

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. PETER'S TITCHFIELD

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Details

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. The provision of a sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special groups. Supporting other charities.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£146,179	£137,891	-	-
2023-12-31	£104,747	£101,502	-	-
2022-12-31	£105,421	£125,380	-	-
2021-12-31	£106,243	£79,235	-	-
2020-12-31	£104,529	£111,232	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Steven Duncan Sherwood	Chair	2022-04-30
Andrew Richard Trevithick		2021-04-20
Christopher George Oakley		2019-04-02
David Malcolm Mugford		2023-06-06
Hazel Mary Croft - Phillips		2019-04-30
Helen Perry		2021-04-18
Linda Mary Kelly		2023-06-06
Martin Stewart Reid		2020-04-18
Paul William Wenham		2019-04-02
Rev Janet Trevithick		2014-04-29

Accounts

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Welcoming all, celebrating life, sharing the journey

Collect for St. Peter's Titchfield

Father God, thank you for our church and its people.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our church may flourish.
Help us to see you in everyone we meet
and fill our lives with your praise.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Overview of 2024 - Ministry and Mission

2024 was characterised by a golden opportunity to recruit key leaders to the ministry and mission of St Peter's. After three and a half years of vacancy we gained a Priest in Charge, a House for Duty Associate Priest and an Anna Chaplain along with new volunteers supporting the life and activity of this church and Parish.

Shortly before Christmas 2023 we advertised for a House for Duty Associate Priest and received three very good applications for consideration. In the meantime, planning for the Licensing of Reverend Ian Meredith as Priest in Charge of St Peter's was ongoing and took place on 1 February. Having Reverend Ian firmly in our midst was an encouraging moment. His focus during the year has been to meet and get to know people.

In February Reverend Penny was interviewed and offered the role of Associate Priest which was celebrated with great joy at her Licensing service early in June. The support of our Archdeacon, Reverend Kathryn Percival and her team, as well as Chris Roles, Lay Canon of Winchester Cathedral, (Patron of the Parish of Titchfield) was invaluable to the process of both clergy appointments, for which we are very grateful.

The national celebration in March for the 30th Anniversary of the ordination of women priests was followed by a special service for Reverend Jane Richards' ordination as Priest in May. We continue to be thankful to Jane for her particular ministry to St Peter's over so many years. Only two

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months later, our Deacon, Reverend Janet Trevithick retired from her role and again there was much to celebrate and be thankful for in reflecting on the contribution Janet has made over the last 10 years. We are all grateful that Janet continues to be an active member of the church sharing her many gifts with us.

Our Sunday congregation has continued to grow both numerically and spiritually and members have sought ways in which to engage with the local community through activities such as the Scarecrow Trail, Church Mice and summer Welcome Cafes. In the autumn we focused on the themes of Generosity and Gratitude, incorporating Harvest Festival and Creationtide. We celebrated our worshipping community as the Body of Christ where each of us has a ministry to offer, and considered the challenge of what it means to give sacrificially in response to all we have been given in Jesus. In October we were delighted to host Evensong with the Girl Choristers and Lay Clerks of Portsmouth Cathedral – a real treat.

In line with Bishop Jonathan's priorities, we have shown commitment to care for and engage with both the younger and older members of our local community through the continuing development of our monthly Lego and Craft Club, Children's Area in Church and the commissioning of our first Anna Chaplain. This latter event took place in November at a special Commissioning service for new Anna Chaplains in the Diocese and Anna Sketchley was part of that special occasion. She has begun building a lay ministry with older people in and around local care homes and in the local community.

The Christmas season of services included a Christingle, Crib service and candlelit Carol service, all of which were well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed!

Further thanks and appreciation go to all our retired clergy who continued to plan and lead services throughout the first half of the year and gave support to Reverend Penny as she took over that role. We were, and continue to be, blessed by their commitment to the spiritual life of St Peter's.

The same appreciation goes to all those in specific roles and the wider church family who support and maintain the life of St Peter's, giving freely of their love and prayers, time and commitment in so many ways.

Spiritual development

One of the highlights for us this year was the baptism of an adult and two child members of one of our church families, as well as another adult with connections to St Peter's. We pray that believer's baptisms and confirmations would become a more regular feature of our spiritual development as a church family, alongside welcoming the steady stream of infant baptisms from our local community.

It was very encouraging for all of us that a variety of Bible study and spiritual development opportunities were offered during 2024, shared by members of the Western Wards as well as

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with people further afield. Our thanks go to all who organised and led these events and to all who participated; these were nourishing occasions, appreciated by all who attended. A Quiet Day was led by Revd Julia and Dave Foster in February was followed by a Lent course over six weeks; in March we hosted 'Walk through the Bible' Live Event with focus on the New Testament and offered Advent Bible study groups at the end of the year, looking at Love, Hope, Peace and Joy.

*Revd Penny Thatcher, Steven Sherwood
and Helen Perry*

Worship during 2024

Sunday Services

8am Holy Communion (BCP) on the 1st Sunday each month

10am Parish Eucharist live streamed

Thursday Service

10am Said service of Holy Communion with an alternating pattern of liturgy using the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship

Ash Wednesday The Imposition of Ashes and a service of Holy Communion

Mothering Sunday Parish Communion service with flowers distributed to members of the congregation

Palm Sunday began with a blessing of palm crosses at the Parish Rooms before all processed to St Peter's singing hymns. Service of Holy Communion with the reading of the Passion

Maundy Thursday was an evening service, including foot washing and the Gethsemane Watch

Good Friday There was a Walk of Witness from Titchfield Abbey to St Peter's. A Liturgy of Good Friday service was held in church

Easter Eve A vigil and Service of Light was held

Easter Day A service of the Eucharist to celebrate Easter was held in church

Western Wards Covenant Service held in June at St John's, Locks Heath to reaffirm our shared commitment to the collaboration of our four churches in this area of Fareham Deanery

Harvest Festival Members of the church family and local schools brought gifts of food which were donated to the Food Bank.

All Saints Day/All Souls Day The All Souls service was a very moving service. Invitations to families bereaved in the previous 12 months were sent out and many were able to attend the service with

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support from the Pastoral Support Group available.

Remembrance Sunday The service in St Peter's was followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the village with great support from Titchfield Sea Scouts

Christmas Eve St Peter's held two services – a Crib Service at 4pm and Carols by Candlelight at 6pm. Both services had large attendance from congregation, village and wider communities.

Christmas Day was celebrated with 8am BCP service followed by 10am Holy Communion service

From the registers for 2024:

- Baptisms - 15
- Confirmations - None
- Weddings - 4
- Wedding Blessing - none
- Funerals in church – 17
- Funerals with outside clergy taking the service – 3
- Funerals at Crematoria only – none

Electoral Roll

Report prepared by David Mugford for the period May 2024 to end of January 2025.

There were 16 changes: 4 deaths, 11 additions, 1 moved away.

A completely new Electoral Roll is in preparation, as required under Diocesan rules, which will embrace all applications received after end January 2025 up to two weeks prior to the APCM.

David Mugford
Electoral Roll Officer

Finance Report

I am pleased to report that Sue Corcoran has volunteered to take on the Treasurer role for 2025 however this report is for 2024 so it falls to me.

Income in 2024 has increased by £41,485 over that of 2023 to £146,179, expenditure has also increased by £29,460 to £130,962.

There are three main reasons for the increase in income in 2024.

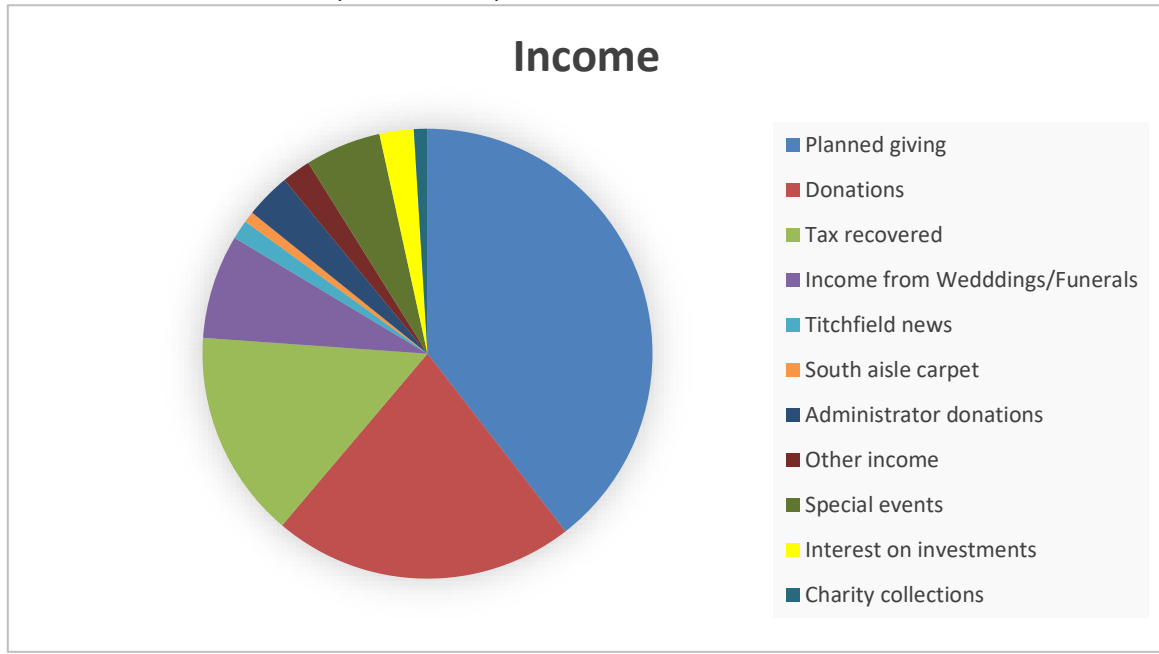
- The focus on Gratitude and Generosity in the autumn has resulted in an increase in giving which is most welcome, also more people are using the Parish Giving Scheme.
- The Friends of St Peter funded the replacement gas boiler for the Church giving £15,464,

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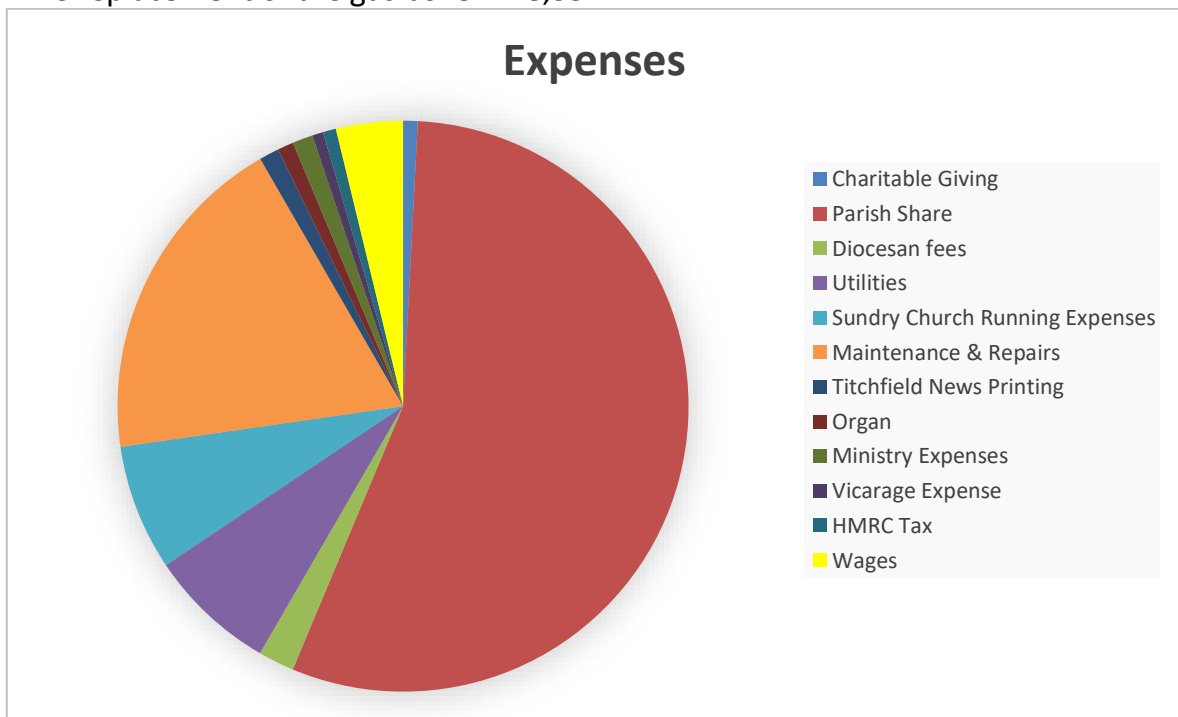
which also resulted in a VAT refund of £3,093.

- Not all of the gift aid was claimed on donations in 2023 so there is an increase in gift aid monies recovered of £8,387 to £18,747 in 2024.



Expenditure increased in 2024 due to the following:

- We paid our full Parish Share in 2024 of £76,467. In 2023 we had a shortfall of £14,400.
- The replacement of the gas boiler £18,557.



The finances look in much better shape for 2025 but we need to continue to encourage each other to give generously.

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The heating project will still need significant funding to complete the work and hopefully fund raising will start this year.

Steven Sherwood
Treasurer in 2024

Charitable Giving

• St George Foundation	£330
• Bishops Discretionary Fund	£127
• Food Basics Bank	£1,003
• Embrace Midde East	£160
• Mayor Fareham Charities	£35
• The Childrens' Society Christmas Fund	£56

Fabric Report

2024 was a busy year for the fabric of St Peter's;

- **Heating Project** - following the approval of the faculty for the heating system and the South aisle carpet, the first phase of the heating project was enabled - to install a new gas boiler. This was completed October 2024 with The Friends of St Peter's (FoSP) generously funding the whole phase. The new boiler has been sized to meet the demands of phase two of the project which is to install radiator ducts into the floor of the nave. Approximately £80,000 will be needed from fund raising for phase two, FoSP have offered to match our fundraising.
- **South Aisle** - The South Aisle has been carpeted for the first time with a good blue carpet that has really improved the area for use as a social area. Thanks to those people who donated towards the cost of the carpet.
- **Chapter Rooms** – With the help from a few generous donations we were able to replace the oven, hob and water heater.
- **Garden of Remembrance** - The wall that forms the boundary between the Garden of Remembrance and the Bugle pub was rebuilt late in 2024 and the garden should be restored in the spring of 2025.
- **Churchyard repairs** - work has not yet started on the unsafe tombs. Fareham Borough Council are planning to start work in 2025.
- **Southampton Chapel - Feasibility study** - The Shakespeare Southampton Legacy Trust commissioned Ptolemy Dean to carry out a Feasibility Study to improve the condition and conservation of the Wriothesley Southampton Monuments, Sepulchre and the Southampton Chapel of St Peter's.

The study recommended a number of activities to improve the chapel and for the conservation of the monuments within it. The Diocesan Advisory Committee came to St Peter's in October to discuss the feasibility study with St Peter's and Lord Montagu's team. The PCC then hosted a meeting for the congregation to hear the proposals in late October.

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Further work is to be carried out in 2025 to determine the way forward.

Thanks to everyone who has helped with the fabric during the last year.

Steven Sherwood

Safeguarding Report

During the year the Parish opted to use the new 'Safeguarding Hub' that is linked to the Safeguarding Dashboard. The Dashboard supports management of church activities, their associated DBS, risk assessment, insurance and training needs. The Hub enables us to add volunteers to the database where they can be assigned to roles and monitor their DBS and training needs. This has replaced the use of cumbersome spreadsheets.

There have been no significant safeguarding issues during the year but the church continues to be vigilant.

Caryl Larkins has provided excellent support as Safer Recruitment Officer, managing DBS applications and the safer recruitment process for all volunteers. She is stepping down after years of dedicated service. Melanie Little has kindly volunteered take on the role.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) has worked closely with the Diocesan Safeguarding team, has attended the Safeguarding Network meetings and annual Safeguarding Conference. Thank you to everyone involved for your help in maintaining St Peter's as a safe place.

Dave Foster

Parish Safeguarding Officer

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Mission, Outreach and Fundraising

Events and activities during 2024 were inclusive of all in our Parish and wider community. Offering them relies on the many willing volunteers who provide hospitality and welcome along with commitment and energy for planning, preparation and delivery. As ever, we learned much during the year about what worked well and what worked better! All events, no matter how big or small, are invested with commitment to building relationships with anyone who walks through our doors. It is encouraging to meet people for the first time and then see them return to take part in other opportunities. Maintaining a culture of welcome and fellowship is at the heart of all we are doing with the hope that we sow seeds of faith that will flourish in the fullness of time.

There were regular events during the year as well as one off events. Some focused on mission eg Lego Club; others focused on fellowship and some included purposeful fundraising. Inevitably,

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and thankfully, elements of all could be found in each!

The Friday 'coffee break' for the Wellbeing Walkers continued weekly from January and throughout the year. A trial period to extend the running time in the hope of encouraging more people was not fruitful so resuming the shorter time period to suit the walking group, and anyone else dropping in, was reinstated.

Monthly activity included the two fellowship groups who meet for breakfast ie Lego and Craft Club and Ladies' Breakfast. Numbers of families attending the former are expanding which is encouraging. Each meeting ends with a short reflective gathering that draws everyone together and ends with prayer. Ladies' Breakfast is always well attended and often includes a speaker. Between them, these events offer opportunity to all ages. At the end of the year, plans were formed to begin a Men's Breakfast in church every other month starting in 2025.

Families were given opportunity for an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Day and were welcomed in significant numbers to the 'Scarecrow Trail' in the summer half term. That proved to be another very enjoyable community event with lots of visitors coming from far afield and did raise significant funds for St Peter's. An afternoon tea and 'Kneeler Quiz' for all ages at the end of June raised money to pay for materials to make up the two kneelers designed by 2 children from 2 of our families at church.

The Welcome café opened during the summer holidays and attracted regular visits from people, some from previous years and some who came upon it unexpectedly for the first time. Live music accompanied each café session and a lot of homemade cake and tea was consumed. People show great generosity to the church on these occasions which is much appreciated.

There were two very special musical events, open to anyone, which drew large numbers on each occasion. The first in April was a concert performed by the Hampshire Police Male Voice Choir with the Epsom Male Voice Choir. They gave a superb concert which was very entertaining and raised a substantial amount for church funds.

The other was a service of Choral Evensong with Portsmouth Cathedral Girls Choir and Lay Clerks. An invitation was extended to all Western Ward churches as well as anyone in the wider community. As a result, there was a large congregation who enjoyed and appreciated the beautiful music and prayerful singing which filled the church and all present.

Again, thanks go to all who made these events possible and to all who supported them.

Helen Perry

Links with Schools

Titchfield Primary School

St Peter's continues to have good contact with Titchfield Primary School and we are delighted when the teachers and pupils visit us for key celebrations throughout the year.

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In July we welcomed Year 6 along with their family and friends for the annual Leavers' Assembly. September brought the start of a new academic year and we held the by now annual blessing service in church when we thought about Jesus being with us in all the storms of life. At Harvest in October, we celebrated with an assembly at school on the subject of Jammie Dodgers (!) and in December the church was full to bursting as the children presented their joyful and creative Christmas Concert - there was sparkle everywhere!

TPS are also regular contributors to the Titchfield News magazine keeping us all up to date with what the children are currently learning.

Revd Penny Thatcher

West Hill Park School

Over the past year St Peter's continued its supportive relationship with West Hill Park school. The Revd Julia Foster was invited to the school on several occasions; in July she attended the leavers service and school speech day. Revd Ian and Revd Penny both visited the school and Revd Penny helped to lead the school's annual Remembrance Day service. The school held their harvest service in St Peter's and their carol concert. Both proved to be lovely services with wonderful singing and readings that were read so beautifully by the children.

St Peter's looks forward to continuing this important link with the school in the future.

Revd Julia Foster

St Peter's Home Groups

Our Home-group has been running continuously under various names for the past 25 years which is definitely something to celebrate! Membership has changed during those years, which is inevitable as we are on a spiritual journey of discovery together.

