

ST PETER'S CHURCH, EALING

**INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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Annual Report of St Peter’s PCC

The PCC members, in their capacity as trustees of the registered charity, present their annual report together with the financial statements of St Peter’s Church, Ealing for the year from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Background

St Peter’s Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for co-operating with the incumbent in the promotion of the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, within the ecclesiastical parish. In addition, it has maintenance responsibilities for the Church, Church Hall and grounds adjacent to and on the north side of the Church.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio; or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules. During 2024, the following served on the PCC:

Incumbent:	The Revd David Neno																													
Churchwardens:	Dr Richard Peatfield (2025) completion of 3 rd year Allison McAllister (2025) Commencement of 2 nd year																													
Reader (ex-officio):	Susan Peatfield																													
Deanery Synod Reps:	Saira Salimi (elected 2023-2026) Richard Martin (elected 2023-2026)																													
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At the PCC meeting of Sunday 21 April 2024 (held immediately after the APCM) Richard Peatfield was elected Vice-Chair of the PCC; and Christopher Harris was elected PCC Treasurer. Christopher Harris resigned in October 2024, his role being taken up by Homer Shahnamy who was co-opted and elected a member of the PCC under Church Representations Rules (2022) Rule M18 (2). The post of PCC Secretary was filled by Cornelia Harding.

The PCC operates through six committees that meet between full meetings of the PCC:

- **Standing Committee:** the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. The following served on the Standing Committee during 2024: Revd David Neno, Dr Richard Peatfield, Allison McAllister, Cornelia Harding; Christopher Harris (until October 2024); Homer Shahnamy (from October 2024).
- **Mission Committee:** The committee meets up to six times a year to agree its terms of reference; to discuss and evaluate mission opportunities within the life of the parish, to monitor the implementation of the Mission Action Plan, to help prepare a revised Mission Action Plan when required and agree the beneficiaries of charitable fund-raising events hosted by the parish. The following were appointed to the Mission Committee at the PCC meeting of Sunday 21 April 2024: Revd David Neno, Susan Peatfield, Allison McAllister, Cornelia Harding, Madeleine Morse and Sophia Bernard.

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- **Events Committee:** This committee meets up to six times a year to organise social events, some of which are linked with significant seasonal and/or liturgical occasions. Surpluses from social events may be given to charities agreed by the Mission Committee. The following were appointed to the Events Committee at the PCC meeting of Sunday 21 April 2024: Revd David Neno, Mark James, Sarah Hare, Anne Lazarow, Simon Baker; Rosanna Fullerton and Megan McAllister.
- **Finance & Stewardship Committee:** The committee meets a minimum of 4 times per year. This committee manages the church accounts and explores ways of improving stewardship and giving. The following were appointed to the Finance Committee at the PCC meeting of Sunday 21 April 2024: Linda Foster, Revd David Neno, Alexander Pridgeon; Christine Macallister, Christopher Harris (until October 2024); Homer Shahnamy (from October 2024); Catherine de Cintra and Dr Richard Peatfield. The PCC Treasurer reports the business of the committee at each PCC meeting.
- **Buildings and Grounds Committee:** This committee meets a minimum of four times a year. The committee's main concern is the maintenance and upkeep of the church fabric and grounds, ensuring the annual maintenance programme is carried out and the church and environs are kept in a presentable and safe state. The committee ensures the PCC adheres to all building regulations and safety requirements, working with the church architect and Archdeacon to complete the identified issues raised in the church Quinquennial Inspection report, and advising the PCC on all matters to do with health and safety. The following were appointed to the Buildings and Grounds Committee at the PCC meeting of Sunday 21 April 2024: Revd. David Neno, Ian Bradshaw, Dr Richard Peatfield, Alexander Pridgeon, Timothy Sheridan, Michael Grant and Richard Martin.
- **Safeguarding Committee:** this committee meets a minimum of twice a year to prepare the annual report to the APCM, to present the annually updated Parish Safeguarding Policy in line with the Diocese of London's Safeguarding guidelines, to nominate the Children's Champion and the Parish Safeguarding Officer for the year and to ensure all relevant parties are adequately trained and up to date with their licenses and legally required DBS checks. The Committee also reports to each PCC meeting. The Committee comprises Adam Grimley as the Parish Safeguarding Officer; Susan Peatfield as the Children's Champion; Allison McAllister and Dr Richard Peatfield as the nominated ID Evidence Checkers and Revd David Neno.

