£1,330	£9,827
Gas	£4,150	£0
Insurance	£2,154	£2,121
Grass cutting	£600	£650
Repairs and maintenance	£10,327	£13,882
Imperial Cleaning Services	£15,473	£14,666
Refuse collection	£1,051	£975
Fire extinguishers	£316	£642
Chair Cleaning		£520
Boiler Servicing	£198	£102
LED Replacement Lighting		£234
Lightening Conductor Test		£72
Defibrillator Service fee	£2,160	
	<u>£37,759</u>	<u>£43,690</u>
Church Management and Administration		
Photocopier costs	£1,554	£1,135
Stationery	£82	£110
Computer and software	£457	£848
Telephone	£403	£717
Contactless processing fees	£11	£1
Bank charges	£141	£157
Confidential Shredding	£10	
Hospitality	£275	
Deanery Fees	£60	
Total	<u>£2,991</u>	<u>£2,967</u>
Support costs		
Altar Requisites	£263	£241
Service books/music		£95
Candles/batteries etc	£74	£145
Flowers expenses		£23
Copyright fees	£396	£416
Organ and Piano tuning		
Organist fees		

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Verger fees		
Kitchen Equipment purchases		£394
First Aid Courses		£24
Other	£309	£421
Pastoral Committee expenses		
LIGHT service (H) expenses		£712
Foodbox (I) expenses ²		£7,732
Cornerstone Expenses	£3,547	£4,124
Presentation to Rev Andrew Gubbins (outgoing incumbent)		£614
Church Times Advertisement		£1,050
	<u>£4,589</u>	<u>£15,597</u>
	<u>£49,137</u>	<u>£64,124</u>

¹: The increase in Clergy expenses is due to the end of our interregnum and appointment of a new Priest in Charge and Curate.

² Increase in Foodbox expenditure from £7,732 to £28,758 (listed in Note 6) was due to a significant amount of expense incurred in 2023, but not claimed until 2024.

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8. Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds year-ended 31/12/2024

	A	B	C	D	E	
	Cornerstone Fund	Foodbox	LIGHT Service	AED Fund	Friendship Lunch	Totals
Balance at 01/01/2023						
All Accounts combined	£123,759	£14,417	£1,499	£1,123	£500	
	£123,759	£14,417	£1,499	£1,123	£500	£141,298
Income	£160	£28,908	£380	£601	£0	£30,049
Interest received	£6,504	£0	£0	£0	£0	£6,504
Expenses	£3,547	£28,758	£541	£1,223	£0.00	£34,069
Transfers from/to unrestricted funds	-£10,974	£0	£0	£0	-£200	-£11,174
Total movements in year	-£7,858	£151	-£161	-£622	-£200	-£8,690
Balance at 31/12/2023						
All Accounts combined	£115,902	£14,568	£1,338	£501	£300	£132,608
Total Restricted Funds	£115,902	£14,568	£1,338	£501	£300	£132,608

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Notes:

Restricted Funds in St. Peter's are set out above. All the figures have been provided and confirmed by the designated organisers of the respective funds.

- A. Cornerstone Fund:** This Central Board of Finance account comprises various donations and fund-raising proceeds specifically for the "Cornerstone Project". Proceeds from the sale of Sheldon Road were deposited into this account. Note: 10% of the Sheldon Road proceeds (£10,974.29) have been transferred to the designated Fabric fund. Professional fees incurred for Cornerstone are paid from this account.
- B. Foodbox:** Various donations received from Wiltshire Council and others exclusively for Foodbox expenses for purchase of food.
- C. LIGHT service:** Administered via HSBC account. Donations received fund the expenses incurred, primarily for transport for the disabled.
- D. Sunday Coffee Fund:** Both cash transactions and contactless. Donations to Church funds less expenses.
- E. AED Fund:** Solely funded by the Wednesday coffee proceeds. Shortfall in funds required to maintain the AED made up from unrestricted funds
- F. Friendship Lunch Club:** Cash transactions only. Self-funded by members of the congregation for various social events. £200 donated to general funds

IMPORTANT NOTE

Guidance for Treasurers has been given that monies raised or collected for other organisations should not be included in the Church accounts. However, it would be remiss of us not to acknowledge those funds raised by the congregation for other worthy causes. Therefore I set out below what we have collected on behalf of other charities and organisations.

Sightsavers	£490.50
Embrace The Middle East	£82.50
Leprosy Mission	£400.00
Bishops Ordination Fund	£291.91
The Ripple Effect	£175.00
Christian Aid	£338.10
Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust	£325.00
Alzheimer's Society	£47.00
RSPCA	£50.00
TOTAL	£2,200.01

Note: It was unfortunate that the £400 raised for the Leprosy Mission never found its way to the charity. This was a genuine oversight on behalf of the Treasurer and was revealed whilst compiling these accounts. At the time of publication of these accounts, the £400 has been sent on to the Leprosy Mission.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St. Peter's Church, Chippenham, Parochial Church Council

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the
accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church.
(Chippenham).

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1131473 .

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity
("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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.

Independent examiner's
statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

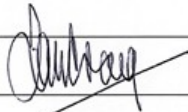
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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:



Date:

25th April 2024

Name:

IAIN CRAIG.