The Pilgrims Home-group members summed up their experience with the following comments:

- A safe place to explore our faith and things we are not sure of
- A private homely place to meet friends, find support and share life's joys and challenges
- A group with common goals (spiritual growth and friendship)
- A group respectful of confidentiality
- Explore the bible and other related texts in the privacy of a safe space
- A valuable intrinsic part of the week/not just Sundays
- Spending time with God
- Sharing our thoughts and sometimes doubts non judgementally
- Listening to other group members views and life experiences
- Sharing fellowship
- Exploring the bible for deeper understanding
- A space where there is freedom to listen and no pressure to join in

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- Motivation to help us live out our lives as Jesus directed us

Jane Reid

Western Wards Steering Group

The WWSG, a sub-committee comprising of members from each of the four churches in our covenanted partnership, continued to meet monthly over the past year. We shared information about what each church was doing and looked for possible opportunities where we could support one another and share resources, below are just a few examples:

- St Peter's hosted a 'Walk Through the Bible', one day, event in which participants from all four churches attended.
- St John's had a 'Pirate Party', which was a very exciting event for our young families. This was led by Gemma Hunt (CBBC television presenter) and her team. In the evening there was a service in which Gemma was interviewed on stage, and she gave her inspiring testimony.
- In July St John's hosted our annual summer 'combined service' celebrating our partnership. Archdeacon Kathryn Percival attended and spoke on the subject of unity.
- At the end of the year, St Mary's held an evening prayer service. Each church was represented by a prayer station unique to that church. Bishop Jonathan attended and spoke to us all.

Looking forward to 2025, Anna Sketchley has organised a three-day retreat for the WW to St Mary's convent in Wantage near Oxford. Individuals from all four churches will be going and are very much looking forward to it.

Latest development is that the WWSG has now been temporarily disbanded due to a new initiative promoted by the bishop for the whole diocese, this is called 'Cairns'. More explanation and information on this will follow in due course.

Revd Janet Trevithick, Anna Sketchley

St Peter's Prayerline

I am delighted to say that almost all the team were able to meet together in The Chapter Rooms on 12th January - an opportunity not only for me to thank the ladies for their continued loyalty and commitment but also to give thanks for the lives of those on our list who had died; and to reflect on, review and (as and where appropriate) streamline the list. We commemorated and celebrated Prayerline's 28th birthday on 6th March.

Our prayers continue to include a variety of 'situations' or 'scenarios' – many being health-related (eg surgical operations and procedures, hospital stays) and end of life – twelve deaths during the course of the year. (In addition to these twelve we were also able to pray for the souls of four people known to us who had died but who prior to death had not been on Prayerline.) In health-related prayers we are always careful to include loved ones and family members in addition to the 'patient'.

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We gave thanks during the year for many prayers with a favourable outcome – including those health-related and the conclusion of a lengthy court case. It always gives me great pleasure to forward on 'good' or encouraging messages!

It was very rewarding for us to collectively remember parts of the world that were suffering – including Valencia after the devastating flood in October - in addition to, of course, the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East. We also collectively offered prayers for our country and its General Election in the summer and the US Presidential election in November.

I am, as ever, indebted to 'my ladies' for their faithfulness and commitment.

Charles Timberlake

Pastoral Support Group

Because of illness, the Pastoral Support Group has been a bit depleted this year. However we have recently welcomed Jean Wood to the Group. Janet Trevithick and Anna Sketchley have stepped in to help with visiting and home communion.

During 2024 there were regular meetings which keep the whole team well informed. To this end we have also found the Pastoral Support WhatsApp group a very useful tool.

Many home and care home visits and/or telephone calls have been made and Holy Communion taken to those who want it. Christmas cards were also sent to those on our care list who are not able to come to church.

Members of the Team attended the All Souls' Day Service and funeral services of those we had been caring for.

Tea parties were held in the Village Hall in January, April, September and November and in June our special seaside tea party was held at the Rotary Wheelhouse, Hill Head.

The team organised the first Lent Lunch and some of our members attended other lent lunches too.

Western Wards Churches Pastoral Support had several meetings, alternating between St Peter's, St John's and St Mary's and were attended by at least 2 of our members. It was good to share ideas and information.

Some members of the Pastoral Support Group attended and helped with the Welcome Café held in the church during July and August.

Many thanks to all members of the congregation who support this work in many different ways.

Rachel Baker

Pastoral Support Team Secretary

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Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank

Regular donations of packaged food items were made throughout the year by church members and the wider community. All were delivered at intervals by a volunteer to the base in Fareham. Harvest Festival services held by West Hill Park and Titchfield Primary School as well as St Peter's provided additional donations to the Food Bank. As always, thanks to all who support this need all year.

Fairtrade Easter Eggs and Advent Calendars

As usual during 2024 St Peter's purchased Easter Eggs and Advent Calendars from the Meaningful Chocolate Company. Their endeavours are supported because they use Fairtrade chocolate and support Foodbanks. Their products are also plastic and palm oil free. In addition, and most importantly, the Eggs and the Calendars promote the Christian faith. The Eggs are especially important because they carry with them a 24 page story and activity booklet telling the Easter story.

In February 2024 we purchased 50 packages of various Eggs and chocolate bars at a cost of £236.98. These were all purchased by order and because we purchased them at an early date we did not pay postage. The church do not make any profit from the sale of the Eggs. Some Eggs were purchased by individuals to be given to the Foodbank through the scheme.

In November 2024 it was decided not to purchase Advent Calendars but I was approached by several people asking for them and I personally purchased one case of 18 Advent Calendars at £89.10 all of which were sold at £5 each. The 90p profit was placed in the wall safe.

Anna Sketchley

Lent Lunches

Lunches were held each Friday during Lent with tables set up in the church. Donations were invited for the St George Foundation in Sierra Leone who support street children and for St Peter's Church.

The lunches consist of a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese. The Hospitality Team and the Pastoral Support Group organised a rota to buy the food, make soup, set-up and serve the lunches.

Ladies' Breakfast

In 2025, there were 11 Ladies' Breakfasts held on the last Saturday of each month in the Chapter Room. On average there were 18 people at each meeting. The breakfast is a continental style. Last year there were 3 speakers.

Ros Seward

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Flowers at St. Peter's

The talented and dedicated team of flower arrangers have continued to keep fresh flowers in the church, with the exception of Advent and Lent, to a high standard. In the last year, three more excellent flower arrangers were recruited but more are always welcome.

At Christmas in particular, the church looked spectacular with lovely flower arrangements and the Christmas trees.

Sheila Hignell

Titchfield News

2023 -24 saw important changes in terms of the production of the magazine when Karen Rizzi, the compiler, left the team.

Karen offered significant support for a few months in 2024 and the team were helped over the spring and summer editions by Margaret Thompson and her daughter who compiled several issues. This enabled the Titchfield News to be delivered on time every two months. Margaret Thompson also took over the editorship at this time. The team began to have regular editorial meetings and were extremely fortunate to be joined by Kate Davis as the new compiler.

During 2023-24 Titchfield News continued to carry regular information of church and village events. Positive comments from subscribers were valued by the team.

The magazine was delivered bi-monthly to 286 homes throughout the area by a faithful team of deliverers. This team was exceptionally well managed by the distribution lead Gerry Pontefract. Approximately 40 copies per issue continued to be sold from the church. Copies were also available at the Living Word Church, Hadlow Butchers and Monks' Rest. Depending upon the time of year and information carried, between 350 and 400 copies were ordered and sold for each issue. There is usually more required for example, during the Christmas period. Tony Postle continued to support the magazine in his role as advertisement lead. This role was exceptionally valuable as the revenue it brought allowed the magazine to remain good value for money.

During the latter part of 2024 the editorial team decided to investigate the cost of refreshing the magazine cover to make it more substantial, add more colour pages and increase the number of pages because articles were increasing.

Costings were obtained from the printer and were found to be competitive and were accepted by the editorial team and the PCC of St Peter's Church. The editorial team feel that the Titchfield News continued to offer good value for money during 2024.

Anna Sketchley, Assistant Editor

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St. Peter's Bell-Ringers

The last year has seen some changes to membership, with 3 ringers having to stop for physical reasons, and 2 finding it difficult to attend ringing because of family circumstances. However, all remain in contact, especially on a social basis.

The Bell-Ringers have been fortunate to have 3 very experienced ringers join who are a great help. Our 4 new recruits are making very good progress, and two of them rang in a recent striking competition (see below).

Notably they rang for the D-Day 80 commemorations, and intend to mark VE Day 80 in May in a similar way. They visited towers in the Petersfield area on a day-trip in August, and our ringers attended various training sessions during the year, and also helped out at other towers' practices.

Plans for 2025 include, in May, to host the Guild 6 Bell Striking competition, when bands from around Hampshire will attempt to ring better than the others! We will be entering a band, and anyone interested is more than welcome to come and listen on the day (May 17).

We are very grateful to the support of the clergy and PCC, and realise that many of the congregation are unfamiliar with the workings of the bells and bellringers. Anyone interested is welcome to visit us on our Wednesday practice. A little notice beforehand would be appreciated as access when the bells are actually ringing is difficult to do safely.

I am personally grateful to all our ringers, not just in the last year but over the 56 years I have been ringing at St Peter's, and I have decided that it is time for a new tower captain to take charge, to be elected at our AGM next month. I and my wife Dianne will still be active members of St Peter's for the foreseeable future!

*Lyndon Hatfield
Tower Captain*

St Peter's Church Conducted Tours

Tours continue to be given by Richard Boden and David Mugford on a pre-arranged basis. On 13th March, a tour was given to the Titchfield History Society committee, which proved to be a prelude to the society working towards writing a history of the church as a new addition to their set of The Titchfield Papers.

Another tour was given to a party of five from the Hampshire Archive Trust, led by the vice-chair of the Titchfield History Society.

David Mugford

Titchfield Churchyard Maintenance Group

The churchyard continued to benefit from the hard work of a small Churchyard Maintenance Group during 2024. The group met throughout the year and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

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Friends of St Peter's (FoSP)

The Friends of St Peter's charity was established to raise funds in order to maintain and preserve the Ancient Village Church Building of St Peter's.

FoSP had a busy year starting in June with "Titchfield Open Gardens". This very popular and profitable event involves a lot of organisation and needs a long lead-in period. The gardens were beautiful and so well presented. Thanks go to so many of the village community who supported and put in so much effort.

In October FoSP held the successful Village Barn Dance. All the tickets were sold and a profit was made. It was a very enjoyable and fun evening.

The final FoSP event of 2024 was the "Carols around the village Christmas tree". The event was extremely popular with the best 'turn out' ever. It was the first time Revd Penny Thatcher gave a blessing at the start of the carol singing. Funds were raised through donations for mulled wine and mince pies.

FoSP did not hold the usual Winter Glitz event in 2024. Feedback received indicated that many villagers were disappointed, so it is planned to hold this in December 2025.

FoSP contributions paid for the installation of the new boiler in December. FoSP were delighted to present St Peter's Church with a cheque for £15,464 to pay for the new boiler and installation costs. St Peter's PCC and congregation are very appreciative of the support given.

Already FoSP are planning many events during 2025 such as "Titchfield by the Sea" (an evening with a quiz, sea shanties by The Whalers, and a fish and chip supper), a "One Man Show" (a TVT /FoSP event where FoSP will receive a share of funds raised), Jazz at the Great Barn, Winter Glitz, a carol concert in St Peter's Church with "The Madding Crowde" (a History Society/FoSP collaboration) and carols around the village Christmas tree. Also it is hoped to hold "The Open Gardens Event" in June 2026.

FoSP are actively trying to enlist new members as membership subscriptions form a major contribution to FoSP funds, and membership numbers are declining.

Thanks go to Pat Shirley who stood down as Chair in 2024. Pat worked tirelessly for FoSP for many years as Chair and as a committee member. Thanks also given to Hays Travel who help sell event tickets, and to James Keen of A H Freemantle who so kindly prints free of charge all event posters and tickets.

*Mary Yearley
Chair of FoSP*

St Peter's Church, Parish of Titchfield

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St Peter's Clergy and Officers

Priest in Charge: Revd Ian Meredith (from February 2024)

Associated Priest: Revd Penny Thatcher (from June 2024)

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Helen Perry

Deacon: Revd Janet Trevithick (until July 2024)

Reader: Dave Foster (retired September 2024 as Reader. Now Reader Emeritus)

Clergy with Permission to Officiate:

Revd Jane Kennedy
Revd Julia Foster
Revd Canon Peter Kelly
Revd Jane Richards

PCC Treasurer: Steven Sherwood

Book Keeper: Paul Angelides

Electoral Roll Officer: David Mugford

GDPR Officer: Paul Wenham

Parish Administrator: Lisa Horstead

Organist - David Chandler

Captain of the Tower: Lyndon Hatfield

Sacristan: Peter Gordon

Sidespeople: Barbara Le Sueur, Joan Angelides, Paul Angelides, David Mugford, Sandra Pereira, John Pereira, Martin Reid, Jane Reid, Dudley Hopkins, Lin Kelly, John Blundell, Jean Wood, Nog Grimstead, Stella Funnell, Kay Dunleavy, Alan Babbington, Alan Shepherd and Melanie Little

Lay Assistants: Linda Allison*, Helen Blundell, Peter Gordon, Nog Grimstead, David Mugford, John Murray, Stephen Lewis, Anna Sketchley*, Jane Slaymaker, Kay Dunleavy and Charles Timberlake*

*Lay assistants who have been authorised by the Bishop to administer Holy Communion to people in their own home.

St Peter's Website: Chris Oakley, Jane Slaymaker

Team leader for live-streaming of services from St Peter's: Chris Oakley

St Peter's Facebook Page: Lisa Horstead

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Helen Perry

Representatives on the Deanery Synod (ex-officio):

Andrew Trevithick
Anna Sketchley

Elected Members: Hazel Croft-Phillips Year 6
Paul Wenham Year 6
Lin Kelly Year 2
David Mugford Year 2
Jane Slaymaker Year 1
2 Vacancies

PCC Secretary: Jane Slaymaker

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Dave Foster

PCC Representatives on Friends of St Peters Committee: Steven Sherwood

PCC meetings were held on 9th January, 13th February, 12th March, 9th April, 12th May, 11th June, 2nd and 9th July, 10th September, 8th October and 12th November.

Sub-Committees of the PCC

Standing Committee: The only committee required by law with the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Members: Chair – Steven Sherwood, Helen Perry, Martin Reid and Revd Janet Trevithick.

Fabric Committee: Attends to matters relating to church buildings, including promoting safe practice in the church environment. Also advises the PCC on any maintenance required to the church (except minor repairs). Chair: Steven Sherwood

Teams and Working Groups

The Western Wards Cluster Group continued to meet fortnightly, and this has been a great support for the leadership of all four churches. The group currently consists of clergy and churchwardens and there are normally two representatives from each church. This meeting is informal in nature, and no notes are taken.

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The Western Wards Steering Group was formed in July 2021 for the purpose of discerning points at which the four churches can collaborate and share resources. This group meets monthly and is a sub-committee of the PCCs of each church and comes under their authority. Two to three members of each church attend, and minutes are taken.

Staff Team at St Peter's

A staff team meeting was held once a month at St Peter's to review past services, plan upcoming services and complete rotas.

Members: Revd Janet Trevithick, Revd Canon Peter Kelly, Revd Jane Richards, Revd Julia Foster, Dave Foster (Reader – retired September 2024), Revd Jane Kennedy, David Chandler (organist) and our churchwardens Steven Sherwood and Helen Perry (if available).

Pastoral Support Team: Facilitates pastoral care in the parish and provides bereavement support. Chair: Ros Seward

Prayerline: Confidential long-distance prayer support. Chair: Charles Timberlake

Stewardship Team: Sandra Pereira

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020, Part 9, Rule M5 (1)(b)

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Appendix A – 2024 Deanery Synod Report

The Fareham Deanery synod representatives for St Peter's in 2024 were Andrew Trevithick and Anna Sketchley.

There were 3 formal meetings of the Deanery Synod, 8 February at Holy Trinity Church Fareham, 27 June at Holy Rood Church Stubbington and 7 November at St John the Baptist Locks Heath - all chaired by Revd Richard England (Area Dean).

New clergy were warmly welcomed to the Deanery: Rev Dr Sam Cullen (Holy Trinity with St Columba, Rev Luiz Lima (St John's Locks Heath), Rev Penny Thatcher (St Peter's Titchfield) and Rev Henry Kendal (St John's Fareham). The main theme for agenda items throughout the year were the Deanery Plan and the review of the Parish Share.

Deanery Plan – this is an essential tool for planning and in supporting the Diocesan Strategic Plan. Three elements were agreed to underpin the plan: Prayer – how do we pray for and with each other? Partnership – which is growing across the Deanery and the Bishop is keen to use our Western wards Partnership as a possible model for other churches and breaking away from being insular is key to successful partnerships. Planting – as a deanery we would want to be seen to be keen to try out new ideas, embracing a 'pioneering spirit'.

Parish Share Review – PCCs have all been involved with this review completing several questionnaires (Fareham Deanery was the most responsive in providing answers!). Whilst the results of the review are not yet available it is not expected that there would be significant changes to the current formula. Parish shares for 2023 were paid in full by all bar 1 parish in Fareham Deanery and the share for 2024 would be 2023 + 5%. Parishes remain anxious as to the parish share requirement which was recognised by the Diocese and would be open to dialogue/negotiation.

Other subjects covered throughout the year included:

- Discussions on Eco Church and the way forward to net zero targets set for 2030!
- Implementation of Generosity week 29 Sept – 6 Oct 2024
- St John the Evangelist and St Peter and Paul to team up as part of the renewal and revitalisation project for both parishes. (Welbourne is also in the parish of St Peter and Paul with proposed plans of a multipurpose community centre rather than a 'village church'.)

The first meeting for 2025 will be 13 February at Holy Trinity Parish Rooms.

Deanery Synod Reps

ST PETER'S CHURCH, TITCHFIELD

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- to generate funds	2(d)	9,908	0	0	9,908
<i>Income from investments</i>	2(e)	3,586	0	0	3,586
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	2(f)	3,092	0	0	3,092
<i>Agency receipts</i>		0	0	524	524
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		136,343	1,278	8,558	146,179
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Charitable Giving</i>	3(a)	1,051	0	87	1,138
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</i>	3(b)	119,791	114	5,308	125,213
<i>Church management and administration</i>	3(c)	9,152	0	0	9,152
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>	3(d)	118	0	0	118
<i>Other expenditure</i>	2(e)	850	0	1,420	2,270
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		130,962	114	6,815	137,891
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		5,381	1,164	1,743	8,288
Transfers		8,537	(1,655)	(6,882)	0
Balances brought forward at 1 st January 2024		56,784	8,160	18,894	83,838
Balances carried forward at 31 st December 2024		70,702	7,669	13,755	92,126

BALANCE SHEET

At 31st December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Short term deposits	71,158	67,571
Cash at bank	20,891	16,099
Cash in hand	77	167
Total Assets	92,126	83,838
NET ASSETS	92,126	83,838
FUNDS		
Unrestricted - General	70,700	56,784
Designated - Carpet Project	-	495
Designated - Ellis	6,521	6,521
Designated - Youth	1,148	1,144
Restricted - Bell Fund	459	159
Restricted - Fair Trade	-	40
Restricted - Flower	319	335
Restricted - Organ	9,724	9,154
Restricted - Restoration	2,790	2,790
Restricted - Sequestration	-	507
Restricted - Wages	-	5,909
Restricted - Agency	465	-
Total Funds at Bank	92,126	83,838

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Date:

2) INCOMING RESOURCES

	2024				2023
	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
2(a) Incoming resources from donors					
Gift Aid donations	59,617			59,617	54,649
Income Tax recoverable	18,747			18,747	6,827
Other planned giving	3,525			3,525	2
Collections (open plate)	4,005		114	4,119	2,387
Collections (baptisms/weddings/funerals)	701			701	746
Wall safe & Freewill Giving	1,347			1,347	552
Sundry donations	19,771		353	20,124	7,206
Collections for charities	0			0	433
	107,713	0	467	108,180	72,802
2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources					
Other income	906		179	1,085	4,269
Administrator donations	3,792		969	4,761	5,449
Carpet Project	0	1,160		1,160	495
	4,698	1,160	1,148	7,006	10,213
2(c) Income from operating activities					
Fees	5,628		5,314	10,942	10,292
Titchfield News - sales	1,718			1,718	1,697
Youth Activities		118		118	26
Organ	0		140	140	150
Flowers	0		65	65	150
	7,346	118	5,519	12,983	12,315
2(d) Income from operating activities to generate funds					
Titchfield News – advertising	298			298	651
Special events	7,986			7,986	5,396
Sundry Activities	1,381			1,381	888
Books	243			243	331
	9,908	0	0	9,908	7,266
2(e) Income from investments					
Interest earned	3,586	0	0	3,586	2,098
	3,586			3,586	2,098
2(f) Other incoming resources					
VAT refunds	3,092			3,092	0
	3,092	0	0	3,092	0
Agency receipts	0	0	1,424	1,424	0
TOTALS	136,343	1,278	8,558	146,179	104,694

RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2024				2023
	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) charitable giving					
Overseas	290		40	330	120
Home	761		47	808	650
	1,051	0	87	1,138	770
3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the church					
Ministry:					
Parish Share	76,467			76,467	58,500
Clergy expenses	163		807	970	1,309
Diocese Fees-Wedding/Funerals			2,810	2,810	1,949
Wedding and Funeral Expenses	652			652	703
Church running expenses:					
Heat, light and power	5,965			5,965	7,699
Insurance	3,583			3,583	3,529
Water	221			221	120
Telephone and Broadband	217			217	798
Sundries	3,035			3,035	8,913
General repairs	26,104			26,104	8,121
Altar requisites, books and robes	486			486	232
Titchfield News printing	1,546			1,546	1,720
Organist & musical director			1,250	1,250	700
Youth activities		114		114	79
Cafés	692			692	641
Bells			360	360	75
Flowers			81	81	184
Miscellaneous	660			660	248
	119,791	114	5,308	125,213	95,520
3(c) Church management and administration					
Printing stationery & postage	2,554			2,554	1461
Wages	6,236			6,236	3301
Bank charges	362			362	310
	9,152	0	0	9,152	5,072
3(d) Costs of generating funds					
Event Expenses	118	0		118	140
	118	0	0	118	140
3(e) Other expenditure					
Vicarage expenses	850	0	0	850	0
Agency payments			1,420	1,420	0
	850	0	1,420	2,270	0
TOTALS	130,962	114	6,815	137,891	101,502

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets	70,700	7,669	13,757	92,126
Fund Balance	70,700	7,669	13,757	92,126

Fund Details

Unrestricted Funds relate to the General Account, which is used to pay all the everyday expenses. This fund is “unrestricted” because the money has been given to the Church on the general understanding that it will be used by the PCC for furthering the mission and ministry of the Church. Unless otherwise specified, all the money received by the Church is first put into the General Fund.