Vicar's Report

I was quite amazed and somewhat taken aback when it was pointed out in 2024 that I had become the second longest serving Parish Priest at St Peter's having entered my 13th year. Fr Kite served longer and because of Church rules on retirement I cannot outdo his legacy.

Fr Kite does interest me though. A dutiful, long serving servant of the parish who seems to have been a quiet, paced and steady hand at the parish tiller; and yet someone who has left his mark on the Parish, nearly a century after his retirement. Because of Fr Kite we have our beautiful Lady Chapel. Borne out of grief for the death of his son and those who came from the parish and gave their lives in service to the nation during the First World War. Because of the communities need to mourn and mark this part of our nation's history we are now trustees of a marvellous example of local art and artists whilst having a beautiful space set aside for prayer and worship.

Our building though is not set in stone (if you would pardon the pun). It develops and it needs repair and maintenance. This year we completed important repair work on the Church Hall, repairing a leaking kitchen roof, putting in new lighting, sound dampening and decorating the kitchen, toilets and entrance lobby. We also completed the repairs to the fire damage in the Lady Chapel.

The repairs to the Church Hall, along with the ceiling sound boards, new sheds and overhaul of the organ were only possible because of the generous legacy left us by Mark Hocking and Marlene Sladen. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We have also been developing links with some of our local schools. We have had a lovely relationship with Durston House for many years and we continue that relationship hosting the school's Spring Concert; Christmas Carol Service; class visits to the church and taking assemblies at the school. We continue to develop our relationship with Ada Lovelace Church of England High School in Park View. This year we have shared in holding Education Sunday, where the school choir has sung as part of the parish mass and students have read lessons and made presentations. Also, in 2024 Year 7 students held their first Carol Service at St Peter. Sadly, their Harvest Service, to be held in St Peter's, had to be relocated at school because of dreadful weather making walking to St Peter's impossible. The school

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chapel was finally completed this year and dedicated by Bishop Lusa Nsenga Ngoy, Bishop of Willesden; in celebration of which St Peter's presented the school with an engraved silver chalice & patten and a green chasuble with matching stole. St Peter's has also had the pleasure of hosting music exams for St Benedict's School along with their Spring Concert. Our church organ has also been used by students for music practice.

In our life together music continues to hold a special place. Mark James & David Blumlein have worked hard to broaden our repertoire. Through this work we have seen our choir grow and we now have the pleasure of Helena Ramsden as our organ scholar and a choir boasting over twenty voices on a good day.

In our life of worship, we have enjoyed good and well attended festivals and feasts with growing numbers at Sunday Mass; good attendance figures at Easter and Christmas with lots of new faces and members. Average Sunday attendance figures have finally returned to pre-COVID levels and with prayer and welcoming fellowship this trend in the power of the Holy Spirit can only continue.

We have also seen growth in our children's work. Pebbles, our twice monthly service for 0–5-year-old children led by Simon and Robina Baker, now has about a dozen regular families attending creating lots of lovely noise and fellowship whilst learning about prayer and the key bible stories. Steppingstones, our 5–11-year-old programme has finally been relaunched. Led by Emily Martin and supported by Maria Yeadon and Edith Ho we are attempting to hold a meeting twice a month in term time. Steppingstones has been well received by our younger members. Our aim is to build this back up to a weekly meeting during term time, so more helpers and leaders needed.

In Lent 2024 we ran a course entitled 'Reflecting on the Passion'; a home-grown course which looked at the different passion narratives within each of the gospels whilst also exploring the nature, history and purpose behind each of the Gospels which are all quite different even though they tell the same story. For Lent we also held weekly Stations of the Cross and Compline online, all of which led to a prayerful Triduum and glorious Easter celebration. During Advent 2024 we studied, 'Do Not Be Afraid' the Archbishop of York's Advent Book for 2024. Written by The Ven. Rachel Mann, Archdeacon of Salford, it provoked much discussion.

Throughout the year our regular fixtures continued aiming to encourage fellowship and friendship in our Christian community: Best Feet Forward; Amnesty Letter Writing Group; Ivy Café; Choir; Chat & Craft; Book Club; Men's Beer & Curry.