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

Past.
Fellow of Chartered Institute of Management
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FREEWILL OFFERING (FWO) Annual Report 2024

The following figures for 2024 exclude transactions concerned with FoodBox and the Light Service.

You will note how the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) has been increasing in numbers at the expense of the more traditional methods.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Number of participants / donors	40	43
Loose coin in Plate	£6,394	£4,981
Giving by standing order / envelopes	£19,997	£11,657
Giving by special donation (yellow envelopes)	£620	£900
Gift Aid Tax recovery	£7,346	£5,427
Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)	£4,046	£16,439
Contactless machine donations	-	£791
TOTAL	£38,403	£39,164

The result indicates a 2% increase in giving as a whole. However, the average annual giving per participant has decreased from £960 in 2023 to £910 in 2024.

I.B.Hurcum

FWO Secretary.

APCM - 2024 DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

1. **General:** The Deanery Synod met twice in 2024: 11th April and 28th November. Attendance averaged 20 representatives from the 7 benefices of the deanery.

St Peter's continues to have no lay Deanery Synod representative, and this report is provided in my role as secretary to the Deanery Synod and its Leadership Team.

2. **11 April Synod** – Synod received a presentation from Helen Lowther from **Safe Families** on their work which supports young families (often single parents and vulnerable), without family close at hand to offer appropriate support. Wiltshire had already identified 33 families currently in need of this assistance, including 7 in Chippenham. Safe Families have a contract with Wiltshire Council to help supply such support.

Other business included:

- a) **Clergy vacancies and appointments:** Licensing of Revd. Lynne Godfrey to St Peter's Lords Mead on 9 May 2024. It noted that the Greenways Benefice advert process for a new incumbent was in hand and that the Rev Benji Tyler would be licensed to St Andrews Chippenham on 21 April 2024.
- b) **EcoChurch Matters:** Revd Matt Stone from Lidbrook Group shared how he had discovered new faith expressions with God in countryside walks and activities during his curacy in North Wilts during covid season. He suggested working collaboratively across the Deanery to bring all the biblical events of God to life in our own settings.
- c) **Deanery Mission Area Plan;** Revd Simon Dunn gave an update of progress and plans

3. **28th November Synod** - Rt Revd Neil Warwick (Bishop of Swindon), Archdeacon Ven. Christopher Bryan and Associate Archdeacon Revd. Adam Beaumont were in attendance. Synod received a talk by Bishop Neil Warwick about his first twelve months in office and then took questions from attendees.

Archdeacon Christopher gave a presentation on the possible merging of the North Wilts and Chippenham Deaneries. Views were sought from the representatives present to be collated by Revd. Adam Beaumont

Julia Childerhouse (Diocesan Synod Rep) gave a brief report on the recent Diocesan Synod meeting which had addressed Makin Report (Safeguarding) and its impact, and also the pressures of lower Parish Share giving on the ability to pay for stipends

Other business included:

- a) **New Appointments:** Phil Townsend as a Deanery representative for the Diocesan Synod and Nick Childerhouse and Mary Clarke as Deanery Synod representatives for St Paul's and St Nicholas in the Greenways benefice respectively.
- b) **Mission Area Update:** interest had been expressed in the Mission Area Youth Work post. The Greenways Benefice post was to be re-advertised.
- c) **Farewell presentation & welcome:** This was the last synod as Area Dean for Sally Wheeler, and as Deanery Secretary for myself. We were thanked for our valued contributions to the life and work of the deanery over many years. The Synod also congratulated Revd. Marc Terry on his appointment as the next Area Dean.

Conclusion

4. As noted above, I have now stepped down as Deanery Secretary after 15 years of service. This makes the absence of a lay Deanery representative for St Peter's even more significant. If no one comes forward for the role, then the one remaining lay link that we have will be gone at an important time when the Chippenham Mission Plan is about to take off. If we want a lay voice in the implementation of the plan, to support Simon as its lead, please offer your services now.

Vivienne Fuller
Chippenham Deanery Secretary

April 2025

2024 Safeguarding Report for APCM meeting of St Peters Church

Despite the fact that I have been physically unable attend St Peters over the past year – I am totally committed to serving you all within the Safeguarding management & policies necessary to protect both children & adults.

Any Safeguarding policies needing to be addressed or reviewed, have been agreed & passed by our PCC. I have advised the PCC regarding all necessary Modules & Courses needed by all the people involved within the areas of their Safeguarding responsibilities for both children & adults - & to date, all necessary modules/courses have been completed by people within the requirement of their role. This has enabled us as a Church to achieve the highest level that is required within the Diocesan annual Audit. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work.

I also very much appreciate the help of both Joan Taylor-Gunston as Assistant Safeguarding Officer with responsibility for Children, & also Caroline Masters who has completely & regularly managed the DBS requirements.

I have updated the PCC for each of their Meetings through a written report, of any reports/safeguarding matters that I have been made aware of. Thankfully, there have been none of any gravity that needed to be redirected to any outside Agencies – other than discussion with a relevant person within the Diocese Office, for confirmation & support within the actions & support needed. I have been able to manage them “remotely” - & trust that you will all have the faith in me to continue this service, both to any vulnerable person in need of protection or help, & especially for our Church.

Bev Webb.
Parish Safeguarding Officer

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