Designated Funds are those where sums of money are set aside by the PCC for a specific purpose. There are currently three Designated Funds:

- * The Overseas Church Link Fund
- * The Youth Fund
- * The Ellis Fund is a donation from the Ellis family to be used to upgrade the heating.

Restricted Funds are monies received by the PCC for a specified purpose. There are currently six Restricted Funds:

- * The Bell Fund
- * The Flower Fund
- * The Organ Fund is to be used for restoration and maintenance of the Organ.
- * The Restoration and Development Fund is to be used for the maintenance and/or restoration of the fabric and/or the ancillary services of the Church
- * Sequestration Fund. During the vacancy this fund holds wedding and funeral fees normally paid to the diocese and is used for paying clergy who officiate at weddings and funerals.
- * Agency Fund. This is money collected on behalf of other organisations

The PCC holds no endowment funds.

Liabilities

Under our current accounting convention we account for both income and expenditure when it is incurred. However, as at the 31st December 2023 we have the following financial liabilities.

- * St Peter's did not pay its full parish share in 2021 and 2023 giving a shortfall of £40,662

ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	B/Fwd £	Income £	Outgoings £	Transfers £	C/Fwd £
Unrestricted - General	56,784	136,344	130,964	8,537	70,700
Designated - Carpet Project	495	1,160		(1,655)	0
Designated - Ellis	6,521				6,521
Designated - Youth	1,144	118	114		1,148
Restricted - Bell Fund	159	660	360		459
Restricted - Fair Trade	40			(40)	0
Restricted - Flower	335	65	81		319
Restricted - Organ	9,154	1,820	1,250		9,724
Restricted - Restoration	2,790				2,790
Restricted - Sequestration	507	3,074	3,618	36	0
Restricted - Wages (Administrator)	5,909	969		(6,878)	0
Restricted - Agency		1,970	1,505		465
TOTAL	83,838	146,180	137,892	0	92,126

CLERGY EXPENSES

	2024 £	2023 £
Vicar expenses	54	
Other clergy expenses & travel	109	26
	163	26

CHARITABLE GIVING MADE THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF ST PETER'S CHURCH

	Home	Overseas
	£	£
St George Foundation		330
Bishops Discretionay Fund	127	
Churches Homeless Trust	1,003	
Embrace Middle East	160	
Mayor of Fareham Charities	35	
The Childrens Christmas Fund (Christingle)	56	
	1,381	330

ST PETER'S FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

	£
Bible Walk	321
Christmas Coffee Morning	1,023
Kneelers Afternoon	231
Lent Lunches	533
Plant Sale	1,055
Police Choir	1,572
Scarecrow Trail	2,670
Welcome Café	573
Total	7,977

Notes 1:

During the year the church received:

* £900 grant from the Archbishop Council which was paid on to the SSLT

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Peter's Church,
Titchfield, Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 9

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

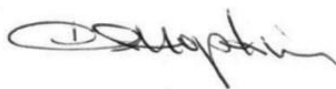
In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

- 1 which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Dudley Hopkins

Date

Dudley Hopkins
29A Locks Road
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14th March 2025

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Gift Aid donations	59,617			59,617	54,649
Income Tax recoverable	18,747			18,747	6,827
Other planned giving	3,525			3,525	2
Collections (open plate)	4,005		114	4,119	2,387
Collections (baptisms/weddings/funerals)	701			701	746
Wall safe & Freewill Giving	1,347			1,347	552
Sundry donations	19,771		353	20,124	7,206
Collections for charities	0			0	433
	107,713	0	467	108,180	72,802
2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources					
Other income	906		179	1,085	4,269
Administrator donations	3,792		969	4,761	5,449
Carpet Project	0	1,160		1,160	495
	4,698	1,160	1,148	7,006	10,213
2(c) Income from operating activities					
Fees	5,628		5,314	10,942	10,292
Titchfield News - sales	1,718			1,718	1,697
Youth Activities		118		118	26
Organ	0		140	140	150
Flowers	0		65	65	150
	7,346	118	5,519	12,983	12,315
2(d) Income from operating activities to generate funds					
Titchfield News – advertising	298			298	651
Special events	7,986			7,986	5,396
Sundry Activities	1,381			1,381	888
Books	243			243	331
	9,908	0	0	9,908	7,266
2(e) Income from investments					
Interest earned	3,586	0	0	3,586	2,098
	3,586			3,586	2,098
2(f) Other incoming resources					
VAT refunds	3,092			3,092	0
	3,092	0	0	3,092	0
Agency receipts	0	0	1,424	1,424	0
TOTALS	136,343	1,278	8,558	146,179	104,694

RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2024				2023
	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) charitable giving					
Overseas	290		40	330	120
Home	761		47	808	650
	1,051	0	87	1,138	770
3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the church					
Ministry:					
Parish Share	76,467			76,467	58,500
Clergy expenses	163		807	970	1,309
Diocese Fees-Wedding/Funerals			2,810	2,810	1,949
Wedding and Funeral Expenses	652			652	703
Church running expenses:					
Heat, light and power	5,965			5,965	7,699
Insurance	3,583			3,583	3,529
Water	221			221	120
Telephone and Broadband	217			217	798
Sundries	3,035			3,035	8,913
General repairs	26,104			26,104	8,121
Altar requisites, books and robes	486			486	232
Titchfield News printing	1,546			1,546	1,720
Organist & musical director			1,250	1,250	700
Youth activities		114		114	79
Cafés	692			692	641
Bells			360	360	75
Flowers			81	81	184
Miscellaneous	660			660	248
	119,791	114	5,308	125,213	95,520
3(c) Church management and administration					
Printing stationery & postage	2,554			2,554	1461
Wages	6,236			6,236	3301
Bank charges	362			362	310
	9,152	0	0	9,152	5,072
3(d) Costs of generating funds					
Event Expenses	118	0		118	140
	118	0	0	118	140
3(e) Other expenditure					
Vicarage expenses	850	0	0	850	0
Agency payments			1,420	1,420	0
	850	0	1,420	2,270	0
TOTALS	130,962	114	6,815	137,891	101,502

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets	70,700	7,669	13,757	92,126
Fund Balance	70,700	7,669	13,757	92,126

Fund Details

Unrestricted Funds relate to the General Account, which is used to pay all the everyday expenses. This fund is “unrestricted” because the money has been given to the Church on the general understanding that it will be used by the PCC for furthering the mission and ministry of the Church. Unless otherwise specified, all the money received by the Church is first put into the General Fund.

Designated Funds are those where sums of money are set aside by the PCC for a specific purpose. There are currently three Designated Funds:

- * The Overseas Church Link Fund
- * The Youth Fund
- * The Ellis Fund is a donation from the Ellis family to be used to upgrade the heating.

Restricted Funds are monies received by the PCC for a specified purpose. There are currently six Restricted Funds:

- * The Bell Fund
- * The Flower Fund
- * The Organ Fund is to be used for restoration and maintenance of the Organ.
- * The Restoration and Development Fund is to be used for the maintenance and/or restoration of the fabric and/or the ancillary services of the Church
- * Sequestration Fund. During the vacancy this fund holds wedding and funeral fees normally paid to the diocese and is used for paying clergy who officiate at weddings and funerals.
- * Agency Fund. This is money collected on behalf of other organisations

The PCC holds no endowment funds.

Liabilities

Under our current accounting convention we account for both income and expenditure when it is incurred. However, as at the 31st December 2023 we have the following financial liabilities.

- * St Peter's did not pay its full parish share in 2021 and 2023 giving a shortfall of £40,662

ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	B/Fwd £	Income £	Outgoings £	Transfers £	C/Fwd £
Unrestricted - General	56,784	136,344	130,964	8,537	70,700
Designated - Carpet Project	495	1,160		(1,655)	0
Designated - Ellis	6,521				6,521
Designated - Youth	1,144	118	114		1,148
Restricted - Bell Fund	159	660	360		459
Restricted - Fair Trade	40			(40)	0
Restricted - Flower	335	65	81		319
Restricted - Organ	9,154	1,820	1,250		9,724
Restricted - Restoration	2,790				2,790
Restricted - Sequestration	507	3,074	3,618	36	0
Restricted - Wages (Administrator)	5,909	969		(6,878)	0
Restricted - Agency		1,970	1,505		465
TOTAL	83,838	146,180	137,892	0	92,126

CLERGY EXPENSES

	2024 £	2023 £
Vicar expenses	54	
Other clergy expenses & travel	109	26
	163	26

CHARITABLE GIVING MADE THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF ST PETER'S CHURCH

	Home	Overseas
	£	£
St George Foundation		330
Bishops Discretionay Fund	127	
Churches Homeless Trust	1,003	
Embrace Middle East	160	
Mayor of Fareham Charities	35	
The Childrens Christmas Fund (Christingle)	56	
	1,381	330

ST PETER'S FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

	£
Bible Walk	321
Christmas Coffee Morning	1,023
Kneelers Afternoon	231
Lent Lunches	533
Plant Sale	1,055
Police Choir	1,572
Scarecrow Trail	2,670
Welcome Café	573
Total	7,977

Notes 1:

During the year the church received:

* £900 grant from the Archbishop Council which was paid on to the SSLT

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Peter's Church,
Titchfield, Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 9

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

- 1 which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Dudley Hopkins

Date

Dudley Hopkins
29A Locks Road
Locks Heath
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14th March 2025

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Welcoming all, celebrating life, sharing the journey

Collect for St. Peter's Titchfield

Father God, thank you for our church and its people.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our church may flourish.
Help us to see you in everyone we meet
and fill our lives with your praise.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Overview of 2023 and Vice-Chair Report

2023 has been another positive and eventful year which saw growth in our congregation and a shared commitment to faith and fellowship with each other and the wider Parish helping us achieve great things together. There is progress, not least because of the permission we received at the end of November to fill the vacancy for a House for Duty Associate Priest. On behalf of Helen Perry and myself we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported the church and ourselves during the past year. We would have achieved very little without your help.

Priest in Charge appointment

We were pleased to appoint Revd Dr Ian Meredith to the post of Priest in Charge at St Peter's just before Christmas. This role means that Ian has overall responsibility for the Parish and will be supported by a House for Duty Associate Priest who will live and work in the Parish. Ian continues in his role as Vicar at St Mary's Porchester but will commit regular time to St Peter's.

House for Duty Associate Priest

We advertised the post of House for Duty Associate Priest just before Christmas 2023 and details of the appointment will be included in the 2024 report. The Associate Priest will be working on a House for Duty basis, offering ministry on Sundays and the equivalent of two days per week.

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Ministry team

The support of Revd Janet, our Deacon and retired clergy with PTO over the past year has meant continued leadership of worship that has been interestingly varied, valued and inspiring. Our clergy team have helped St Peter's to grow and flourish during the vacancy and I know the congregation has appreciated the blessing of their rich ministry. The appointment of the Priest in Charge and the House for Duty Priest will help spread the workload but we hope our retired clergy will continue to bless us with their spiritual insight and faith.

Safeguarding

In early 2023 Jane Reid stepped down from the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer after many years of dedicated service. As safeguarding was a well established principle within the Parish it was no problem for me to take on the PSO role until Dave Foster picked up the mantle in October. Jane has done a wonderful job in helping our church develop a positive culture around safeguarding. Caryl Larkins continues her invaluable support of the PSO managing the safe recruitment of volunteers. Thank you to everyone involved for your help in maintaining St Peter's as a safe place.

Outreach activities

2023 has been a busy year which has strengthened our links with the community and our shared fellowship and collaboration as a congregation. The Angel Festival at Christmas was a huge effort to stage but the joy it gave and the involvement of the congregation and the community proved to be very worthwhile. We have many generous volunteers helping with activities and always opportunities for new people to join in. The outreach report has all the details of the many events that took place in 2023.

Finances

There is continuing concern about our level of income at St Peter's. We, like some others in the Deanery, were not able to pay our full parish share in 2023 and to balance our income with expenditure we underpaid the parish share by £14,400. This means that the Diocese has a shortfall in their income because we were not able to pay what we owe. We need to increase income in 2024 and this is something we will all need to address.

*Steven Sherwood
Vice-Chair PCC and Churchwarden*

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Worship during 2023

Sunday Services

8am Holy Communion (BCP) on the 1st Sunday each month

10am Parish Eucharist plus live streaming

Thursday Services

10am Said service of Holy Communion using an alternating pattern of liturgy using the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship

Western Wards Prayer Service was held in January shared with congregation members for the other three churches in Western Wards

Ash Wednesday The Imposition of Ashes and a service of Holy Communion

Mothering Sunday Parish Communion service with flowers distributed to members of the congregation.

Palm Sunday began with a blessing of palm crosses at the Parish Rooms before all processed to St Peter's singing hymns

Maundy Thursday was an evening service, including foot washing and the Gethsemane Watch until midnight

Good Friday There was a Walk of Witness from Titchfield Abbey to St Peter's. A Liturgy of Good Friday service was held in church.

Easter Eve A vigil and Service of Light was held

Easter Day A service of the Eucharist to celebrate Easter was held in church

Celebration of the Coronation This was a special communion service welcoming community and others

Western Wards Covenant Service held in June to reaffirm our shared commitment to the collaboration of our four churches in this area of Fareham Deanery

Harvest Festival Members of the church family and local schools brought gifts of food which were donated to the Food Bank.

All Saints Day/All Souls Day The All Souls service was a moving service. Invitations to families bereaved in the previous 12 months were sent out and many were able to attend the service with support from the Pastoral Support Group available.

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Remembrance Sunday The service in St Peter's was followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the village with great support from Titchfield Sea Scouts

Family Carol Service was held to complete the celebrations of the Angel Festival weekend

Christmas Eve St Peter's held two services – a Crib Service at 4pm and Carols by Candlelight at 6pm. Both services had large attendance from congregation, village and wider communities.

Christmas Day was celebrated with 8am BCP service followed by 10am Holy Communion service

From the registers for 2022:

Baptisms - 15

Confirmations - None

Weddings - 2

Wedding Blessing - none

Funerals in church - 12

Funerals at Crematoria only - 4

Electoral Roll

Report was prepared by David Mugford (Electoral Roll Officer post May 2023)

Number on Roll = 130 people. There were 11 changes consisting of 3 deaths, 4 additions, 2 moved away and 2 who left the church.

Finance Report

2023 has been an interesting year financially for St Peters! Income for the year dropped a little as against 2022 and that in spite of special donations to fund our Parish Administrator.

Expenditure also seems lower but in 2022 we had to pay over £25,000 towards the repointing works on the outside of the south aisle. In 2023 we have had to pay an additional £5,000 for heat and light and of course the wages for our Parish Administrator.

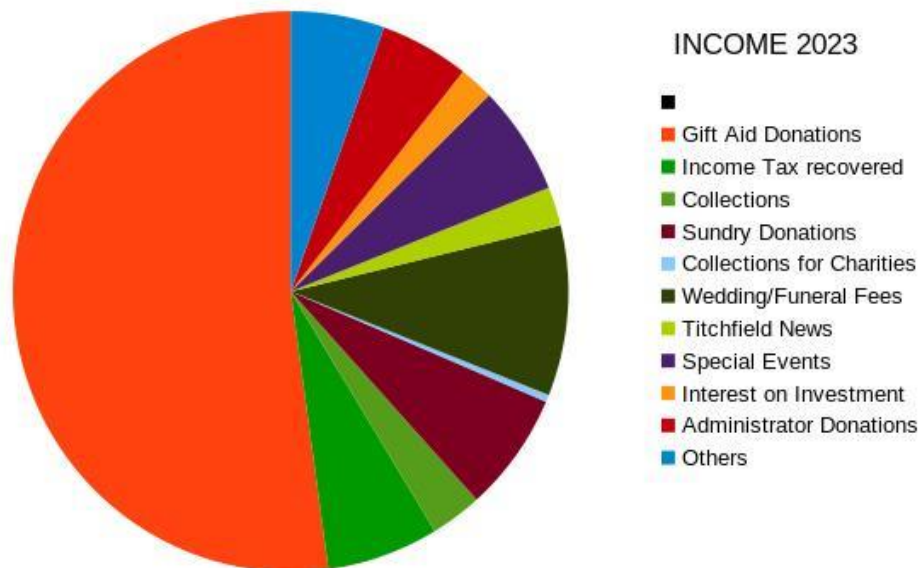
The PCC opted to pay a reduced Parish Share each month in the hope that at the end of the year there would be sufficient income to make up the deficit. Consequently, near the end of the year with PCC approval I estimated how much we could afford to pay to try to balance income and expenditure but sadly we could not afford the full amount.

The chart below shows where our income is coming from. It clearly shows that most of our income is from donations which with gift aid added totals about 60% of our total income. Most of this is through the Parish Giving Scheme which in addition to doing much of the work for the

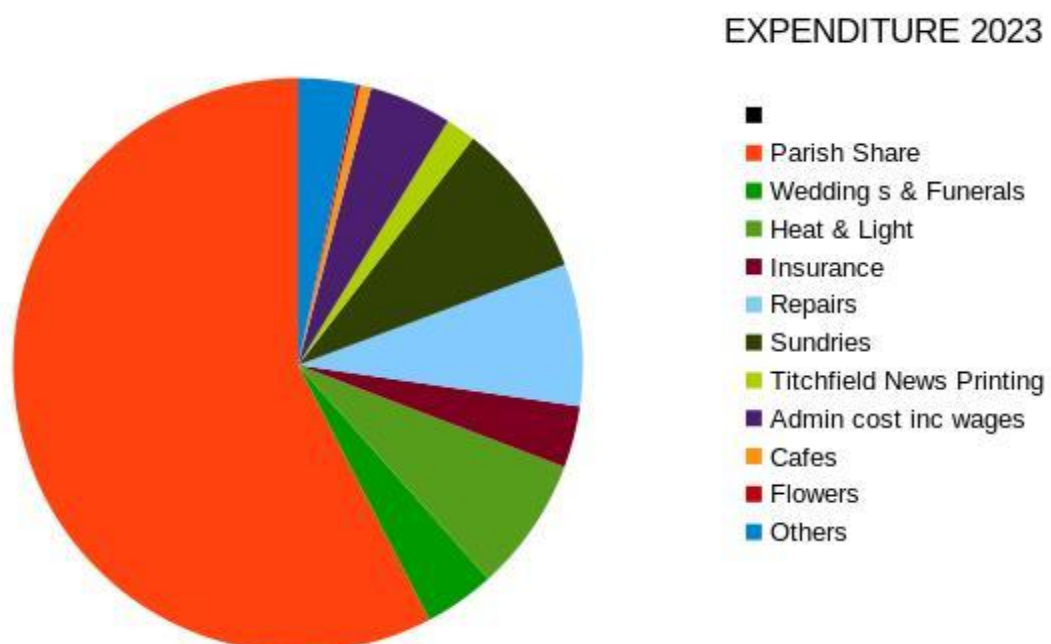
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finance team, also encourages donors to index link their donations which obviously help retain the value of those donations.