As our Nursery re-opened in September after their summer break and now being under new management, it is able to offer a full-time service. This has meant our regular Ivy Café has been relocated to the West end of the Church building. The relocation of our group had begun whilst the roof works were undertaken in the hall. This change in use both in the hall and the West end of the church has encouraged us to reflect more on how we might better use our building and the limited space it offers.

St Peter's continues to do what it can to offer support to our wider community. We continue to be a collection point for Ealing Foodbank having collected well over 400kg of food and toiletries in 2024. St Peter's also played a key role in reinstating the work of Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter, hosting our guests on Thursday evenings and nights before Christmas, supported by a team of near 50 volunteers ably managed by Roland Stumpf and Adam Grimley.

The worship life of St Peter's continues to be Eucharistically centred, enhanced by a vibrant musical element and a growing serving team. Many thanks to Megan McAllister and Val Stephens for their help and support in making this happen. Not only do we have the joys of a full serving team most Sundays we also have the joy of wonderful choral offerings each week. Alongside this we have a small but enthusiastic Youth Choir, coached and encouraged by Alexander Pridgeon. If that wasn't already brilliant, we do occasionally have the pleasure of addition instrumental accompaniment from our own instrumentalists.

It was a past tradition at St Peter's to hold a daily mass. This is no longer reasonable to offer. However, originally as part of our Advent offering, we launched a lunch time mass on Tuesday. This has attracted

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a small but dedicated group which has meant we have decided to continue the provision. It is hoped, over time, that others who maybe work from home or find themselves in the area at 12 noon on a Tuesday may begin to find value in sharing in this short, peaceful act of worship.

As mentioned, the new owners of the New World Montessori Nursery that meets in our church hall has extended its hours to offering full time nursery provision, 9am-3.30pm Monday to Friday. Sadly, this meant we lost our Kumon Maths Group that had been meeting in our church hall for more than 25 years. However, the extension of nursery hours has had a positive impact on church finances.

This year's Harvest Fayre was a great success; as was our Candlemas Barn Dance, Easter Breakfast, APCM bring and share lunch, Parish Barbecue in the Vicarage Garden, the Sparklers party for our younger members and the mulled wine after the Parish Carol service.

As Area Dean of Ealing, I have had a larger role to play in the Civic life of Ealing Borough. The Mayor's Office has called upon me to help organise and run the Civic Remembrance Service on Remembrance Sunday and Holocaust Memorial Day in January. I have also been asked to organise the Mayor's Civic Service with Christ the Saviour Church and Fr Richard Collins. As Area Dean I have also been asked to join the newly formed Faith Leader's Forum Steering Group, hosted by the Borough Council. In the role of Area Dean, I have had the honour and privilege of being involved in the selection and induction of several new incumbents, especially the new clergy at St Stephen's and St Barnabas. It has been a joy to welcome Revd David Baylor and Revd Sarah Howard Jones to the neighbourhood and I very much look forward to working with them.

It is with sadness we also mark the passing of some good friends. This year we lost Pam Jones and Christine Neyman, two long standing members of our congregation who are very much missed. We also said farewell to our dear friend and colleague Fr Harold Stringer. Fr Harold has been commemorated by the planting of a tree outside No67 Mount Park Road.

As you can see, it has been a very full year. As usual I encourage you to read the reports published in this booklet. They will give you more detail and a better idea of the breadth of parish life here at St Peter's, Ealing. Having said that we are always keen to do more; to encourage you in your relationship with God and God's Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. We are always keen to find new ways to encourage you in your life of faith, prayer, worship and fellowship so that you may deepen your life in Christ and play your part in helping others to come to know the Lord. For in everything we do in word or deed do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:17)

Thank you

As I add each year, the Chair's report is an opportunity to say thank you to several people publicly.

And so, I begin by thanking our churchwardens, something I do every time we come to the APCM and will very happily continue to do. Thank you to Allison and Richard. They work diligently to keep us organised, to keep the wheels of the parish turning and to keep the Vicar on the straight and narrow. Thank you to Lesley, our administrator, who really makes my life so much easier and the running of the parish much smoother. Her support and forbearance as always are invaluable. To Val Stephens who supports our life of worship behind the scenes as our church sacristan. Thank you to our Ministry Team, Susan and Margaret. It is with sadness we note Fr Harold has passed into glory. He was a great fount of wisdom with a wonderful sense of humour and fun. We truly miss him. Thank you to Chris our treasurer, it was with sadness we had to accept his early resignation. We offer hearty thanks to Homer Shahnamy who has taken up the reigns with additional thanks to Catherine de Cintra who has taken on the role of bookkeeper and is a great help in the running of the parish accounts. Thank you to Cornelia who has continued in her role as PCC secretary as well as taking a larger part in parish life. Sadly, Cornelia will be relinquishing the role of secretary at this APCM, so we are looking for a new officer to fill that vital role. Thank you to our PCC members, Safeguarding Team, our servers, welcomers, choir members, especially Mark James our Director of Music and David Blumlein our Choir Leader, our flower arrangers and Events, Finance and Stewardship, Mission, Buildings and Grounds team Members.

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Rosanna Fullerton and the team who run the Ivy Café and offer a valuable space for friendship and fellowship. As I get to say each year, the list is wonderfully huge.

Public Benefit Statement

In producing their assessment of the benefit to the public provided by the charity, the trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefits, Charities and Public benefit. St Peter's Church is governed, as are all churches of the Church of England, by the Church Representation Rules 2022, the Canons of the Church of England, and the Book of Common Prayer.

Church Attendance

There were 109 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, as declared at the APCM held on 21st April 2024. Average attendance during the year was 58 adults and 18 children; Christmas congregant figures were 125 adults and 44 children at Christingle, 74 adults and 1 child at midnight mass and 9 children with 68 adults at Christmas Day Mass. At Easter 17 adults attended the Dawn Mass with 18 children and 85 adults at the Easter Day Mass. The Church in normal circumstances is open daily between 8.30am and 5.30pm or dusk whichever is earliest.

Uniformed Organisations

St Peter's is affiliated to the following uniformed organisations: 1st Ealing North Beavers; 1st Ealing North Cubs; 4th Ealing Brownies; and 4th Ealing Guides.

Review of the Year

St Peter's PCC met seven times during the year, as follows:

January 2024: Reported at this meeting that all PCC Safeguarding training had now been completed. Accounts preparation for the APCM 2024 was in hand. There was discussion about the repairs to the church hall roof. Acoustic panels were to be installed in the church hall. Church Together in Central Ealing was to close during this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Work on the new Mission Action Plan 2025-8 was launched. To mark the consecration of Ada Lovelace school chapel it was agreed to raise funds for a new chalice and patten for the school. The PCC discussed the use of Prayers of Love and Faith (PLF) as advised by General Synod. PCC agreed to their use should the situation arise. The meeting noted the large number of vacancies in Ealing Deanery parishes and the added pressure on the workload of Fr David who is Area Dean of Ealing.

March 2024: This shorter meeting was held to agree the annual accounts in preparation for our APCM later in April.

April 2024: This is the short meeting held after the APCM to elect officers for the coming year and to agree/note the key dates for 2024-25.

May 2024: This meeting was part of an away day held in the parish hall. We agreed the project of a memorial bookcase in memory of Cicely and Maurice Pratt to be given by their family. Catherine de Cintra was appointed as the Parish Bookkeeper to help and support the parish treasurer. Committee membership was confirmed. Safeguarding report stated, as a parish, we had reached level 3 in the National Safeguarding Dashboard rankings.

July 2024: it was reported we had another arson attack, this time on the new storage sheds. It was noted the Montessori Nursery will be moving to full-time in September 2024. Roof repair works began this month with a completion date of September 2024. Quinquennial Inspection Report (QI) and Electrical Installation Condition Report (EIRC) were received and action points noted. The church hall cleaners had been discovered defrauding the parish, claiming hours they did not clean. Area Manager and cleaners have been sacked. Our cleaning company have a promise this won't happen again. Agreed to pay Common Fund request from the Diocese of £100,000 in 2025.

September 2024. Montessori nursery started back this autumn term fulltime with an increased annual rent of £40k. Church Hall roof repairs have been completed. The builders repaired the fire damage to the sheds pro-bono. Free new hall cooker received from Range Cooker Show Room, Rayners Lane. Began roll out of Parish Giving Scheme, starting with the Standing Committee. PCC encouraged to move over to scheme by Christmas 2024 with congregation being encouraged to change over in the New Year. Re launch of Steppingstones programme for 5-11yr old members was welcomed. Meeting noted Susan Peatfield had begun the Caleb training for ordination. This is a programme designed for maturer vocations. Also noted with sadness the passing of Revd Harold Stringer who had been on St Peter's staff since his retirement some twenty years ago. He will be very much missed.