The next chart shows the various reasons for expenditure in 2023, and very clearly shows how much we passed on to the Diocese as Parish Share. Whilst this may appear to be an enormous burden on the Parish, it should be remembered that this share, in addition to paying the stipends of clergy, also contributes to pensions for retired clergy, training for finance teams and safeguarding teams, provides advice and guidance on legal, structural, educational and historic matters. An amount goes to running the Cathedral and also the national Church paying for services such as the Parish Buying Scheme which negotiates bulk buying schemes to save Parishes money. The chart also gives a guide as to what percentage of our income has to be spent on energy, mandatory insurances and the cost of running this beautiful Grade 1 listed building.



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I have now completed my 3-year term as treasurer and will be standing down. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Helen Perry for the assistance she has given over the years in advising on some of the complexities within the structure and provision of functions within St Peters; to the money counters Rachel, Kay and Sandra, to John Parry who does the Gift Aid processing, and a particular thanks to the Book-keeper Paul Angelides for his dedication and absolutely first class work in keeping the books and producing the Annual Accounts document.

*Martin Reid
Hon. Treasurer*

Charitable Giving

- Christian Aid £373.00
- St George Foundation £290.46
- Embrace the Middle East £160.00
- Friends of the Homeless in Fareham and Gosport £650.00

Fabric Report

- **Faculty for the Heating system** There have been a number of discussions with the Diocesan Advisory Committee to try and find consensus on how the heating project can achieve net zero. This has led to a delay in the approval of the faculty until 2024.
- **Electrical inspection** The 5 yearly electrical inspection took place in 2023 and although some remedial works were required generally these were small items. These have now been addressed.
- **Garden of Remembrance** The wall that forms the boundary between the Garden of Remembrance and the Bugle pub fell into the garden during strong winds. The Brewery owns the wall and is responsible for rebuilding it and restoring the garden. The brewery need permission from Fareham Borough Council for the rebuild as it is within the conservation area.
- **Churchyard repairs** Fareham Borough Council identified that a number of the tombs in the churchyard were in unsafe condition. As a temporary measure the tombs were barriered off to ensure no-one was hurt if they collapsed. Although the churchyard is not the church's responsibility the PCC will have to submit any faculty for the work to the Diocese, therefore the PCC have to agree the proposed repairs. The Council will put forward proposals for the repairs after they have consulted with interested parties.
- **Bell wheel** There was an issue with one of the bell wheels that was repaired in October by Whites.

*Steven Sherwood
Churchwarden*

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Safeguarding Report

In early 2023 Jane Reid stepped down from the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) after many years of dedicated service. I then covered the PSO role until Dave Foster picked up the mantle in October.

St Peter's PCC is 96% compliant with their duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. St Peter's Safeguarding Policy was reviewed by the PCC and a copy submitted to the Diocese.

Responsibility for compliance lies with the PCC and incumbents however implementation is often delegated to the PSO. During an interregnum the Churchwardens and PSO are expected to fulfil the incumbent's safeguarding responsibilities.

We have been using the C of E Safeguarding dashboards to manage and monitor our safeguarding compliance.

All of our volunteers have been assessed using the Church of England's Safer Recruitment criteria. These checks are now carried out by our Parish DBS Administrator Caryl Larkins and I offer my sincerest thanks to her for all her support and assistance.

*Steven Sherwood
Churchwarden*

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Outreach

There were a variety of opportunities during 2023 to welcome people into St Peter's and for us to be out and about in the community.

Lego Club was a new venture for families. It began in April, meeting once a month and serving breakfast as well as challenging all present to use their creative model building skills. Prior to the first session there had been an appeal for donations of Lego. People within the church and the wider community were so generous in response, donating pre-loved bricks, large pre-built models or brand new sets. It was very encouraging! Over the year the club grew in number from a small group of 4 families who joined and stayed to around 15 families by the end of the year. There is still enough Lego for all to enjoy along with fellowship and food. We have also been well supported by our Deacon and retired clergy who take it in turn to join in, offering an informal reflection and prayer at the end of each session.

Mouse Trail and crafts Families continued to enjoy the Mouse Trail during the school holidays and were also much involved in craft sessions during half-term in October when we began

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making angels for the displays at Christmas.

Easter and the Coronation celebration An Egg Hunt for children was held after the Easter Sunday service in April benefiting from the use of a large local garden close to the church offered by one of our congregation. In May St Peter's took the opportunity to join in community celebrations for the Coronation on Barry's Meadow where we launched a competition to create a design for a kneeler to commemorate the occasion. St Peter's collection of kneelers depicts memories and stories of local and national life; we now have two new designs in progress, both created by children, which will become part of the collection.

Summer Days A Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in May was followed by a concert in June and then in July a joint enterprise began with Meon Health Practice to support their Wellbeing Walking group, providing coffee and fellowship in church after the walk. This has been very successful with many of the walking group joining in other church activity including services. In August the Welcome Café opened and Organ recitals by David Chandler began on a weekly basis attracting local people and visitors to St Peter's.

September arrived and attention turned to The Angel Festival. This event took on a life of its own involving many groups and organisations within the village and wider Parish. People of all ages joined in: toddlers at a local nursery, children at the local primary school, young mums and dads, grandparents, all took part; people with amazing creative skills and those who thought they had none, contributed a wonderful variety of individual angels; stitchers, knitters, gardeners, artists, musicians, singers, bakers, a photographer, flower arrangers, wood workers - it was a glorious mix! An Advent Coffee morning and Christmas sale was enjoyed at the end of November and then the Angel Festival took place during the weekend before Christmas. Over 700 people visited the display which ended on the Sunday with a well-attended family friendly carol service, (with glow sticks!), organised and led by Revd Julia Foster and Revd Janet Trevithick.

The events in 2023 could not have happened without the ongoing support of all our volunteers who made and served refreshments, welcomed and supported visitors or were active in a variety of ways behind the scenes. Thanks go to every one of them. We are blessed to have had the opportunity to work together, to build relationships with each other and with those we welcome to share opportunities.

Helen Perry

Links with Schools

Titchfield Primary School (TPS)

St Peter's continues to have good contact with our local schools. We are delighted when the teachers and pupils visit us for key celebrations throughout the year ensuring the children feel comfortable visiting the church and creating happy experiences as part of their childhood memories.

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In July we welcomed Year 6 along with their family and friends for the annual Leavers Assembly. September brought the start of a new academic year when the school like to begin with a blessing service at church. Harvest in October is always joyful and in December it is wonderful to see how creative the school become with the Nativity Story.

In December both St Peter's and community produced an 'Angel Festival' in church and TPS contributed with their interpretation of 'Angels'. TPS are also regular contributors to the Titchfield News magazine keeping us all up to date with what the children are currently learning.

Revd Janet Trevithick

West Hill Park School

Over the past year St Peters continued its supportive relationship with West Hill Park school.

The Revd Julia Foster was invited to the school on several occasions to take assemblies, including Ash Wednesday when some willing volunteers were 'ashed'. In July she also attended the leavers service and school speech day. During the Autumn term she was invited to speak to the year one class on Baptism and a baby doll was duly baptised with some of the children taking the roles of parents and Godparents.

The school held their harvest service in church this year and St Peter's were also pleased to host the school for their annual carol concert. It was a lovely traditional service with wonderful singing and readings that were read so beautifully by the children.

St Peters looks forward to continuing this important link with the school in the future.

Revd Julia Foster

Jigsaw Pre-school

We remain in touch with the pre-school but no visits were planned for 2023. Jigsaw Pre-school has moved from Titchfield and now shares premises at St John's School in Abshot Road, where they seem to be thriving. The school was delighted to be asked to be part of our Angel festival in December and the children contributed some beautiful Angel art work.

Revd Janet Trevithick

St Peter's Home Groups

Unfortunately, our home group situation at St Peter's is still in need of a boost.

We currently have just one group which has been together for many years and still meet on a regular basis, two new members have joined the group this year. The members were asked what the group has meant to each person individually. Below are some of their responses:

- A safe place to explore our faith and things we are not sure of

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- A private homely place to meet friends, find support and share life's joys and challenges
- A group with common goals (spiritual growth and friendship)
- A valuable intrinsic part of the week/not just Sundays
- Sharing our thoughts and sometimes doubts non judgementally
- Listening to other group member's views and life experiences
- Exploring the Bible for deeper understanding
- A space where there is freedom to listen and no pressure to join in

Small group fellowship and study are an important part of church life for many different reasons, and we do plan to build up our groups next year.

St Peter's did gather together in small groups for the five-part Lent course in Feb/March 2023. We also offered a three-part Advent course in December 2023.

Revd Janet Trevithick

Western Wards Steering Group

The Western Wards Steering Group is a sub-committee of each of the PCCs in our group of four churches and representatives report back to their respective PCC. It continues to meet monthly to talk about how we can best share resources, work together and support one another. This year St John's held the fourth and last of our prayer services which was well attended.

Following these prayer services, in July, we held a joint 'Covenant Celebration Service' to give thanks for our WW relationship. There was a picnic lunch on the green at St Paul's followed by a short service of prayer and hymns.

Our next joint venture was at the Locks Heath Centre as they celebrated their 40th birthday and had a stall there all day with craft activities for children. Many friendly conversations took place and flyers were handed out with information about our WW churches. In December we had the opportunity to go back there again to celebrate the switching on of the Christmas lights. We had a stall again with crafts for the children and distributed flyers about our services and activities over Christmas.

Two Alpha courses took place this year, a daytime course for young Mums at St Mary's and an evening course at St Paul's, which were supported by all four churches.

We really value this relationship with St John's, St Paul's and St Mary's and feel that it does have great benefits for us all.

Revd Janet Trevithick

St Peter's Prayerline

We commemorated and celebrated Prayerline's 27th birthday on 6th March. I am delighted to say that almost all the team were able to meet together in the Southampton Chapel on 14th March - an opportunity not only for me to thank the team for their continued loyalty and commitment but also to give thanks for the lives of those on our list who had died and to reflect on, review and (as and where appropriate) streamline the list. We were able to include in our

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recollection Doreen White who served as my deputy for so many years and for whom the Prayerline meant so much, having previously remembered her on the first anniversary of her death on 5th February.

Our prayers continue to include a variety of 'situations' or 'scenarios' – many being health-related (eg surgical operations and procedures, hospital stays) and end of life – seven deaths during the course of the year. We are always careful to include loved ones and family members in addition to the 'patient'.

Prayers included a 100th birthday celebration, three house sales, work-related issues and an Atlantic row challenge! (a family member of one of the Prayerline team was part of the crew on one of the boats.)

We were also collectively able to remember parts of the world that were suffering – including Turkey and Syria following the earthquake, Morocco and Libya following the earthquake and flooding, and the troubles affecting Azerbaijan and Armenia – in addition to, of course, the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

I am, as ever, indebted to 'my ladies' for their faithfulness and commitment.

Charles Timberlake

Pastoral Support Group

During this year we have held regular meetings so we have all been kept well informed. To this end we have also made a Pastoral Support WhatsApp group.

Visits and Phone Calls - Many home and care home visits and/or telephone calls have been made and Holy Communion taken to those who want it. Christmas cards were also sent to those on our care list who are not able to come to church.

Tea Parties - This year we have held 4 pastoral support tea parties in the Village Hall and one special tea party at the Rotary Wheelhouse at Hill Head. All have been well attended and supported.

All Souls Day Service - Members of the Pastoral Support Team attended this service.

Lent Lunches - The team organised the first lent lunch and some of us have attended other lent lunches.

Western Wards Pastoral Support Group - This year this group has met 4 times alternating between St. Peter's Titchfield, St. John's Locks Heath and St. Mary's Warsash. So far nobody from St. Paul's Sarisbury has been able to join us. These meetings are valuable for exchanging ideas and learning from each other.

We were all able to attend a Listening Course organised at St. John's Locks Heath.

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We also attended and helped with the **Welcome Café** held in the church during July and August.

Thanks should also go to the many people in the church congregation who look out for and help others.

Rachel Baker

Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank

Regular donations of packaged food items were made throughout the year by church members and the wider community. All were delivered at intervals to the Fareham base. Harvest Festival services held by West Hill Park and Titchfield Primary School as well as St Peter's provided additional donations to the Food Bank. As always, thanks to all who support this need all year.

Fairtrade

Despite the closure in 2022 of Shop Equality and the sad death of Karen Postle, orders for Real Advent Calendars plus chocolate Angels and Real Easter Eggs were co-ordinated by Anna Sketchley. All profits from their sales go to support Fairtrade. Eggs and calendars were donated to the local Foodbank. St Peter's continues to support Fairtrade by buying Fairtrade tea and coffee for use in the Welcome Café and for coffee after services, plus washing up liquid and toilet rolls.

Lent Lunches

Lunches were held each Friday during Lent with tables set up in the church. Donations were invited for the St George Foundation in Sierra Leone who support street children and for St Peter's Church.

The lunches consist of a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese. The Pastoral Support Group organised a rota to buy the food, make soup, set-up and serve the lunches.

Ladies' Breakfast

The Ladies' Breakfast is held on the last Saturday of the month 9am-10.30 in the Chapter Room at St Peter's Church. There are about 20 persons who attend and are served with a continental style breakfast, including catering for gluten free diets. Occasionally there is a speaker.

Ros Seward

Flowers at St. Peter's

Despite having fewer flower arrangers, the team have managed to maintain their usual standard of always having fresh flowers in the church, with the exception of Lent and Advent. A group of flower arrangers plus some volunteers spent a happy morning making over 30 holly wreathes and Christmas decorations for the very successful Advent Coffee morning. We

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are actively trying to recruit more younger members to become part of our team.

Sheila Hignell

Titchfield News

Sadly, the esteemed editor Karen Postle passed away in April 2023. Karen left a thriving legacy with the magazine well established in the community attracting many articles, some rooted in the church and some from a variety of people in the community.

'Letters from St Peters' were from different authors over the last year whilst the Parish has been in vacancy. This situation is becoming resolved which is exciting. Over the last year there were also letters from the local Imam and The Living Word Church. Reports from the village societies indicate what a busy and interesting village Titchfield is. As new shops open, they are invited to contribute to an article in the magazine. Book reviews started when Karen was editor and have continued although it would be good to receive reviews from more readers.

Anna Sketchley became temporary editor, with Margaret Thompson continuing as assistant editor. The magazine continued developing with a fascinating environmental slant being added by Lisa Williams. Towards the end of the year Margaret was persuaded to take over as editor with Anna carrying on as assistant editor. The team and the PCC continue to try to attract more volunteers to join a small editorial committee to help with all the tasks. Sadly, the hard working and brilliant Karen Rizzi who lays out the magazine for the publishers gave notice that she would be retiring to spend more time with her family in Scotland. Her efforts and good humour will be missed. In 2024 a replacement is urgently needed – volunteers should contact Margaret or St Peter's

Tony Postle continues ably to organise the adverts for the magazine which bring in almost enough to pay for publication. Distribution volunteers (Ian Windebank, Wendy Nicholson, Lesley Blackburn, Tim Mason, David Mugford and others) are coordinated by Geri Pontefract. Thank are given to all of them.

Currently there are 282 subscribers, plus others sold in St Peter's and local retail outlets. With the hard work and efforts of the whole Titchfield News team, this valuable magazine is in good shape for 2024 but seeks new volunteers to share the load.

Margaret Thompson
Editor

St. Peter's Bell-Ringers

The year proved to be exceptional in several ways.

Firstly, we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles by joining in with the planned National Ringing Celebrations. Two of our ringers, Christine Lanegan and Gerald Brown had also rung for the Coronation of Her Late Majesty. They were among over 100 other ringers across the Country and Commonwealth who achieved this. Our ringing also included one new member

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who started to learn with us as part of the “Ring for the King” national recruitment drive. The publicity around the celebratory ringing also resulted in 3 new recruits later in the year who are making good progress.

Secondly, the year's ringing was marred by a very unfortunate accident when the wheel of the Third bell was destroyed when the Chimes operated as the bells were ringing. Thanks to the support of the Church Wardens and the PCC, a new wheel was made and installed by professional bell hangers.

We have been able to ring for services, village and national events only because of the dedication of the ringers, to whom I am very grateful for the support throughout the last (and previous) years. In particular Phil Mummery (Deputy Tower Captain) and Lesley Blackburn (Secretary) who do a great job in keeping me “in line”. The ringers have also been active joining events at other towers in the Portsmouth District, and we visited churches around Andover for our annual outing.

We have received many compliments and thanks in recent weeks. It is very pleasing that the sound of the bells is appreciated. I would like to say that everyone is welcome to visit us on practice night (although some notice would help as the ringing room is relatively small), and that visits to see the bells themselves can be arranged (there are 2 ladders to negotiate!).

*Lyndon Hatfield
Tower Captain*

St Peter's Church Conducted Tours

Throughout the year, tours have been given by Richard Boden and David Mugford on a pre-arranged basis.

On 25 March, a short talk was given to the Breakfast Club on a few selected features of the architecture and history. This was followed on 18 April when a full tour was given to a party of 8 persons. On the 26 July, a party of twenty persons from Botley and Hedge End and District U3A (Historic Churches Group) was given a full tour, which ended after many questions on the history and practices that were once held inside. This is the largest ever party that has been hosted.

David Mugford

Titchfield Churchyard Maintenance Group

The churchyard continued to benefit from the hard work of the Churchyard Maintenance Group during 2024. The group met throughout the year and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

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Friends of St Peter's (FOSP)

Friends was established to preserve and maintain the fabric of St Peter's (including its land, buildings, fixtures, furnishings, fabrics, archives and treasures) and to generate enthusiasm in the origins, history, architecture and development of the building.

We raise funds and make grants of money to the clergy, churchwardens and Parochial Church Council (PCC).

From January –December 31st 2023 we were able to hold a few fund-raising events, namely the Earl of Southampton lecture, a Barn Dance, a Winter Glitz evening and Carols round the Tree. This will go towards funds committed for on-going high-cost projects, such as the church heating, something we can all benefit from!

In terms of the church heating, the committee voted to pay the total cost of the 1st phase; this to ensure a legacy we received meets the wishes of the gift given to us.

We look forward to our continued relationship with the PCC, the congregation members and the community to support and maintain our ancient church building.

*Pat Shirley
Chair (FOSP)*

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St Peter's Clergy and Officers

Vicar: In vacancy since October 2020

Churchwardens: Steven Sherwood
Helen Perry (from May 2023)

Deacon: Revd Janet Trevithick

Reader: David Foster

Clergy with Permission to Officiate:

Revd Jane Kennedy
Revd Julia Foster
Revd Canon Peter Kelly
Revd Jane Richards

PCC Treasurer: Martin Reid

Book Keeper: Paul Angelides

Electoral Roll Officer: David Mugford (from May 2023)

GDPR Officer: Paul Wenham

Parish Administrator: Lisa Horstead

Organist - David Chandler

Captain of the Tower: Lyndon Hatfield

Sacristan: Peter Gordon

Sidespeople: Barbara Le Sueur, Joan Angelides, Paul Angelides, David Mugford, Sandra Pereira, John Pereira, Martin Reid, Jane Reid, Dudley Hopkins, Lin Kelly, John Blundell, Jean Wood, Nog Grimstead, Stella Funnell and Kay Dunleavy

Lay Assistants: Linda Allison*, Helen Blundell, Peter Gordon, Nog Grimstead, David Mugford, John Murray, Stephen Lewis, Anna Sketchley*, Jane Slaymaker and Charles Timberlake*

*Lay assistants who have been authorised by the Bishop to administer Holy Communion to people in their own home.

St Peter's Website: Chris Oakley, Jane Slaymaker

Team leader for live-streaming of services from St Peter's: Chris Oakley

St Peter's Facebook Page: Lisa Horstead

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St Peter's Parochial Church Council

Ex-officio members

Vicar: In vacancy since October 2020

Deacon: Revd Janet Trevithick

Church Wardens: Steven Sherwood
Helen Perry (from May 2023)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod (ex-officio):

Andrew Trevithick

Anna Sketchley

Elected Members: Vice Chair: Steven Sherwood

Chris Oakley Year 6

Hazel Croft-Phillips Year 5

Paul Wenham Year 5

Martin Reid Year 3

Lin Kelly Year 1

David Mugford Year 1

1 Vacancy

PCC Secretary: Jane Slaymaker

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Steven Sherwood (CW) David Foster (from October 2023)

PCC Representatives on Friends of St Peters Committee: Steven Sherwood

PCC meetings were held on 10th and 24th January, 14th February, 14th March, 11th April, 10th May, 6th June, 11th July, 8th August, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November and 11th December

Sub-Committees of the PCC

Standing Committee: The only committee required by law with the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Members: Chair – Steven Sherwood, Helen Perry, Martin Reid and Revd Janet Trevithick.