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November 2024. New shelving has been put up in the Church Hall store cupboard and new lighting in the main hall, toilets, kitchen and link corridor of the church hall. Angela Coleman (Willesden Area Safeguarding Adviser) carried out an audit with Fr David and Adam Grimley. Mission Team offered a revamped Mission Action Plan 2025-8. The parish launched the Organ Scholarship with Helena Ramsden as its first recipient. Advent and Christmas programme for 2024 was published and reported planned Education Sunday with Ada Lovelace School and Yr 7 Carol Service. In memory of Fr Harold, the PCC have applied for a tree to be planted outside no67 Mount Park Road by Ealing Borough Council.

Significant Events in 2024

This seems to have been a year of building works. New storage sheds were put up in the courtyard; the roof to the kitchen, toilets and link corridor in the church hall were repaired; acoustic boards were put up in the church hall vastly improving the acoustics; thanks to Ian Bradshaw new light fittings were put up in the hall, kitchen, toilets and link corridor greatly improving the lighting. With a generous gift from Range Cookers Showroom, Rayners Lane we received a brand new, £7k electric range cooker. All of which is fantastic news, but it then does show up the tired character of the toilet provision and kitchen fittings. The toilets, kitchen and link corridor were all freshly painted, but these will remain our next big project. Though as we say church buildings and maintenance are rather like the Forth Bridge, never-ending.

We are always looking to improve provision for all our members. It was with joy then we were able to relaunch Steppingstones, our provision for 5-11year olds, in the September. A limited offering at present of two sessions a month during term time, the hope is we will be able to increase provision as we gain more helpers and leaders. Pebbles continue to grow, providing two sessions a month for our 0-5year olds. By the end of the year, we had the pleasure of welcoming 12-15 new families, though not all at the same time.

Music provision at St Peter's also continues to grow. We welcomed Helena Ramsden as our organ scholar. She has now passed her entrance exams and hopes to go up to Oxford in September 2025. The choir has numerically grown and so has been able to develop its repertoire. We have then been able to enjoy choral offerings for all our major services and a splendid Carol Service.

We were able to offer hospitality to local homeless through Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter on Thursday evenings in December again. We could only do this with the leadership of Adam & Lou Grimley and Roland & Zoe Stumpf along with nearly 50 volunteers who provided food and support, setting up, making beds, serving, washing up and just being there to befriend. We have also supported Ealing Foodbank, being a collection point and collecting over 400kg of food and toiletries in the year. St Peter's also raised finances for Macmillan Cancer Care; WaterAid, Embrace the Middle East and the Children Society amongst others.

Having offered an address at last year's Civic Remembrance Service Fr David was asked to help plan and run this year's service. He had also been asked to join the Ealing Borough Multifaith Forum and help prepare the Holocaust Memorial service for 2025. As Area Dean Fr David was also involved in the induction services for the new incumbents of St Stephen's Ealing and St Barnabas, Pitshanger whilst overseeing a further seven interregna. He has been very grateful for the support of Revd Dr Margaret Joachim and Mrs Susan Peatfield in carrying out these duties.

It was with a heavy heart we said farewell to two of our members in 2024. Pam Jones died in June and Christine Neyman in December.

We have also had times of joy together with dancing and singing. We continue to celebrate being the body of Christ in this small corner of God's great and glorious garden of creation.
Revd David Neno, Vicar

Safeguarding Report 2025

The Safeguarding Team continued our programme of meetings, ensuring the PCC are kept abreast of developments in the care and wellbeing of our community. The Team of Allison McAllister, Susan and Richard Peatfield and Adam Grimley work with Fr David to keep a watching brief on those who are DBS checked and check those who are taking on new roles or are due to renew their certification. This year

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we have had a diocesan safeguarding visit, some of us have done new training, and we've continued to use the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard, which highlights particular areas to focus on.

Adam Grimley, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Report from the Churchwardens

This report covers the calendar year ending 31 December 2024.

We have continued the programme of repair and conservation of the fabric of the church and its buildings. All the fire appliances and the lightning conductors have been checked, and we will be implementing the urgent recommendations in the quinquennial electrical safety check. Ian Howe again cleared the leaves from the gutters and downpipes in November. Mr Tim Gough, the new Church architect undertook the overdue Quinquennial Inspection Report early in 2024. We hope to arrange repointing of the church brickwork during this year and will be implementing his other recommendations as funds permit.

The Lady Chapel altar, reredos and tabernacle have now been beautifully restored following the arson attack in October 2022. We have also refixed the two framed War Memorial plaques in the Lady Chapel, and we plan to display the ongoing memorial book on the other side of the Chapel, in a new case kindly donated in memory of Cicely and Maurice Pratt. The lighting above the organ console has been updated, and Mark James has been able to arrange a few organ recitals on the restored instrument. Helena Ramsden has been appointed as Organ Scholar. We have been able to fund and donate a chalice, paten, chasuble and stole for the new chapel at the Ada Lovelace school, which is in our parish.

The flat roofs of the link corridor, the lavatories and the kitchen were fully reconstructed during the school summer holiday, and the kitchen has been redecorated, funded from the legacies received from Marlene Sladen and Mary Hocking. We are very grateful for the gift of a splendid new cooker, and we plan to replace the kitchen floor this year. The Montessori school now uses the hall full-time, which has significantly increased our income.

The Revd Harold Stringer, who had contributed enormously to the parish throughout his retirement, had died on 22nd August 2024, and St Peter's was well represented at his Memorial Service held in St John's Notting Hill on 13th September. He had wanted trees planted in his memory, and the Ealing Borough authorities have agreed to plant one outside 67 Mount Park Road during spring 2025.

We have ensured that we maintain the highest safeguarding standards for all church activities.

The increasing number of worshippers at both routine Sundays and church festivals continues to be a real tribute to our Vicar's ministry and influence; the 'Pebbles' services for very young children and their parents has been thriving. The Wednesday 'Ivy Café' continues to be very well attended. We remain particularly grateful to Lesley Brooks for filling the role of Administrator with exemplary efficiency.

Richard Peatfield and Allison McAllister
Churchwardens

Treasurer's Report and financial review

As I've settled into the role of Treasurer since the end of October last year, it has been a steep yet rewarding learning experience. I've gained a tremendous amount of insight into the financial workings of our church, and I'm truly grateful for the support and encouragement I've received throughout this time.

Our total income for 2024 came in just under £200,000, representing a 30% increase compared to the previous year, 2023. This is a very positive step forward and reflects the extraordinary generosity of our congregation. Income has come from a range of sources, including stewardship donations, collections, rental income from the Church Hall and gift aid. This is a testament to the hard work of the Missions Team, who were instrumental in achieving this growth.

Although income has grown, total expenditure for the year reached nearly £307,000. A substantial portion of this was used for essential and costly repairs and maintenance of the Church Hall, which

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accounted for the majority of our spending in 2024. As a result, we ended the year with a deficit of £107,000, as overall expenditure continued to exceed income - this follows the deficit in 2023.

However, these deficits have only been possible owing to the generous legacies from previous years. From 2025 onwards, we do not anticipate any major projects unless unexpected or emergency issues arise. By remaining cautious and focusing only on essential spending, we hope to limit the projected deficit for 2025 to around £12,000.

At 31 December 2024 the balance on unrestricted funds was £453,200 with restricted funds having a balance carried forward of £13,168. There were no unrestricted free reserves (based on the general fund less the value of tangible assets within it) a significant decrease compared to value held at 31 December 2023 of £91,165 which was sufficient to cover 4 months of general fund expenditure. A transfer of £10,000 from the Designated Operating Reserves fund has been made and is reflected in these accounts and in 2025 the general fund will be boosted by £15,895 which will be credited to it when a grant is received from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme.

At 31 December 2024 there is a remaining balance of £40,000 on the designated fund established to act as an additional reserve to call upon in case of an emergency

I would like to thank Catherine de Cinta—her accounting knowledge, dedication, and attention to detail have been invaluable throughout this process. I'm also very grateful to Linda Foster and Chris Harris, our previous treasurers, for their guidance and support in helping me transition into this role.

Finally, thank you to all parishioners for your ongoing generosity, encouragement, and faith in our shared mission. And to the Vicar, for trusting me with this responsibility.