Fabric Committee: Attends to matters relating to church buildings, including promoting safe practice in the church environment. Also advises the PCC on any maintenance required to the church (except minor repairs). Chair: Steven Sherwood

Teams and Working Groups

The Western Wards Cluster Group continue to meet fortnightly, and this has been a great

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support for the leadership of all four churches. The group currently consists of clergy (where there are some) and churchwardens (if not), there are normally two representatives from each church. This meeting is informal in nature, and no notes are taken.

The Western Wards Steering Group was formed in July 2021 for the purpose of discerning points at which the four churches can collaborate and share resources. This group meets monthly and is a sub-committee of the PCCs of each church and comes under their authority. Two to three members of each church attend, and minutes are taken.

Staff Team at St Peter's

A staff team meeting is held once a month at St Peter's to review past services, plan upcoming services and complete rotas.

Members are: Revd Janet Trevithick, Revd Canon Peter Kelly, Revd Jane Richards, Revd Julia Foster, David Foster (Reader), Revd Jane Kennedy, David Chandler (organist) and our churchwardens Steven Sherwood and Helen Perry (if available).

Pastoral Support Team: Facilitates pastoral care in the parish and provides bereavement support. Chair: Ros Seward

Prayerline: Confidential long-distance prayer support. Chair: Charles Timberlake

Stewardship Team: John Parry

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020, Part 9, Rule M5 (1)(b)

Registered Charity: Registered Number 1131773

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Website: www.stpetertitchfield.org.uk

Diocesan website: www.portsmouth.anglican.org

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9th April 2024 and signed on its behalf by Steven Sherwood (Vice Chair of PCC)

Appendix A – 2023 Deanery Synod Report

The Fareham Deanery synod representatives for St Peter's in 2023 were Andrew Trevithick and Anna Sketchley.

There were 2 formal meetings of the Deanery Synod, 15 June at Holy trinity Church Fareham and 29 September at St John the Evangelist Church Fareham. Both were chaired by Revd Dr Ian Meredith (Area Dean) and Lay Chair Mrs Liz Simpson.

In a departure from normal business, the first meeting was used to '*get to know*' the various parishes and churches in the Fareham deanery. Each church was invited to provide a display/information point to include basic parish information, photographs, publicity to illuminate where we see God at work and any future direction/projects/outreach etc. St Peter's provided a very professional and prayerfully considered display showing some of our activities ranging from hosting the Alpha course on behalf of the Western Wards to entertaining the local community with the hunt for 66 knitted church mice!

At the second meeting we were introduced to the new Archdeacon Kathryn Percival who confirmed a real commitment to resourcing ministry, especially to fill vacancies at Titchfield and Sarisbury Green. Stuart Forster (Deanery Treasurer) emphasised that "*the budget is the oil that enables the function of the Church*" – all but 2 parishes to date had paid their full share (Fareham normally manages 100% return). The draft 2024 budget was expected to be around £5.2M and parish share could expect to rise by 5%. Finally, Jean-Remy Duboc from St Johns Fareham introduced an item on CMA/Connect Debt Counselling Ministry set up by Revd Bruce Deans who saw a need for debt counselling. This is now funded by churches around Southampton/Portsmouth and is currently helping 7 clients and following up on a further 10 representing debt of £147K. This essential ministry is looking for volunteers for: Money Mentor, Centre Manager and Fundraising officer (salaried at £15-20K).

Encouragingly, there was little mention of the Deanery Plan or the Road Map as they were deemed mature enough to provide the necessary guidance to the Diocese and could be monitored/updated as required.

Liz Simpson stepped down from role as Lay Chair and she was thanked for her many faithful years serving the Deanery.

Deanery Synod Reps

ST PETER'S CHURCH, TITCHFIELD

Annual Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council

For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Vicar:
In Vacancy since October 2020

PCC Bank:
Lloyds TSB Bank PLC
43 West Street
Fareham

Honorary Treasurer:
Mr Martin Reid
1 Chatsworth Close
Fareham

Honorary Secretary:
Mrs Jane Slaymaker
34a Ranvilles Lane
Fareham

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. Details of the funds at the PCC's disposal are included in the Balance Sheet.

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

Incoming Resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when recovered.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as received.

Resources Used

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

The diocesan parish share is paid in monthly shares. A reduced rate was paid during the year.

Current Assets

Short term deposits including cash are held with the CBF Church of England Fund.

VAT

VAT is irrecoverable on all expenditure other than items eligible under the Listed Places of Worship scheme and is included with the relevant expenditure.

PCC

No PCC member received any remuneration or expenses meeting of the PCC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31st December 2023

		General Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
INCOMING RESOURCES	<i>Note</i>	£	£	£	£
<i>Incoming Resources from Donors</i>	<i>2(a)</i>	<i>70,502</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,300</i>	<i>72,802</i>
<i>Other Voluntary incoming resources</i>	<i>2(b)</i>	<i>4,309</i>	<i>495</i>	<i>5,409</i>	<i>10,213</i>
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities</i>					
- to further Council's objects	<i>2(c)</i>	<i>7,047</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>5,242</i>	<i>12,315</i>
- to generate funds	<i>2(d)</i>	<i>7,256</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>7,266</i>
<i>Income from investments</i>	<i>2(e)</i>	<i>2,098</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,098</i>
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	<i>2(f)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Agency receipts</i>		<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>53</i>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		91,212	521	13,014	104,747
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Charitable Giving</i>	<i>3(a)</i>	<i>770</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>770</i>
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</i>	<i>3(b)</i>	<i>91,172</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>4,269</i>	<i>95,520</i>
<i>Church management and administration</i>	<i>3(c)</i>	<i>5,072</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>5,072</i>
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>	<i>3(d)</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>140</i>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		97,154	79	4,269	101,502
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		(5,942)	442	8,745	3,245
Balances brought forward at 1 st January 2022		64,109	7,719	8,819	80,647
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2023		58,167	8,161	17,564	83,892

BALANCE SHEET

At 31st December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Short term deposits	67,571.20	65,473
Cash at bank	16,153.29	15,022
Cash in hand	167.40	152
	83,891.89	80,647
TOTAL ASSETS	83,892	80,647
FUNDS		
Unrestricted - General	56780	64,109
Designated - Carpet Project	495	0
Designated - Ellis	6521	6,521
Designated - Overseas church link	0	0
Designated - Youth	1145	1,198
Restricted - Bell Fund	160	105
Restricted - Fair Trade	40	40
Restricted - Flower	336	370
Restricted - Organ	9154	8,519
Restricted - Restoration	2791	991
Restricted - Sequestration	508	-1,206
Restricted - Wages	5909	0
Restricted - Agency	53	0
Total Funds at Bank	83,892	80,647

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on
Sherwood (Churchwarden)

and signed on its behalf by: Steven

Signed

Date

2) INCOMING RESOURCES

	2023			2022
	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
2(a) Incoming resources from donors				
Gift Aid donations	52,349		2,300	54,649
Income Tax recoverable	6,827			6,827
Other planned giving	2			2
Collections (open plate)	2,387			2,387
Collections (baptisms/weddings/funerals)	746			746
Wall safe	552			552
Sundry donations	7,206			7,206
Collections for charities	433			433
	70,502	0	2,300	72,802
2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources				
Other income	4,269			4,269
Administrator donations	40		5,409	5,449
Carpet Project		495		495
	4,309	495	5,409	10,213
2(c) Income from operating activities				
Fees	5,350		4,942	10,292
Titchfield News - sales	1,697			1,697
Youth Activities		26		26
Bells				0
Organ			150	150
Flowers			150	150
	7,047	26	5,242	12,315
2(d) Income from operating activities to generate funds				
Titchfield News – advertising	651			651
Café Connect / Advent Café				0
Special events	5,386		10	5,396
Sundry Activities	888			888
Fair Trade Stall				0
Books	331			331
	7,256	0	10	7,266
2(e) Income from investments				
Interest earned	2,098			2,098
	2,098	0	0	2,098
2(f) Other incoming resources				
VAT refunds				0
	0	0	0	0
Agency receipts			53	53
	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	91,212	521	13,014	104,747
				105,471

RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2023			2022
	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
3(a) charitable giving				
Overseas	120			120
Home	650			650
	<u>770</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>770</u>
3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the church				
Ministry:				
Diocesan Quota	58,500			58,500
Clergy expenses	73		1,236	1,309
Diocese Fees-Wedding/Funerals			1,949	1,949
Wedding and Funeral Expenses	703			703
Church running expenses:				
Heat, light and power	7,699			7,699
Insurance	3,529			3,529
Water	120			120
Telephone and Broadband	798			798
Sundries	8,788		125	8,913
General repairs	8,121			8,121
Altar requisites, books and robes	232			232
Titchfield News printing	1,720			1,720
Organist & musical director			700	700
Musical Resources and Licences				0
Youth activities		79		79
Cafés	641			641
Bells			75	75
Flowers			184	184
Miscellaneous	248			248
	<u>91,172</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,269</u>	<u>95,520</u>
3(c) Church management and administration				
Printing stationery & postage	1,461			1,461
Wages	3,301			3,301
Bank charges	310			310
Professional fees				
	<u>5,072</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,072</u>
3(d) Costs of generating funds				
Event Expenses	140	0	0	140
	<u>140</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>140</u>
3(e) Other expenditure	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>97,154</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>4,269</u>	<u>101,502</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets	56,780	8,161	18,951	83,892
Fund Balance	56,780	8,161	18,951	83,892

Fund Details

Unrestricted Funds relate to the General Account, which is used to pay all the everyday expenses. This fund is “unrestricted” because the money has been given to the Church on the general understanding that it will be used by the PCC for furthering the mission and ministry of the Church. Unless otherwise specified, all the money received by the Church is first put into the General Fund.

Designated Funds are those where sums of money are set aside by the PCC for a specific purpose. There are currently three Designated Funds:

- * The Overseas Church Link Fund
- * The Youth Fund
- * The Ellis Fund is a donation from the Ellis family to be used to upgrade the heating.

Restricted Funds are monies received by the PCC for a specified purpose. There are currently six Restricted Funds:

- * The Bell Fund
- * The Flower Fund
- * The Organ Fund is to be used for restoration and maintenance of the Organ.
- * The Restoration and Development Fund is to be used for the maintenance and/or restoration of the fabric and/or the ancillary services of the Church
- * Sequestration Fund. During the interregnum this fund holds wedding and funeral fees normally paid to the diocese and is used for paying clergy who officiate at weddings and funerals. When a new vicar is appointed the contents of this fund will be paid to the diocese.
- * Agency Fund. This is money collected on behalf of other organisations

The PCC holds no endowment funds.

Liabilities

Under our current accounting convention we account for both income and expenditure when it is incurred. However, as at the 31st December 2023 we have the following financial liabilities.

- * Owing to the Diocese for unpaid Parish Share £40,622

It should also be noted that we anticipate in the near future that the boiler system will have to be replaced at an estimated cost of £25,000. This expense will be supported by FOSP.

ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	B/Fwd	Income	Outgoings	Transfers	C/Fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted - General	64,109	91,212	97,154	(1,387)	56,780
Designated - Carpet Project	0	495			495
Designated - Ellis	6,521				6,521
Designated - Overseas church link	0				0
Designated - Youth	1,198	26	79		1,145
Restricted - Bell Fund	105	130	75		160
Restricted - Fair Trade	40				40
Restricted - Flower	370	150	184		336
Restricted - Organ	8,519	1,460	825		9,154
Restricted - Restoration	991	1,800			2,791
Restricted - Sequestration	(1,206)	3,512	3,185	1,387	508
Restricted - Wages		5,909			5,909
Restricted - Agency		53			53
TOTAL	80,647	104,747	101,502	0	83,892

CLERGY EXPENSES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Vicar expenses		
Other clergy expenses & travel	26	159
	26	159

CHARITABLE GIVING MADE THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF ST PETER'S CHURCH

	Home £	Overseas £
St George Foundation		120
Churches Homeless Trust	650	
	650	120

ST PETER'S FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

	£
Advent Café	1,134
Christmas Angel Festival	951
Christmas Concert	507
Christmas Fayre	606
Continium Concert	375
Lent Lunches	341
Plant Sale	928
Organ Recital	35
Welcome Café	507
Total	5,384

Notes 1:

- * St Peter's raised £373 for Christian Aid during the year
- * The Children's Christmas Fund (Christingle) raised £56
- * Embrace Middle East raised £160

Notes 2:

During the year the church received:

- * £1800 from the Archbishop Council which was paid on to the Shakespeare Southampton Legacy Trust
- * £1500 National Church Payment which all church's received
- * £1966 in respect for an insurance claim against bell damage

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Peter's Church,
Titchfield, Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's
Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

- 1 which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
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Dudley Hopkins

29/2/24.

Date

ST PETER'S CHURCH, TITCHFIELD

Annual Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council

For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Vicar:
In Vacancy since October 2020

PCC Bank:
Lloyds TSB Bank PLC
43 West Street
Fareham

Honorary Treasurer:
Mr Martin Reid
1 Chatsworth Close
Fareham

Honorary Secretary:
Mrs Jane Slaymaker
34a Ranvilles Lane
Fareham

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. Details of the funds at the PCC's disposal are included in the Balance Sheet.

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

Incoming Resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when recovered.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as received.

Resources Used

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

The diocesan parish share is paid in monthly shares. A reduced rate was paid during the year.

Current Assets

Short term deposits including cash are held with the CBF Church of England Fund.

VAT

VAT is irrecoverable on all expenditure other than items eligible under the Listed Places of Worship scheme and is included with the relevant expenditure.

PCC

No PCC member received any remuneration or expenses meeting of the PCC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31st December 2023

		General Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
INCOMING RESOURCES	<i>Note</i>	£	£	£	£
<i>Incoming Resources from Donors</i>	<i>2(a)</i>	<i>70,502</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,300</i>	<i>72,802</i>
<i>Other Voluntary incoming resources</i>	<i>2(b)</i>	<i>4,309</i>	<i>495</i>	<i>5,409</i>	<i>10,213</i>
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities</i>					
- to further Council's objects	<i>2(c)</i>	<i>7,047</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>5,242</i>	<i>12,315</i>
- to generate funds	<i>2(d)</i>	<i>7,256</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>7,266</i>
<i>Income from investments</i>	<i>2(e)</i>	<i>2,098</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,098</i>
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	<i>2(f)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Agency receipts</i>		<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>53</i>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<i>91,212</i>	<i>521</i>	<i>13,014</i>	<i>104,747</i>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Charitable Giving</i>	<i>3(a)</i>	<i>770</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>770</i>
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</i>	<i>3(b)</i>	<i>91,172</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>4,269</i>	<i>95,520</i>
<i>Church management and administration</i>	<i>3(c)</i>	<i>5,072</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>5,072</i>
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>	<i>3(d)</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>140</i>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<i>97,154</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>4,269</i>	<i>101,502</i>
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		<i>(5,942)</i>	<i>442</i>	<i>8,745</i>	<i>3,245</i>
Balances brought forward at 1 st January 2022		<i>64,109</i>	<i>7,719</i>	<i>8,819</i>	<i>80,647</i>
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2023		<i>58,167</i>	<i>8,161</i>	<i>17,564</i>	<i>83,892</i>

BALANCE SHEET

At 31st December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Short term deposits	67,571.20	65,473
Cash at bank	16,153.29	15,022
Cash in hand	167.40	152
	83,891.89	80,647
TOTAL ASSETS	83,892	80,647
FUNDS		
Unrestricted - General	56780	64,109
Designated - Carpet Project	495	0
Designated - Ellis	6521	6,521
Designated - Overseas church link	0	0
Designated - Youth	1145	1,198
Restricted - Bell Fund	160	105
Restricted - Fair Trade	40	40
Restricted - Flower	336	370
Restricted - Organ	9154	8,519
Restricted - Restoration	2791	991
Restricted - Sequestration	508	-1,206
Restricted - Wages	5909	0
Restricted - Agency	53	0
Total Funds at Bank	83,892	80,647

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on
Sherwood (Churchwarden)

and signed on its behalf by: Steven

Signed

Date

2) INCOMING RESOURCES

	2023			2022
	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
2(a) Incoming resources from donors				
Gift Aid donations	52,349		2,300	54,649
Income Tax recoverable	6,827			6,827
Other planned giving	2			2
Collections (open plate)	2,387			2,387
Collections (baptisms/weddings/funerals)	746			746
Wall safe	552			552
Sundry donations	7,206			7,206
Collections for charities	433			433
	70,502	0	2,300	72,802
2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources				
Other income	4,269			4,269
Administrator donations	40		5,409	5,449
Carpet Project		495		495
	4,309	495	5,409	10,213
2(c) Income from operating activities				
Fees	5,350		4,942	10,292
Titchfield News - sales	1,697			1,697
Youth Activities		26		26
Bells				0
Organ			150	150
Flowers			150	150
	7,047	26	5,242	12,315
2(d) Income from operating activities to generate funds				
Titchfield News – advertising	651			651
Café Connect / Advent Café				0
Special events	5,386		10	5,396
Sundry Activities	888			888
Fair Trade Stall				0
Books	331			331
	7,256	0	10	7,266
2(e) Income from investments				
Interest earned	2,098			2,098
	2,098	0	0	2,098
2(f) Other incoming resources				
VAT refunds				0
	0	0	0	0
Agency receipts			53	53
	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	91,212	521	13,014	104,747
				105,471

RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2023			2022	
	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) charitable giving					
Overseas	120			120	322
Home	650			650	162
	<u>770</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>770</u>	<u>484</u>
3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the church					
Ministry:					
Diocesan Quota	58,500			58,500	72825
Clergy expenses	73		1,236	1,309	3309
Diocese Fees-Wedding/Funerals			1,949	1,949	4204
Wedding and Funeral Expenses	703			703	1708
Church running expenses:					
Heat, light and power	7,699			7,699	2632
Insurance	3,529			3,529	2916
Water	120			120	92
Telephone and Broadband	798			798	371
Sundries	8,788		125	8,913	3126
General repairs	8,121			8,121	25379
Altar requisites, books and robes	232			232	310
Titchfield News printing	1,720			1,720	1275
Organist & musical director			700	700	1080
Musical Resources and Licences				0	1082
Youth activities		79		79	0
Cafés	641			641	509
Bells			75	75	1140
Flowers			184	184	95
Miscellaneous	248			248	197
	<u>91,172</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>95,520</u>	<u>122250</u>
3(c) Church management and administration					
Printing stationery & postage	1,461			1,461	1372
Wages	3,301			3,301	
Bank charges	310			310	372
Professional fees					
	<u>5,072</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,072</u>	<u>1744</u>
3(d) Costs of generating funds					
Event Expenses	140	0	0	140	902
	<u>140</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>902</u>
3(e) Other expenditure	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>97,154</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>4,269</u>	<u>101,502</u>	<u>125380</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets	56,780	8,161	18,951	83,892
Fund Balance	56,780	8,161	18,951	83,892

Fund Details

Unrestricted Funds relate to the General Account, which is used to pay all the everyday expenses. This fund is “unrestricted” because the money has been given to the Church on the general understanding that it will be used by the PCC for furthering the mission and ministry of the Church. Unless otherwise specified, all the money received by the Church is first put into the General Fund.

Designated Funds are those where sums of money are set aside by the PCC for a specific purpose. There are currently three Designated Funds:

- * The Overseas Church Link Fund
- * The Youth Fund
- * The Ellis Fund is a donation from the Ellis family to be used to upgrade the heating.

Restricted Funds are monies received by the PCC for a specified purpose. There are currently six Restricted Funds:

- * The Bell Fund
- * The Flower Fund
- * The Organ Fund is to be used for restoration and maintenance of the Organ.
- * The Restoration and Development Fund is to be used for the maintenance and/or restoration of the fabric and/or the ancillary services of the Church
- * Sequestration Fund. During the interregnum this fund holds wedding and funeral fees normally paid to the diocese and is used for paying clergy who officiate at weddings and funerals. When a new vicar is appointed the contents of this fund will be paid to the diocese.
- * Agency Fund. This is money collected on behalf of other organisations

The PCC holds no endowment funds.

Liabilities

Under our current accounting convention we account for both income and expenditure when it is incurred. However, as at the 31st December 2023 we have the following financial liabilities.

- * Owing to the Diocese for unpaid Parish Share £40,622

It should also be noted that we anticipate in the near future that the boiler system will have to be replaced at an estimated cost of £25,000. This expense will be supported by FOSP.

ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	B/Fwd £	Income £	Outgoings £	Transfers £	C/Fwd £
Unrestricted - General	64,109	91,212	97,154	(1,387)	56,780
Designated - Carpet Project	0	495			495
Designated - Ellis	6,521				6,521
Designated - Overseas church link	0				0
Designated - Youth	1,198	26	79		1,145
Restricted - Bell Fund	105	130	75		160
Restricted - Fair Trade	40				40
Restricted - Flower	370	150	184		336
Restricted - Organ	8,519	1,460	825		9,154
Restricted - Restoration	991	1,800			2,791
Restricted - Sequestration	(1,206)	3,512	3,185	1,387	508
Restricted - Wages		5,909			5,909
Restricted - Agency		53			53
TOTAL	80,647	104,747	101,502	0	83,892

CLERGY EXPENSES

	2023 £	2022 £
Vicar expenses		
Other clergy expenses & travel	26	159
	<u>26</u>	<u>159</u>

CHARITABLE GIVING MADE THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF ST PETER'S CHURCH

	Home £	Overseas £
St George Foundation		120
Churches Homeless Trust	650	
	<u>650</u>	<u>120</u>

ST PETER'S FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

	£
Advent Café	1,134
Christmas Angel Festival	951
Christmas Concert	507
Christmas Fayre	606
Continium Concert	375
Lent Lunches	341
Plant Sale	928
Organ Recital	35
Welcome Café	507
Total	<u>5,384</u>

Notes 1:

- * St Peter's raised £373 for Christian Aid during the year
- * The Children's Christmas Fund (Christingle) raised £56
- * Embrace Middle East raised £160

Notes 2:

During the year the church received:

- * £1800 from the Archbishop Council which was paid on to the Shakespeare Southampton Legacy Trust
- * £1500 National Church Payment which all church's received
- * £1966 in respect for an insurance claim against bell damage

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Peter's Church,
Titchfield, Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's
Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

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Accounts

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Welcoming all, celebrating life, sharing the journey

Collect for St. Peter's Titchfield

Father God, thank you for our church and its people.
 Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our church may flourish.
 Help us to see you in everyone we meet
 and fill our lives with your praise.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Overview of 2022 and Vice-Chair Report

I have tried to keep this report short but there is so much to feel positive about that its worth sharing some of what has been happening in 2022.

Bishop's Roadmap for Portsmouth Diocese

The Bishop completed his consultation with the deaneries in 2022 and presented his vision for the future to the November Diocesan Synod.

Building on the **Live | Pray | Serve vision** established in 2016, that vision has been supplemented by two further priorities:

- We deliberately prioritise our work with children, young people and young adults, to bring life-enhancing encounters with Jesus to a new generation.
- This priority is set in the context of the provision of Anna Chaplaincy to support older people in every parish and benefice across the diocese.

The Fareham deanery plan, used to inform the Bishop's consultation, is now a working document to help prioritise ministry in the parishes and in the deanery.

As a result of the Bishops consultation it has now been agreed that St Peter's will be able to appoint a **House for Duty priest**.

This role is for a priest working on a House for Duty basis, offering Sunday ministry and the equivalent of two days per week. They will make their home in the vicarage at Titchfield, and it is envisaged that they will engage with the community while sharing in leading worship and in

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developing our mission priorities.

Moving on

Our thanks go to Barbara Le Sueur who stepped down as Churchwarden at the APCM after 6 years in the role. Barbara has been a great servant to the church putting in many hours of work, with some of these activities still continuing. We also need to thank Helen Perry who stepped down as Vice Chair of the PCC at the APCM, Helen had taken on the role with enthusiasm and commitment. She was also the administrator for the church since 2020 having taken on the role on a temporary basis until the post could be filled. Helen has put in many hours of work along with others, helping the church to work effectively.

Ministry team

St Peter's is blessed with a great clergy team; we have Janet our Deacon, four retired Priests and a Lay Reader. During this long vacancy they have led our worship and supported so much that happens in the church. They have helped to rebuild the worshipping community since the pandemic with enthusiasm and dedication - many churches would struggle in such a long vacancy but their ministry has helped us to grow and flourish.

Safeguarding

In 2022 we built on the good foundations we had for safeguarding and established St Peter's as one of the lead parishes in the Diocese. This is due to the dedication of Jane Reid and Caryl Larkins in leading the Safeguarding process and of all the volunteers who have completed their paperwork and training. Thank you to everyone involved for your help in maintaining St Peter's as a safe place.

Outreach activities

2022 has been very positive for outreach by the church, the activities have been run by an enthusiastic group of volunteers and have drawn in a good number of people from the community. I will leave you to read the Outreach report.

Volunteers at St Peter's

In October we held a special service to give thanks for all the volunteers (110) at the church. There are so many people who take on all kinds of different roles and make the church a welcoming and prayerful place. Our thanks go to all of them and we pray that God will continue to work through all our endeavours in this church and community.

*Steven Sherwood
Vice-Chair and Churchwarden*

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Worship during 2022

As some sort of 'normal' resumed, St Peter's was able to offer in-person worship from May with live streaming available to the whole church family via YouTube and St Peter's website. The skills of the team enabling this opportunity every week were greatly appreciated by all, especially those unable to attend in person but still feel included.

Sunday Services

8am Holy Communion (BCP) from September 2022

9am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) in person or via live streaming. (until May 2022)

10am Parish Eucharist in person, plus live streaming still available (from June 2022)

Thursday Services

10am Said service of Holy Communion using an alternating pattern of liturgy using the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship

Ash Wednesday The Imposition of Ashes and a service of Holy Communion at St Peter's led by four of our retired clergy and shared with members of the Western Ward churches.

Mothering Sunday Parish Communion service led by Revd Julia Foster with flowers distributed to members of the congregation.

Palm Sunday began with a blessing of palm crosses at the Parish Rooms before all processed to St Peter's singing hymns and following a donkey. Revd Peter Kelly presided for the service of Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday was an evening service, including foot washing, led by Revd Jane Richards, Revd Julia Foster and Revd Peter Kelly, and the Gethsemane Watch until midnight

Good Friday Members of St Peter's were joined by members of Living Word Church to share the Walk of Witness from Titchfield Abbey to St Peter's. A service to observe the final hour of Jesus' Passion took place in church. Revd Peter Kelly, Revd Jane Richards and Revd Julia Foster led the service.

Easter Day A service of the Eucharist to celebrate Easter was held in church and available online led by Revd Julia Foster and Revd Janet Trevithick. Easter Eggs were distributed after the service.

Pentecost and Jubilee Thanksgiving Revd Jane Richards presided at the morning service of Holy Communion. A celebration of Pentecost included prayers of thanksgiving for the Platinum Jubilee of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Harvest Festival was led by Revd Jane Richards and supported by West Hill Park pupils, some of whom took part in the sermon, and all shared their prayers of intercession. Members of

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the church family brought gifts of food which were donated to the Food Bank.

Thanksgiving Service for Volunteers was held on Sunday 9th October. This was a special service of celebration during which thanks were expressed by Jane Reid for time and talents generously offered by volunteers at church. Coffee and cake were shared after the service and 'Thank you' cards were distributed.

All Saints Day/All Souls Day Both services took place on All Saints Day with a service of Holy Communion in the morning, led by Revd Jane Richards and Revd Janet Trevithick. The All Souls service was in the afternoon and led by Revd Julia Foster and Revd Jane Kennedy. Invitations to families bereaved in the previous 12 months were sent out and many were able to attend the service.

Remembrance Sunday The service in St Peter's was led by Revd Janet Trevithick and Revd Julia Foster and was followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the village.

Christingle The service in St Peter's on 11th December was led by Revd Janet Trevithick and Revd Julia Foster. This joyful service was well attended by local families who were able to construct their own Christingles and share their light in a darkened church.

Christmas Eve St Peter's held two services of Carols by Candlelight offered at 4pm, led by Revd Jane Richards, and at 6pm, led by Revd Janet Trevithick. Each service included a combination of bible readings and modern poetry plus carol singing and was supported by a pop-up choir formed especially for Christmas. The nativity scene was created with figures as the Christmas story was retold. More than 500 attended from the congregation, village and wider communities.

Christmas Day was celebrated with 8am BCP service led by Revd Peter Kelly, followed by 10am Holy Communion service led by Revd Jane Kennedy and Revd Janet Trevithick.

From the registers for 2022:

Baptisms - 14

Confirmations - None

Weddings - 15

Wedding Blessing - 3

Funerals in church - 18

Funerals at Crematoria only - 4

Electoral Roll

There were 135 people on the electoral roll at the end of 2022.

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Finance Report

The good news is that at the end of 2022 the PCC was able to pay the Parish Share for the year in full. It has not been possible to pay anything towards the under-payment of 2021.

At the beginning of the year we made the second payment towards the repointing works on the South Aisle wall. This sum came from reserves, and was the primary cause of the years deficit of £19,909 (a final payment of £988 was made in January 2023).

Otherwise, thanks to some profitable special events, income almost kept up with expenditure.

One of our congregation very kindly donated the funds which allowed the PCC to buy the donations machine which is on the table towards the back of the church. It is now showing quite regular use. It is expected that it will be most use when we have visitors or special services.

Toward the end of the year, it became clear that there was a problem in the way that invoices for weddings and funerals were being monitored and paid. Communications between the various people required to arrange and manage these events meant that some were not completely paid for which has led to a shortfall in the sequestration fund.

We have taken action to try to recover missing payments, and have had some success, but this problem seems to have existed for some time and full recovery is now realistically impossible. Consequently the PCC approved that the shortfall would be made up from the general fund.

The PCC has now introduced a database system accessible by all relevant staff, to book event details, including what is ordered, the chargeable fees, and how much has been paid. That will allow finance and administration staff to ensure that events are fully paid for in advance.

Many thanks to Paul Angelides who has managed the books and made my work much easier; to Rachel's team of money counters who each week count up and record the cash given to the church and then bank it; to our Stewardship team who manage the regular standing order credits and process gift aid for me, and last in the sequence Brian Baverstock, our Independent Examiner who has over the years put in many, many hours of work to check that the accounts presented to the PCC and then the APCM are a true and fair reflection of events.

*Martin Reid
Hon. Treasurer*

Charitable Giving

- Christian Aid £332.00
- St George Foundation £322.00
- Children's Society - monies from the Christingle Service were paid directly to the charity
- Church Homeless Trust £162.00
- Bishops Lent Appeal £202.00

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Fairtrade The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic had some impact on support for Fairtrade, especially in the first few months of 2022.

1. There were some orders for Easter Eggs and Advent Calendars
2. Karen continued to obtain Fairtrade goods from Shop Equality for individuals until monthly stalls in church recommenced in April 2022. Takings from stalls varied. The small amount of 'Fairtrader profit' accrued was sent to Traidcraft. On advice from the Treasurer, all finances were handled by the church. Accounts for this are attached, together with all previous accounts.
3. Shop Equality, who supplied us with goods for the stall, unfortunately closed in July. This meant we were no longer able to obtain goods and run monthly stalls. It had been hoped to set up a 'Fairtrader' account with Traidcraft in order to continue supplying goods but this has not proved possibleⁱ
4. During the year, the church very helpfully supported Fairtrade by buying tea and coffee etc. from Shop Equality until the shop closed. This included items for the Welcome Cafés and coffee after services and some bakers bought Fairtrade sugar etc.

A very big 'Thank you' to people who supported Fairtrade in 2022, and loyal supporters over many years. You have made a real difference to people's lives.

*Karen Postle
Fairtrader*

Stewardship

In 2022, the total gifting to St Peter's was £24,344.36.

- 31 people gifted using the yellow envelopes, totalling £1,538.92
- 8 people gifted £2,850.00 through brown envelopes.
- 37 people gifted £19,955.44 through the Parish Giving Scheme

Gifting via PGS benefited St Peter's by an additional £4,899.10 through gift aid which PGS can pay to St Peter's on a monthly basis.

There was also £19,276 given via standing order, and £3,003 from 'open plate'

John Parry

Fabric Report

2022 was a quiet year for fabric matters, the two significant activities were:

The team from the Southampton Monument & Vault Initiative carried out further work in the vault and completed a *Building Environmental Performance Assessment* of the Southampton Chapel and Sepulchre. It is the first of its kind of this 14th C Chapel and 16th C Sepulchre and will inform a holistic approach to their conservation moving forward. Further works may follow on in 2023.

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The Quinquennial inspection was carried out in December 2022 by Louise Banbridge our architect. No major issues were highlighted during the survey but the full report will be delivered in 2023. This is the last project Louise will complete for St Peters as she will retire in 2023. The PCC will need to select a replacement Architect in 2023. Louise also provided some additional information to support the heating project planned for 2023.

*Steven Sherwood
Churchwarden*

Safeguarding

St Peter's PCC is 93% compliant with their duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

St Peter's Safeguarding Policy was reviewed by the PCC and a copy submitted to the Diocese by the due date as required. Following this APCM all of St Peter's church policies will go through their annual reviews again and updated if necessary.

During 2022 St Peter's PCC implemented the Church of England's Safeguarding Dashboard. The Dashboard is an on-line interactive tool that covers issues such as Policies, Safeguarding, Recruitment, Training, Risk Assessment, Parish Website, Social Media, Insurance, Data Protection, Clergy Vacancy, Church Activities, Safer Environments and Hire Agreements.

Responsibility for compliance lays with PCC's and incumbents however implementation is often delegated to the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). During an interregnum the Churchwardens and PSO are expected to fulfil the incumbents safeguarding responsibilities – due diligence has been given to this.

I am happy to report that St Peter's church is one of 14% of churches in the Diocese that are using and maintaining their C of E Safeguarding dashboards on a regular basis. Our small shortfall will largely be resolved through volunteers completing their training requirements (a mix of mandatory and 'good practice' modules).

At the point of writing this report all of our volunteers have been assessed using the Church of England's Safer Recruitment criteria. These checks are now carried out by our Parish DBS Administrator Caryl Larkins and I offer my sincerest thanks to her for all her support and assistance.

The Church of England's Abuse 'Past Case Review' resulted in further safeguarding recommendations and requirements being made. These have been implemented at St Peter's church.

In September three delegates from St Peter's attended the first safeguarding conference to be held in the Portsmouth diocese. The Bishops address and indeed the whole day was informative and thought provoking. It covered Survivor Support presented by organisations

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from Safe Spaces, Dementia - responding with dignity and kindness, Modern Slavery and human trafficking, unpacking Spiritual Abuse, On-line Abuse and the impact of Grooming on children. All relevant to our church and personal lives.

A small number of multi-agency professionals have been recruited to the diocesan office this year working part-time hours. This is what some of our 'parish share' contributes to. We are all aware of the potential for abuse within many organisations. Churches must be places where vulnerable people feel safe whether attending services, seeking friendship or support. My personal experience is that the funding from the combined parish share enables the diocese to be better equipped and to respond quicker and more effectively to parish safeguarding referrals.

The APCM is a rare opportunity to publicly thank all our volunteers (approx 100) for offering their skills and for their ongoing dedication throughout the pandemic. Our wonderful volunteers have enabled our church to continue playing an active role in the wider community as well as supporting our own Church community – **we sincerely thank you for all your time and your talents.**

Jane Reid
St Peter's Parish Safeguarding Officer

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Alpha Course

St Peter's hosted a 12 week Alpha course beginning in September 2022 with more than 30 people from St Peter's and two others in the Western Wards. The group ranged in age from mid 30s to mid 80s with a diverse experience of faith. It proved to be very encouraging for all involved and it is hoped there will be some who will continue their journey of faith at our church.

Musical Opportunities

Over four weeks in August, David Chandler offered a series of Organ Recitals which proved to be very popular once more. In addition, we held two choir concerts: a Michaelmas Concert performed by 'Continnum' in September and a Christmas Carol concert by Solent Community Choir. Thanks go to all the performers who offered their time and talent freely for the benefit of St Peter's.

At the two services on Christmas Eve and again at 10am on Christmas Day, singers from our own congregation were joined by others from the wider community to produce a wonderful pop-up choir that was much appreciated by all present.

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Thanks also go to David Chandler for his support of the choir and for his role as organist. He provided organ accompaniment to most regular services as well as weddings and funerals during 2022.

Engagement with Families

There were opportunities taken by families throughout the year to join in the events and activities offered at St Peter's.

A particular success was the Scarecrow Trail held in June to coincide with celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Well planned and delivered by Jane Reid and her team, this became a lovely opportunity for families with or without children! The weather was largely good and even on cooler days, people chose to participate. There was a lot of good feedback leaving the sense that this would be worth repeating another year.

Services for Harvest, Christingle and Christmas attracted families as did Remembrance Sunday when the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and the Bonfire Boys provided splendid representation of the younger generation in our community.

During the year we were delighted to welcome a new family to the village who have attended church regularly since. The children have made good use of the Children's Area in church on Sundays and have been willing to take part in services when volunteers have been requested. It has been a joy to get to know them.

Links with Schools

Titchfield Primary School

It is always a joy when the pupils and teachers from our local schools visit and make use of our church building, and 2022 was no exception as TPS returned for their usual pattern of services to celebrate special times of the year. The pupils visited for their Leavers Assembly in July, which is always a moving service as year six pupils say thank you and goodbye to their primary school. In September we celebrated the new academic year with a blessing service. Harvest Festival was celebrated in October, with very generous donations in support of the Basics Bank. Finally there was the Christmas Carol Service which was very special as the school decided to deliver a completely traditional nine lessons and carols service. Quite a challenge for the children and in stark contrast to the previous year when they did a modern production of the Nativity – well done TPS!

Revd Janet Trevithick

West Hill Park School

Over the past year St Peters continued its supportive relationship with West Hill Park school. The Revd Julia Foster was invited to the school on several occasions to take assemblies, including Ash Wednesday when some willing volunteers were 'ashed'. In July she also attended the leavers service and school speech day. Representatives of the school also attended the Harvest service at St Peters and led the prayers. It was lovely to welcome the young people and

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their teachers into the church and several congregation members took the opportunity to chat to them after the service. Thankfully the school was able to hold their harvest service in church this year, the first following the pandemic. St Peter's were also pleased to host the school for their annual carol concert. It was a lovely traditional service with wonderful singing and readings that were read so beautifully by the children. St Peters looks forward to continuing this important link with the school in the future.

Revd Julia Foster

Heathfield and St Francis Schools

With covid restrictions eased this year, the pupils and teachers were able to perform their Christmas Nativity service in front of their families and friends in the church. It was an absolute delight.

Revd Janet Trevithick

Jigsaw Pre-school

We remain in touch with the pre-school but no visits were planned for 2022.

Team and Group Reports

St Peter's Home Groups

Home groups, or small fellowship groups continue to be a valued part of church life at St Peter's. Unfortunately, during 2022, with many other pressing needs to be addressed in the church, we did not manage to reorganise the groups. We do have new members of the church who would like to be part of a regular home group so this must be a priority for the coming year. We did however run a 6 week Lent Course which was appreciated and well attended.

Revd Janet Trevithick

St. Peter's Bell-Ringers

2022 enabled the resumption of regular bell-ringing practice, ringing for Sunday services and weddings.

In June, to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, 17 ringers took part including one who had rung for the Coronation. On the 2nd June, the quarter peel rung as the procession to the beacon lighting left The Square. The Bell-Ringers joined ringers around the country to ring a jubilee peel to coincide with the end of the National Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's Reign at St Paul's Cathedral.

In contrast, in September, there was muffled bell-ringing after the death of Queen Elizabeth. They rang with fully muffled bells on Friday 9th September in commemoration of Her Majesty and with fully open bells for the Proclamation of King Charles III on 10th September. The bells were rung fully muffled until after the Queen's funeral, and also run prior to the service.

Thanks to all bell-ringers and especially to John Pereira for muffling the bells.

Muffling means placing a thick leather pad on the clapper so that when the bell is struck the

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sound produced is muted. As each bell sounds twice in the full movement of the bell, fully muffled means both sounds are muted. The tenor bell is only muffled on one strike, which produces an effect like tolling one bell. We only ring fully muffled on the passing of a Sovereign. At other appropriate times, such as at New Year's Eve, the bells are muffled only on only one side which produces an echoing effect.