Homer Shahnamy,
Treasurer

This report was approved by the PCC on Sunday 6 April 2025

and signed on their behalf by:



Rev'd David Neno, Chair of PCC

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of St Peter's Church, Ealing ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Richard Hill

Signed:

Richard Hill

10/4/2025

Dated:

FCA

Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co

Chartered Accountants

21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street

London

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ST PETER'S CHURCH, EALING

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	144,375	3,892	148,267	113,140
Church activities including use of buildings	4	33,026	-	33,026	32,407
Income from other activities	5	1,068	-	1,068	2,834
Bank interest		1,737	-	1,737	2,650
Insurance claim payout		-	15,713	15,713	-
Total income		180,206	19,605	199,811	151,031
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	286,759	20,055	306,814	286,404
Total expenditure		286,759	20,055	306,814	286,404
Net movement in funds		(106,553)	(450)	(107,003)	(135,373)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		546,585	13,618	560,203	695,576
Net movement in funds		(106,553)	(450)	(107,003)	(135,373)
Total funds carried forward		440,032	13,168	453,200	560,203

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 4 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	401,733	405,420
		<u>401,733</u>	<u>405,420</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	21,614	10,837
Cash at bank and in hand		34,713	148,274
		<u>56,327</u>	<u>159,111</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(4,860)	(4,328)
Net current assets		<u>51,467</u>	<u>154,783</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>453,200</u>	<u>560,203</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>453,200</u>	<u>560,203</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>453,200</u></u>	<u><u>560,203</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	13,168	13,618
Unrestricted funds	13	440,032	546,585
Total funds		<u><u>453,200</u></u>	<u><u>560,203</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Rev'd David Neno
(Chair of Trustees)
Date: 9 April 2025

The notes on pages 4 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

ST PETER'S CHURCH, EALING

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. General information

St Peter's Church is an Anglican parish church based in Ealing located at Mount Park Road, North Ealing, London W5 2RU. A description of the nature of the charity's operations and its principal activities can be found in the Annual Report of the PCC.

2. Accounting policies**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

St Peter's Church, Ealing meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by section 10(2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. For such alienable property there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings or on repair or replacement of church furnishings is expensed within the Statement of Financial Activities

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

No depreciation is being charged on the land and buildings as it is considered immaterial in the context of the financial statements.

Depreciation on specific categories of fixed assets is being charged on a straight-line basis over the number of years shown below:

Audio visual equipment	- 4 years
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2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from donations, grants and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations and gift aid			
Standing orders	101,393	-	101,393
General collections	15,036	-	15,036
Gift aid recoverable	16,862	-	16,862
Total income from donations and gift aid	133,291	-	133,291
Listed place of Worship grants	11,084	3,892	14,976
Subtotal	11,084	3,892	14,976
Total 2024	144,375	3,892	148,267

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations and gift aid		
Standing orders	85,983	85,983
General collections	13,893	13,893
Gift aid recoverable	13,264	13,264
Total income from donations and gift aid	113,140	113,140
Total 2023	113,140	113,140

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4. Income from church activities and use of buildings

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
St Peter's Hall rental income	28,950	28,950
Church building income	2,968	2,968
Fee income	1,108	1,108
	<u>33,026</u>	<u>33,026</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
St Peter's Hall rental income	31,019	-	31,019
Church building income	1,140	-	1,140
Fee income	-	248	248
	<u>32,159</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>32,407</u>

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5. Income from other activities
Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from events	1,068	1,068
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from events	2,834	2,834

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6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Church Activities	286,759	20,055	306,814
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Church Activities	283,332	3,072	286,404

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Grant funding of activities 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Church Activities	284,783	1,052	20,979	306,814
	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £		Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Church Activities	265,473		20,931	286,404

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Diocesan quota	91,296	87,780
Clergy expenses	2,546	6,546
Outreach/Mission	2,330	1,617
Worship expenses	3,537	2,838
Music expenditure	10,054	9,649
Tradecraft expenditure	117	-
Events expenditure	-	4,147
Light, power and heating	19,423	20,553
Restoration and conservation of Lady Chapel	20,055	-
St. Peter's Hall expenditure	17,525	13,712
Vicarage costs	1,175	566
Church repairs & maintenance	100,869	14,186
Insurance costs	6,593	5,767
Organ refurbishment costs	5,276	91,353
LDF fees	300	3,072
Depreciation	3,687	3,687
	284,783	265,473

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	12,168	12,157
Sundry expenses	698	1,014
Parish office stationery	1,702	2,903
Parish office telephone	2,403	1,543
Bank charges	204	220
Computer costs	286	-
Governance costs	3,518	3,094
	20,979	20,931

8. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	12,168	12,157

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

2024 No.	2023 No.
1	1

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The key management personnel of the church consists of the incumbent, who is not paid directly by the church and the PCC members (trustees). None of these individuals are employees of the church.