The Welcome Café

The Café opened again during August each Tuesday afternoon offering fellowship and hospitality to all who came through our doors. The team supporting this gave freely of their time and baking skills along with enthusiasm for each of the occasions. The same warmth and fellowship was evident and it was a pleasure to welcome regular visitors as well as new people. As last year, live music provided by Charles Timberlake playing the piano. Thanks go to all involved and to all who supported the opportunity which brings together people within our wider community and beyond.

Pastoral Support Group

All members have up-to-date DBS certificates and all have undergone appropriate safeguarding training. Meetings are held regularly and all discussion is noted. All information shared at meetings is in complete confidence.

At the present time there are a number of people who need to be visited on a fairly regular basis and this we try to do. For people who are struggling with bereavement we bear in mind the option to recommend them to seek counselling for further help

Some members of the Pastoral Support Team are also part of the Prayerline. One of our members is licensed to take Home Communion; she is usually supported by another member of the team when taking Communion at home.

Members of the Team attend the All Souls Day service each year and will attend any other service in a pastoral support capacity if required.

Tea parties, which are now held in the in The Parish Rooms, are organised on a regular basis – every 2/3 months - in January/February, April/May, September and November. In June/July each year a special Summer Tea Party is arranged at the Rotary Wheelhouse at Hillhead. There are several people, not members of the Pastoral Support Team, who are willing to help with the catering for the tea parties. One of our lovely retired clergy usually attends each tea party. Guests who attend the tea parties make a small donation to cover costs and fees for the hire of the Rotary Wheelhouse and the Parish Rooms.

For the last few years the team have taken responsibility for the first Lent Lunch and this year the last one too.

For the last year churches of the Western Wards Pastoral Support teams – St. Peter's, Titchfield,

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St. John's, Locks Heath, St. Mary's, Warsash and St. Paul's, Sarisbury – have been meeting together on a regular basis to share ideas and training. We attended an inhouse Listening Course at St. John's in January.

Many thanks to all members of the congregation who support this work in many different ways.

Rachel Baker Secretary

St Peter's Prayerline

On 15th February there was an opportunity to meet together in the Southampton Chapel to pray specifically for Ukraine and Afghanistan. Janet Trevithick was 'with us' at home at the same time.

We continue to remember both countries and 'local' prayers on our (fairly long!) list which is reviewed regularly.

Again, a great number of names and situations have been on our prayer list, with regular updates being invaluable, and good record-keeping essential! Requests have been varied, including house sales and new job, alongside the more general illness, hospitalisations etc. Some have been for end of life (5 deaths since 6th March 2022).

As always there has also been an opportunity to give much thanks and praise.

I am, as ever, indebted to my team for their faithfulness and commitment.

Charles Timberlake

Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank

Regular donations of packaged food items were made throughout the year by church members and the wider community. All were delivered at intervals to the Fareham base. Harvest Festival services held by West Hill Park and Titchfield Primary School as well as St Peter's Thanksgiving Service also encouraged food donations, after which it was possible to fill two cars with deliveries to the Food Bank! Thanks to everyone who has supported this local need throughout the year.

Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches were held each Friday during Lent with tables setup in the church for donations to support St George's Foundation in Sierra Leone for street children, and for St Peter's Church.

The lunches consist of a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese. The Pastoral Support Group organised a rota to buy the food, make soup, set-up and serve the lunches.

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Ladies Breakfast

These were able to recommence in October 2022 having paused due to the COVID pandemic.

The breakfasts are held on the last Saturday of the month (except in August) in the Chapter Rooms (9-10:30am) with a continental-style breakfast, fellowship and conversation. Occasionally a guest speaker is in attendance.

There is no charge but usually a donation for the cost of breakfast is given. Usually 10-15 attend.

Flowers at St. Peter's

Despite losing some of our flower arrangers we have maintained a high standard of always having fresh flowers in the church throughout the year (with the exception of Lent and Advent). The Flower Festival to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee was a successful and joyful occasion, bringing many visitors to St Peter's, and raised well over £2,000.

We are hoping to recruit new members in the near future.

Sheila Hignell

Titchfield News

Titchfield News has been published bi-monthly throughout 2022 and continues to be well received. For the Jubilee celebrations we produced:

- A June 2022 issue with full details of and articles about the programme of events
- A souvenir issue for August 2022 with 8 colour pages of photos of the Jubilee events

The editorial team for 2022 comprised:

- Karen Postle, Editor
- Margaret Thompson, Assistant Editor
- Karen Rizzi, Layout, styling, creation of publication-ready magazine formats, puzzles
- Gerry Pontefract, Distribution
- Tony Postle, Advertising Sales

Karen Rizzi very kindly continues to work on our design and layout, doing a fantastic job for us despite the difficulties of a very variable internet connection.

We regularly updated our Risk Assessment for magazine distribution to take account of the third lockdown and subsequent variations in rates of Covid infection. This continued until December 2022 when, in agreement with the PCC, it was considered no longer necessary.

Magazines are now delivered to 294 subscribers which is an increase of 33 on 2021. Further copies have been sold in church, in Karma beauty salon and in the Living Word Church. Past copies of the magazine are available on the church website.

As several clubs and societies re-opened we have resumed articles from them but focused

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more on longer articles of general interest to readers, rather than short reports of meetings. We have continued to seek articles from various sources.

Titchfield News continues to generate income for the church from both sales and advertising. Our team of 17 distributors do an excellent job both in delivering the magazine on time and in recruiting more subscribers.

We have had no price increases in 2022 and none are planned.

We are very grateful to Rev. Canon Peter Kelly for reading final copy before it goes to the printers. Our thanks go to Rev Janet Trevithick and the PCC for their support and advice.

Karen Postle (Editor)

St Peter's Church Conducted Tours

A tour was arranged for 3 August, linked to a Welcome Cafe week, but attendance was minimal. However, three youth groups were taken on a tour: on 20 September for 15 Beaver scouts of the Titchfield troop; on 23 November for Scouts who were mainly interested in the war memorials; and a class from Titchfield primary school on 8 December where the educational interest were features of Anglo-Saxon architecture.

Richard Boden and David Mugford

Titchfield Churchyard Maintenance Group

The churchyard continued to benefit from the hard work of the Churchyard Maintenance Group during 2022. The group met throughout the year and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Friends of St Peter's (FOSP)

Friends was established to preserve and maintain the fabric of St Peter's – (including its land, buildings, fixtures, furnishings, fabrics, archives and treasures) and to generate enthusiasm in the origins, history, architecture and development of the building.

We raise funds and make grants of money to the clergy, churchwardens and Parochial Church Council (PCC).

From January –December 31st 2022 we were able to hold a few fund raising events, namely the Open gardens, Jazz at the Barn, a Winter Glitz evening and Carols round the Tree. This will go towards funds committed for on-going high cost projects, such as the church heating, something we can all benefit from! During 2022 we paid the further cost of £427.58, this was the final payment for the re-pointing of the wall.

We look forward to our continued relationship with the PCC, the congregation members and the community to support and maintain our ancient church building.

Pat Shirley Chair (FOSP)

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St Peter's Clergy and Officers

Vicar: In vacancy since October 2020

Churchwardens: Barbara le Sueur (until May 2022)
Peter Gordon
Steven Sherwood (from May 2022)

Deacon: Revd Janet Trevithick

Reader: David Foster

Permission to Officiate Priests:

Revd Jane Kennedy
Revd Julia Foster
Canon Peter Kelly
Revd Jane Richards

PCC Treasurer: Martin Reid

Book Keeper: Paul Angelides

Electoral Roll & GDPR Officer: Keith Miller

Parish Administrator: in vacancy

Temporary Administrative Support: Helen Perry

Administrative Support: John Brace

Organist - David Chandler

Captain of the Tower: Lyndon Hatfield

Sacristan: Peter Gordon

Senior Sidespeople: Barbara Le Sueur, Peter Gordon, John Murray, Sheila Hignell

Sidespeople: Joan Angelides, Paul Angelides, David Mugford, Sandra Pereira, John Pereira, Stella Funnell, Dudley Hopkins, Lin Kelly, Rachel Baker, John Blundell, Roger Day, Martin Reid, Jane Reid, Andrew Trevithick, Jean Wood, Nog Grimstead, Kay Dunleavy

Lay Assistants: Peter Gordon, John Murray, Helen Blundell, David Mugford, Janet Trevithick, Jane Slaymaker, Helen Andrews, Ann Murray, Charles Timberlake*, Linda Allison*, Martin Reid, Jane Reid, Nog Grimstead, Stephen Lewis, Barbara Le Sueur, Anna Sketchley*

*Lay assistants who have been authorised by the Bishop to administer Holy Communion to people in their own home.

St Peter's Website: Robin Guess, Chris Oakley, Jane Slaymaker

Team leader for live-streaming of services from St Peter's: Chris Oakley

St Peter's Facebook Page: Barbara Le Sueur

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Ex-officio members

Vicar: In vacancy since October 2020
Deacon: Revd Janet Trevithick
Church Wardens: Barbara le Sueur (until May 2022)
Steven Sherwood (from May 2022)
Peter Gordon

Representatives on the Deanery Synod (ex-officio):

Andrew Trevithick
Vacancy

Elected Members: Vice Chair: Steven Sherwood (from May 2022)

John Blundell Year 2
Chris Oakley Year 4
Hazel Croft-Phillips Year 4
Paul Wenham Year 4
Martin Reid Year 2
Helen Perry Year 4
2 x Vacancy

PCC Secretary: Helen Andrews (until May 2022) Jane Slaymaker (from May 2022)

APCM Secretary: Helen Perry (April 2022)

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jane Reid

PCC Representatives on Friends of St Peters Committee: Steven Sherwood

PCC meetings were held on 11th January, 8th February, 8th March, 12th April, 10th May, 21st June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November and 13th December

Sub-Committees of the PCC

Standing Committee: The only committee required by law with the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Members: Chair – Helen Perry (until April 2022), Steven Sherwood (from May 2022), Barbara le Sueur (until April 2022), Peter Gordon, Martin Reid and Revd Janet Trevithick.

Fabric Committee: Attends to matters relating to church buildings, including promoting safe practice in the church environment. Also advises the PCC on any maintenance required to the church (except minor repairs). Chair: Steven Sherwood

Teams and Working Groups

The Western Wards Cluster Group continue to meet fortnightly, and this has been a great support for the leadership of all four churches. The group currently consists of clergy (where there are some) and churchwardens (if not), there are normally two representatives from each church. This meeting is

informal in nature, and no notes are taken.

The Western Wards Steering Group was formed in July 2021 for the purpose of discerning points at which the four churches can collaborate and share resources. This group meets monthly and is a sub-committee of the PCCs of each church and comes under their authority. Two to three members of each church attend, and minutes are taken.

Staff Team at St Peter's

A staff team meeting is held once a month at St Peter's to review past services, plan upcoming services and complete rotas.

Members are: Revd Janet Trevithick, Revd Canon Peter Kelly, Revd Jane Richards, Revd Julia Foster, David Foster (Reader), Revd Jane Kennedy, David Chandler (organist) and our churchwardens Steven Sherwood and Peter Gordon (if available).

Pastoral Support Team: Facilitates pastoral care in the parish and provides bereavement support.
Chair: Ros Seward

Prayerline: Confidential long-distance prayer support. Chair: Charles Timberlake

Stewardship Team: John Parry

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020, Part 9, Rule M5 (1)(b)

Registered Charity: Registered Number 1131773

PCC Correspondence Address: St Peter's Church, Church Street, Titchfield Hants PO14 4AG Email: office@stpetertitchfield.org.uk Office telephone: 01329 847003

Church Office – open Monday 10.00 -12.30 and Thursday 10.00 – 12.30 Website:

www.stpetertitchfield.org.uk

Diocesan website: www.portsmouth.anglican.org

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23rd April 2023 and signed on its behalf by Steven Sherwood (Vice Chair of PCC)

Appendix A – Deanery Synod Report

The Fareham Deanery Synod representative for St Peter's in 2022 was Andrew Trevithick (*elected 2019 APCM – 3 year term expires 30 Jun 23*). The second representative post was not filled.

There were 2 formal meetings of the Deanery Synod, 11 Oct 22 at St John's Fareham and 16 Feb 23 at Paul's Sarisbury Green both chaired by Revd Dr Ian Meredith (Area Dean) and Lay Chair Mrs Liz Simpson.

Most of Deanery Synod discussions in both meetings concentrated on Finance and the Deanery Road Map. In October, Bishop Jonathan attended and took questions about the Deanery transformation and his vision to: reduce dependence on stipend clergy; aim for cohort of clergy + 'self-supporting' newly ordained volunteers; Anna Chaplaincy for the older generation, more focus on Children, Young People and Young Adults (CYPYA); and an aim to clear the deficit within 3 years. Bishop liked the concept of covenanted partnership and working collaboratively and was keen that a revised Deanery Road Map be presented to the November meeting of the Diocesan Synod for ratification.

At the February 23 meeting this revised Road Map v4 (**Towards an Implementation Plan to establish Strong Growing & Enabled' Churches in Collaborative Relationships**) was presented by Rev Mike Terry who outlined its structure and rationale with sections on:

- Synodical governance and oversight
- Bishop's vision (*now **priorities***) as specified above but including the Live, Pray, Serve Diocesan foci and any local specifics.

The Road Map is intended to be a flexible guide to keep parishes on track rather than a stick to beat ourselves with! A copy will be made available for St Peter's parishioners to peruse in due course. Of note is the already extensive collaboration efforts within the Western Wards and other churches in the Deanery including Worship, youth work and sharing of resources.

Finance. Stuart Forster reported that, although difficult, the Deanery had paid its 2022 parish share in full and on time! The Share Ask for each parish in 2023 is unchanged from 2022 although inflation will hit parishes particularly those with historic buildings to maintain and heat. A Parish Share review group has been formed and will welcome helpful suggestions for a new Share formula. Whiteley and St Peter's emphasised the benefits of installing a card reader and the Parish Giving Scheme was also strongly recommended.

Grateful thanks were also expressed for our parish **Readers** and all are encouraged to seek giftings that could develop into this ministry.

*Andrew Trevithick
Deanery Synod Rep*

NB – Synod still lacks a Deanery Secretary – Parishes to advertise this vacancy please.

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Vicar:

In Vacancy since October 2020

PCC Bank:

Lloyds TSB Bank PLC
43 West Street
Fareham

Honorary Treasurer:

Mr Martin Reid
1 Chatsworth Close
Fareham

Honorary Secretary:

Mrs Jane Slaymaker
34a Ranvilles Lane
Fareham

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. Details of the funds at the PCC's disposal are included in the Balance Sheet.

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

Incoming Resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when recovered.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as received.

Resources Used

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

The diocesan parish share is paid in monthly shares. A reduced rate was paid during the year but all 2022 parish share, for this year, was paid by the end of the year.

Current Assets

Short term deposits include cash held with the CBF Church of England Funds.

VAT

VAT is irrecoverable on all expenditure other than items eligible under the Listed Places of Worship scheme and is included with the relevant expenditure.

PCC

No PCC member received any remuneration or expenses in relation to any meeting of the PCC

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		General Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
INCOMING RESOURCES	<i>Note</i>	£	£	£	£
<i>Incoming Resources from Donors</i>	<i>2(a)</i>	59,165	0	27	59,192
<i>Other Voluntary incoming resources</i>	<i>2(b)</i>	3,147	0	0	3,147
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities</i>					
- to further Council's objects	<i>2(c)</i>	10,646	0	9,165	19,811
- to generate funds	<i>2(d)</i>	12,739	0	40	12,779
<i>Income from investments</i>	<i>2(e)</i>	809	0	0	809
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	<i>2(f)</i>	9,733	0	0	9,733
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		96,239	0	9,232	105,471
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Charitable Giving</i>	<i>3(a)</i>	484	0	0	484
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</i>	<i>3(b)</i>	112,601	0	9,649	122,250
<i>Church management and administration</i>	<i>3(c)</i>	1,744	0	0	1,744
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>	<i>3(d)</i>	208	0	694	902
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		115,037	0	10,343	125,380
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		(18,798)	0	(1,111)	(19,909)
Balances brought forward at 1 st January 2022		82,907	7,719	9,930	100,556
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2022		64,109	7,719	8,819	80,647

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Short term deposits	65,473	49,664
Cash at bank	15,022	50,740
Cash in hand	152	152
Total Assets	<u>80,647</u>	<u>100,556</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>80,647</u>	<u>100,556</u>

FUNDS

Unrestricted - General	64,109	82,907
Designated - Overseas church link	0	0
Designated - Youth	1,198	1,198
Designated - Ellis	6,521	6,521
Restricted - Fair Trade	40	0
Restricted - Bell	105	145
Restricted - Flower	370	259
Restricted - Organ	8,519	8,315
Restricted - Restoration	991	991
Restricted - Sequestration	-1,206	220
Total Funds at Bank	<u>80,647</u>	<u>100,556</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on
Steven Sherwood (Churchwarden)

and signed on its behalf by:

Date:

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2) INCOMING RESOURCES

	2022				2021
	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
2(a) Incoming resources from donors					
Gift Aid donations	43,539		27	43,566	44,033
Income Tax recoverable	4,996			4,996	12,607
Other planned giving	335			335	2,795
Collections (open plate)	3,053			3,053	1,823
Collections (baptisms/funerals)	922			922	1,097
Wall safe	331			331	147
Sundry donations	5,751			5,751	3,216
Collections for charities	238			238	0
	59,165	0	27	59,192	66,628
2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources					
Legacies				0	10,583
Grants	3,147			3,147	16,675
	3,147	0	0	3,147	27,258
2(c) Income from operating activities					
Fees	8,900		8,007	16,907	10,013
Titchfield News - sales	1,746			1,746	1,407
Bells				0	60
Flowers			901	901	
Organ			257	257	
	10,646	0	9,165	19,811	11,480
2(d) Income from operating activities to generate funds					
Titchfield News – advertising	1,277			1,277	1,124
Café Connect / Advent Café	874			874	910
Special events	9,529			9,529	561
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ST PETER'S CHURCH, TITCHFIELD

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Vicar:

In Vacancy since October 2020

PCC Bank:

Lloyds TSB Bank PLC
43 West Street
Fareham

Honorary Treasurer:

Mr Martin Reid
1 Chatsworth Close
Fareham

Honorary Secretary:

Mrs Jane Slaymaker
34a Ranvilles Lane
Fareham

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. Details of the funds at the PCC's disposal are included in the Balance Sheet.

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

Incoming Resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when recovered.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as received.

Resources Used

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

The diocesan parish share is paid in monthly shares. A reduced rate was paid during the year but all 2022 parish share, for this year, was paid by the end of the year.

Current Assets

Short term deposits include cash held with the CBF Church of England Funds.

VAT

VAT is irrecoverable on all expenditure other than items eligible under the Listed Places of Worship scheme and is included with the relevant expenditure.