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2024, expenses totalling £4,876 were reimbursed to 1 Trustee (2023 - £5,439 to 2 Trustees).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Computer and AV equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2024	400,000	14,747	414,747
At 31 December 2024	400,000	14,747	414,747
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	-	9,327	9,327
Charge for the year	-	3,687	3,687
At 31 December 2024	-	13,014	13,014
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	400,000	1,733	401,733
At 31 December 2023	400,000	5,420	405,420

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments	3,590	2,986
Tax recoverable	18,024	7,851
	21,614	10,837

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	4,860	4,328

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Church Hall	400,000	-	-	-	400,000
AV Equipment	2,820	-	(2,820)	-	-
Operating Reserves Provision	50,000	-	-	(10,000)	40,000
	<u>452,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,820)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>440,000</u>
General funds					
General Fund	<u>93,765</u>	<u>180,206</u>	<u>(283,939)</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>32</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>546,585</u>	<u>180,206</u>	<u>(286,759)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>440,032</u>
Restricted funds					
Lady Chapel Fund	<u>13,618</u>	<u>19,605</u>	<u>(20,055)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,168</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>560,203</u></u>	<u><u>199,811</u></u>	<u><u>(306,814)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>453,200</u></u>

A transfer of £10,000 has been authorised from the operating reserve fund to the general fund to cover the cumulative deficit at 31 December 2024 on the general fund of the church. The general fund position will also be enhanced in 2025 as a result of a claim which was made in March 2025 to the Listed Places of Worship Scheme to repay £15,895 of VAT that was incurred and charged to the general fund in carrying out major repair works to the church hall roof.

The Lady Chapel fund was setup to raise funds to enable expenditure to be incurred to restore and conserve the Lady Chapel. This expenditure was undertaken in 2024 and a claim has been made in March 2025 to the Listed Places of Worship Scheme to repay £3,343 of VAT that was charged to the fund in carrying out this work.

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Church Hall	400,000	-	-	-	400,000
AV Equipment	5,640	-	(2,820)	-	2,820
Operating Reserves Provision	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Organ Fund	1,000	2,834	(3,834)	-	-
	<u>456,640</u>	<u>2,834</u>	<u>(6,654)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>452,820</u>
General funds					
General Fund	<u>224,789</u>	<u>147,949</u>	<u>(276,678)</u>	<u>(2,295)</u>	<u>93,765</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>681,429</u>	<u>150,783</u>	<u>(283,332)</u>	<u>(2,295)</u>	<u>546,585</u>
Restricted funds					
Lady Chapel Fund	13,618	-	-	-	13,618
Funeral fees	529	248	(3,072)	2,295	-
	<u>14,147</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>(3,072)</u>	<u>2,295</u>	<u>13,618</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>695,576</u></u>	<u><u>151,031</u></u>	<u><u>(286,404)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>560,203</u></u>

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14. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Designated funds	452,820	-	(2,820)	(10,000)	440,000
General funds	93,765	180,206	(283,939)	10,000	32
Restricted funds	13,618	19,605	(20,055)	-	13,168
	<u>560,203</u>	<u>199,811</u>	<u>(306,814)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>453,200</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Designated funds	456,640	2,834	(6,654)	-	452,820
General funds	224,789	147,949	(276,678)	(2,295)	93,765
Restricted funds	14,147	248	(3,072)	2,295	13,618
	<u>695,576</u>	<u>151,031</u>	<u>(286,404)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>560,203</u>

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	401,733	-	401,733
Current assets	43,159	13,168	56,327
Creditors due within one year	(4,860)	-	(4,860)
Total	440,032	13,168	453,200

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	405,420	-	405,420
Current assets	145,493	13,618	159,111
Creditors due within one year	(4,328)	-	(4,328)
Total	546,585	13,618	560,203

16. Related party transactions

The aggregate donations given by PCC members in the year amounted to £12,205 (2023 - £25,410).