PCC

No PCC member received any remuneration or expenses in relation to any meeting of the PCC

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		General Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
INCOMING RESOURCES	<i>Note</i>	£	£	£	£
<i>Incoming Resources from Donors</i>	<i>2(a)</i>	59,165	0	27	59,192
<i>Other Voluntary incoming resources</i>	<i>2(b)</i>	3,147	0	0	3,147
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities</i>					
- to further Council's objects	<i>2(c)</i>	10,646	0	9,165	19,811
- to generate funds	<i>2(d)</i>	12,739	0	40	12,779
<i>Income from investments</i>	<i>2(e)</i>	809	0	0	809
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Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		(18,798)	0	(1,111)	(19,909)
Balances brought forward at 1 st January 2022		82,907	7,719	9,930	100,556
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2022		64,109	7,719	8,819	80,647

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Short term deposits	65,473	49,664
Cash at bank	15,022	50,740
Cash in hand	152	152
Total Assets	<u>80,647</u>	<u>100,556</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>80,647</u>	<u>100,556</u>

FUNDS

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Designated - Youth	1,198	1,198
Designated - Ellis	6,521	6,521
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Restricted - Flower	370	259
Restricted - Organ	8,519	8,315
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Restricted - Sequestration	-1,206	220
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on
Steven Sherwood (Churchwarden)

and signed on its behalf by:

Date:

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Gift Aid donations	43,539		27	43,566	44,033
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Other planned giving	335			335	2,795
Collections (open plate)	3,053			3,053	1,823
Collections (baptisms/funerals)	922			922	1,097
Wall safe	331			331	147
Sundry donations	5,751			5,751	3,216
Collections for charities	238			238	0
	59,165	0	27	59,192	66,628
2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources					
Legacies				0	10,583
Grants	3,147			3,147	16,675
	3,147	0	0	3,147	27,258
2(c) Income from operating activities					
Fees	8,900		8,007	16,907	10,013
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Flowers			901	901	
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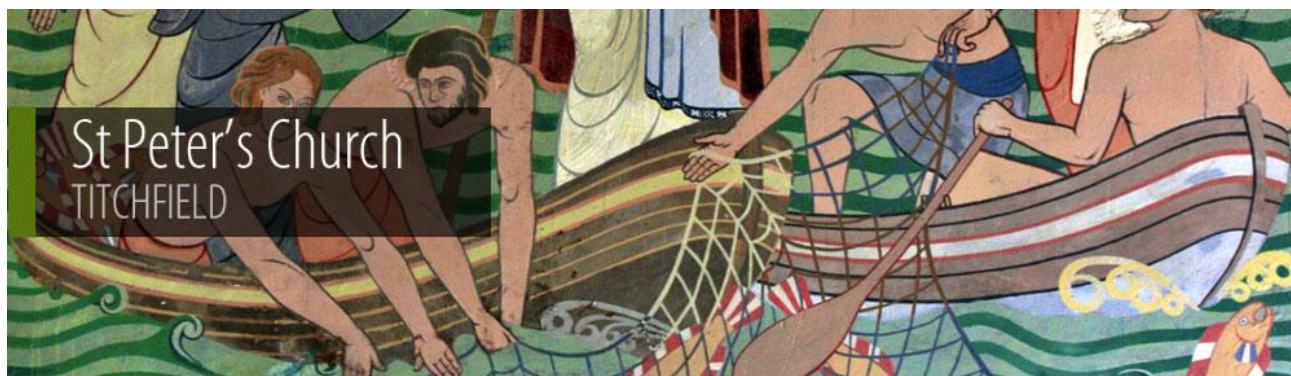
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Accounts

St Peter's Church, Parish of Titchfield

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Welcoming all, celebrating life, sharing the journey

Collect for St. Peter's Titchfield

Father God, thank you for our church and its people.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our church may flourish.
Help us to see you in everyone we meet
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Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Overview of 2021

St Peter's could not have managed the provision of services during the year without the commitment of our Deacon, Revd Janet Trevithick and our retired clergy with permission to officiate: Revd Canon Peter Kelly, Revd Jane Richards and Revd Julia Foster. Along with our Reader, David Foster, they gave considerable time and energy to the planning and preparation of weekly worship as well as sharing baptism, wedding and funeral services. We have been blessed to have their spiritual leadership and teaching each week and we continue to give thanks for their steadfast ministry to us all. Thanks also to our Churchwardens who ensured the smooth running of all services as well as the week by week care and management of the church.

We are equally blessed with many lay volunteers who supported mission within and beyond our church building. Some of those activities and people are clearly visible but many are not, as is made clear further in this report: God has strengthened and encouraged us and we have kept going. The PCC is grateful for all the generous giving of time, talent and loving kindness offered to our shared commitment to serve others in the Parish.

At the beginning of 2021, St Peter's had been in vacancy for two months. With the support of the then Archdeacon Gavin Collins, preparation had begun to advertise, interview and recruit a new Vicar. In Spring a 'presumptive pause' was introduced bringing to a halt the recruitment process for all Parishes in vacancy within the Diocese. It became clear that the 'pause' would be in place for some time which meant that maintaining the ministry and mission of St Peter's was in all our hands.

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Worship during 2021

The pandemic and its effect on usual patterns of worship continued throughout 2021. In the early part of the year there were significant restrictions on the way services could be offered. From Epiphany up to the 5th Sunday of Lent on 21 March 2021, services were held in the Chancel, led by one of our retired clergy and with half a dozen others present. These services were live streamed to the wider church family, and beyond, on YouTube and via our website. Palm Sunday was the first occasion in the year when anyone could be present as part of a congregation in church. Social distancing, hand sanitising and mask wearing remained in place. Singing hymns was not an option for most of the year. Track and trace rules were in place and everyone attending services had to sign in or scan a QR code.

Sunday Service (from end of March 2021)

9am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) in person or via live streaming.

Thursday Service (from September 2021)

10am Said service of Holy Communion using an alternating pattern of liturgy.
Weeks 1 & 3 Book of Common Prayer
Weeks 2, 4 and 5 Common Worship

Ash Wednesday A service of Holy Communion was pre-recorded in church and available to watch online on 17th February marking the start of Lent. This was a joint service with Holy Trinity, Fareham and Revd Sally Davenport presided.

Mothering Sunday The service was led by Revd Jane Richards from the chancel as described above.

Palm Sunday was the first service of the year when a congregation was able to gather in church. Revd Peter Kelly presided. 50 people viewed the service online.

Good Friday and **Easter Day** services were held in church with congregations present in person and online. More than a 100 people viewed the two services online.

Ascension Day St Peter's joined the congregation at St Mary's, Warsash to share the service.

Pentecost Revd Jane led a service of Holy Communion in church and, for the first time in many months, four of our ringers were able to mark the special day with bells.

Harvest Festival Led by Revd Julia Foster with children from West Hill Park who offered prayers of intercession. Items for the food bank were donated by those attending.

All Souls Day Service Attended by many people who had been bereaved during the year and in previous years.

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Remembrance Sunday Led by Revd Janet Trevithick and our Reader, Dave Foster, the service was followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the village.

Christingle Held on 1st December in church and led by Revd Janet Trevithick in aid of the Children's Society.

Christmas Eve A Carol service was held at 4pm and repeated at 6pm to maximise the overall number able to attend. The virus was becoming a problem once more, but we felt able to go ahead with careful planning in place to keep everyone safe. David Chandler had rehearsed a pop-up choir in the weeks leading up to Christmas and they led the singing and performed other choral pieces.

Christmas Day A morning service of Holy Communion in church led by Revd Jane Richards included the blessing of the Crib and carols.

From the registers for 2021:

Baptisms - 13

Confirmations - None

Weddings - 8

Funerals in church - 14

Funerals at Crematoria only - 4

Electoral Roll There were 134 people on the electoral roll at the end of 2021.

Fareham Deanery Reorganisation: the Western Wards

The Western Wards cover the Parishes of St Peter's Titchfield, St John's Locks Heath, St Mary's Warsash and St Paul's Sarisbury Green. These Parishes are part of Fareham Deanery led by our Area Dean, Revd Dr Ian Meredith.

Following the briefing from the Diocese early in the year, that insufficient funds meant stipendiary vacancies could not be filled, there began a consultation with all Deaneries: 'how to realise effective mission and ministry envisioned by 'Live/Pray/Serve' when congregations and finances were so depleted?' Covid 19 had accelerated the developing decline.

Each Deanery was asked to visualise their church in 5 years time and prepare a Deanery Plan to support their vision. Plans were submitted but received no comment. The Diocese instead proposed the establishment of Team Ministries as the way forward ie amalgamating Parishes and putting in place hierarchical leadership with a Rector supported by ordained and lay ministers. This was seen to be the best way of using stipendiary funds and building in economies of scale at local level.

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In Fareham, Team Ministry was discussed but not embraced by all. In the Western Wards discussion of an alternative form of collaboration began: a Covenanted Partnership that would allow the four Parishes to retain their own identity and administration but to develop a relationship between us that would support and resource outreach and mission.

At intervals during the year meetings were held in individual Parishes with the acting Archdeacon of the Meon and members of the Senior Diocesan team. Progress was slow and frustrating as we tried to understand the proposals for change, timescale and specifically recruitment to our individual churches. The PCC held many meetings during the early part of 2021 to ensure members were informed and part of the discussion. Minutes of same are available. By November, the Diocese had abandoned plans for Team Ministry in the Western Wards. Discussion with acting Archdeacon Will Hughes began again in February 2022 to explore the vision of a Covenanted Partnership.

Thanks go to all members for their commitment to this evolving issue and particularly to Edwina Day who as Chair of the PCC carried responsibility for the involvement of St Peter's. She dedicated a great deal of time and energy to this matter for which the PCC is grateful.

Our Churchwardens and some PCC members agreed to be part of two Western Wards joint working groups as noted on page 18 of this report. At the end of 2021 we were no nearer an appointment at St Peter's than we were at the beginning, but we had begun to form sustaining and supportive relationships with our neighbours in the Western Wards.

Finance Report

2021 was another difficult year for St Peter's finances as it was for many other churches and charities. Regular predictable income was generally down. Overall income appeared to be higher, but it was strongly bolstered by a grant from FOSP (towards major re-pointing works, necessary to protect the Southampton Chapel from further damp), as well as two legacies.

Expenditure was roughly the same as for 2020. Most expenditure was for items over which we have little control: insurance, heating, licences, telephone etc, with little scope for savings. The largest expenditure was the Parish Share which for 2021 was set at £70,945 – just over £5,900 per month – a figure which exceeded our income for 5 months of 2021.

In order to retain a reserve for emergencies the PCC decided in May to reduce our contribution to the Diocese (Parish Share) to a level which we felt was affordable and sustainable. That arrangement has been reviewed regularly in line with our available assets and liabilities. A Stewardship campaign in Autumn was not productive, with few people increasing their donations.

Many thanks to outgoing treasurer Sandra Pereira for the early training she gave me during 2021. Also thanks to Paul Angelides without whose help and hard work on the book-keeping I would not have managed, and to Iain Windebank and John Parry who made sure gift aid claims were completed. *Martin Reid – Church Treasurer*

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Charitable Giving

Christian Aid £517.80 was given via envelopes and transferred directly to Christian Aid in July. Thanks go to Jill Underwood who co-ordinated this collection.

St George Foundation £10 per month was transferred in support of the St George Foundation in Sierra Leone.

Children's Society The collection from the Christingle service was paid directly to the charity.

Fairtrade Despite there being no opportunity to have regular stalls in church there were opportunities to support Fairtrade in 2021. Easter Eggs and Advent Calendars were purchased; regular, loyal customers were able to have orders delivered; some bakers bought Fairtrade ingredients. The church continued to purchase tea, coffee and biscuits, etc from Shop Equality for all opportunities when refreshments could be offered. There was a Fairtrade stall in church during Advent which was well supported by visitors raising just over £500.00. All monies raised went directly to Shop Equality. In order to give additional support to Traidcraft during a very difficult year, no Fairtrader profit was taken. A big 'thank you' to all who supported Fairtrade in 2021. You are helping to change lives through trade.

Karen Postle – Fairtrader

Stewardship Team

'All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you.' 1 Chronicles 29:11

The continuing effect of the pandemic on church attendance, especially in the early part of 2021, led to greater concerns about our financial position at St Peter's. Planning for a Stewardship campaign in the Autumn took place with the focus on thanksgiving for all that God has given to us. Members of the church family at St Peter's were encouraged to consider their giving and if possible increase the amount offered. There were increases in giving but also unfortunately some reductions too, due to people leaving for various reasons, or choosing to stop their regular donations. The result was that our collective giving remained at almost the same level as it had been.

At the end of the year 32 people were giving through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), 23 people gave through standing orders, 9 through the weekly brown envelopes and a further 26 using yellow envelopes at intervals.

Gift Aid was reclaimed on most of the giving received. As has been stated before, the best way for people to give to the church is via PGS which pays back gift aid to our Parish on a monthly basis.

Iain Windebank

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Safeguarding

St Peter's Safeguarding Policy was reviewed by the PCC and a copy submitted to the Diocese by the due date as required. Following this APCM (2022) all of St Peter's church policies will go through their annual reviews again and updated if necessary.

All our volunteers have been assessed using the Church of England's Safer Recruitment criteria. These checks are now carried out by our Parish DBS Administrator Caryl Larkins and I offer my thanks for all her support and assistance during the last year.

The publication of the Church of England's 'Past Case Review' resulted in a number of recommendations being made. A significant number of changes to the C of E's procedures and practice are therefore being implemented.

In 2021 St Peter's PCC signed up to the Church of England's Safeguarding Dashboard which is managed by your Parish Safeguarding Officer. The aim of this nationwide system is to make safeguarding administration and governance in parishes simpler and supportive. Whilst this has been a substantial piece of work in the short term it will assist your Church Wardens and PCC/Trustees in the years to come.

The Dashboard is an on-line interactive tool that covers issues such as Policies, Safeguarding, Recruitment, Training, Risk Assessment, Parish Website, Social Media, Insurance, Data Protection, Clergy Vacancy, Church Activities, Safer Environments and Hire Agreements.

The APCM is a rare opportunity to publicly thank all of our volunteers (approx 100) for offering their skills and for their ongoing dedication throughout the pandemic. Our volunteers have enabled our church to continue playing an active role in the wider community as well as supporting our own Church community – **we sincerely thank you for all your time and talents.**

Jane Reid - St Peter's Parish Safeguarding Officer

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

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Fabric Report

Bell Tower In order to improve ventilation/covid safety an extractor fan was fitted.

Southampton and Lady Mary Monument In September 2021, Skillington Workshops, a leading firm in conserving monuments in an ecclesiastical setting, supported the extensive historical, architectural, and legal conservation research in relation to the restoration of the monument. Revd Susan Allman returned to bless the proceedings on the first day.

The investigations confirmed that the Southampton Monument is supported by a vaulted Tudor passage to the north running its entire length emptying into a vaulted brick chamber – the Wriothesly Vault. Access was re-established through the original entry point near the organ. The lifted stone slab was re-instated. A suspected external entrance was confirmed to be a grave. The vault was found to be in remarkably good condition with no structural concerns. It is presumed the missing staircase leading to the chamber was removed in the 1950s. There was no risk or disturbance to the vault fabric or its contents during access. The inspection of the vault contents was visual only.

Thanks are due to Lord Montague and his family who have taken an active role in ensuring the monument and vault remain an important part of St Peter's heritage. The works were sponsored jointly by St Peter's Parochial Church Council and the Shakespeare Southampton Legacy Trust.

Repairs to external south and east walls Also in September work commenced to re-point the mortar on the external walls of the Southampton chapel. Beams at the corner of the south and east walls were found to be rotten so were replaced with metal beams. The project continued into November including replacement of guttering on the south wall. We are grateful to FOSP for their donation of 50% of the cost of this work

Organ An application was made to extend the faculty for the cleaning /refurbishment of the organ in due course.

Central Heating Consideration was given to options for replacement of the boiler. Eco issues were discussed. Funding in a reserve account will go towards this work.

Water Heater The water heater in the Chapter Room was repaired in December.

Barbara Le Sueur – Chair of Fabric Committee

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Choir and Music Group

Neither the choir nor music group were able to sing in church for services for most of 2021 due to the pandemic though there was an opportunity for a pop up choir to sing at our Christmas services led by David Chandler. 14 people joined in.

Singing was generally not encouraged in churches and later in the year when hymns were re-introduced, our Choir Master, Keith Miller, was unwell and had to take a leave of absence.

We were grateful for the support of David Chandler who offered to play the organ for special services during Keith's absence.

Engagement with Families

From summer 2021, it was much easier to gather together so it was good to see mixed groups of grandparents, parents and children visiting the Welcome Café and several multi-generational pairs enjoying the hunt for hidden sheep in 'The Sheep Trail'.

Five volunteers met after the summer holidays to share thinking about reaching out to families after the disruption of 2020 and the first half of 2021.

At the beginning of October during 'Creationtide', families were invited to The Wheelhouse on the beach at Hill Head to share in the beautiful world which is our home and our responsibility. On the day it rained heavily and there was a significant gale blowing! Take up was low but the group that gathered enjoyed the shared fellowship, a short act of worship and some interactive story telling led by Revd Janet. An intrepid group went beach-combing for 'rubbish' and there was a craft activity using recycled materials to make baskets for items brought as gifts for the Harvest Service the following day.

In November the Remembrance Sunday service saw a splendid turn out of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts as well as a young person representing the Bonfire Boys. The organisations presented their colours. It was impressive to witness the discipline, respect and maturity shown by members of these groups to whom they were a credit.

Despite renewed concerns about Covid, careful planning allowed the Christingle Service to take place in aid of the Children's Society. There were more families present on that occasion and it was a pleasure to see them all.

The two Carol Services on Christmas Eve attracted many families. It was moving to be gathered together to hear the stories and sing carols in celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Thanks go to the willing teams involved in all these activities.

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The Children's Area

An area for families was reinstated at the back of the church in September. From the new location, families have a view of the whole church looking towards the high altar. The opportunity to be more engaged in the service is possible whilst still offering a comfortable area for young children to play. This provision is available most of the time so that visitors with children can make use of the space on any day.

Links with Schools

West Hill Park School

Over the past year, despite challenges caused by the pandemic, St Peters continued its supportive relationship with West Hill Park School. Revd Julia Foster was invited to the school on a number of occasions to lead assemblies though parents were unable to attend these events. However, parents did attend the leavers' service in July, held on a beautiful sunny day in a marquee on the lawn. Revd Julia gave the address and enjoyed meeting families after the service. She also led the prayers at their Remembrance Day service, a solemn and well attended event. Representatives of the school attended the Harvest service at St Peters and led the prayers. It was lovely to welcome the young people and their teachers into the church and a number of congregation members took the opportunity to chat to them after the service. Unfortunately, the school was unable to hold their harvest service in church but were able to gather for their annual carol concert as planned. Again, parents were unable to attend this service but thanks to the tech team at church the service was live streamed so that parents could enjoy the traditional service with its wonderful singing and readings offered so beautifully by the children. St Peter's looks forward to continuing this important link with the school in the future. *Revd Julia Foster*

Titchfield Primary School

The head teacher and all the staff at TPS have done a splendid job in providing the education needed for the young people as they have navigated the past two years. In the early part of the year, the infectious virus meant visits between church and school had to put on hold. As the year progressed the situation became a little easier and we planned a visit for the school to come to church for Harvest Thanksgiving. Unfortunately at that time a new strain of the virus was on the increase so at the eleventh hour the visit was cancelled and Harvest was celebrated at school. In December 2021, we did manage to have the children and their parents in church to enjoy their very lively nativity production. It was a joy to have them back. From our congregation at St Peter's, Jill Underwood and Paul Angelides continue to play an important role on the board of governors of the school. *Revd Janet Trevithick*

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Heathfield Special School

Covid restrictions meant that visits to St Peter's could not take place for most of 2021. As Christmas approached and restrictions appeared to be lifting a little, the school contacted St Peter's to arrange a rehearsal of their nativity play ahead of the main performance for parents. The rehearsal took place but unfortunately not the performance due to a staff member contracting Covid. We hope 2022 will offer another opportunity for the children and parents to visit. *Revd Janet Trevithick*

Jigsaw Pre-school

As with the schools above, Jigsaw pre-school was not able to come to church during 2021. We did maintain contact with the leaders of the school however. *Revd Janet Trevithick*

Team and Group Reports

St Peter's Home Groups

Home groups, small groups, Bible study groups – they can be referred to by different names in different churches but essentially have the same function. Being part of a small group aids our spiritual, emotional and even physical well-being. Group members offer help, support and encouragement to one another enabling our lives to flourish as we endeavour to grow closer to Jesus together.

2021 saw some significant changes to our home groups, partly due to the pandemic but also because of some ill health among our members. Of our five home groups at St Peter's, one remained constant throughout the difficult times, initially communicating by email, then Zoom and eventually meeting face to face. Two other groups combined forces and met regularly on Zoom which worked well for them. The remaining two groups joined together for a Lent course in 2021 but otherwise did not meet.

Home groups continue to be a valued part of church life at St Peter's and we hope to expand this opportunity in 2022. *Revd Janet Trevithick*

St. Peter's Bell-Ringers

This was a difficult year for us, with many changes in the way we could ring! However, we were able to ring for Sunday service, with handbells when we couldn't ring tower bells. Although practices restarted, they had to be cancelled in November but have now thankfully resumed. The addition of an extraction system to the ringing room has enabled us to ring safely, although we still restrict numbers there. We have been fortunate that almost all of our ringers have returned and although we all found that there were unused muscles, there is now a feeling of normality to our ringing.

We have been grateful for the support of both the church and village and have appreciated the encouraging comments we have received. The sound of the bells seems to be signal of the return to normality. *Lyndon Hatfield*

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Café Connect

A combination of the continuing restriction on gatherings during 2021, the loss of some Café Connect team members and a focus on other outreach plans within the church meant that Café Connect was not active in 2021. However, as already noted St Peter's continued to support the St George Foundation which was a commitment put in place by the team.

The Welcome Café

The Lent course provided by the Church of England in 2021, 'Live Lent: God's Story, Our Story' sowed the seeds of the Welcome Cafe. We were encouraged to look at our lives and to consider where our story and God's story intertwined. It was illuminating to recognise the small moments that had big consequences when God intervened through others and made all the difference. We considered our collective experience of living through the pandemic with lockdowns and the various degrees of isolation, loneliness and anxiety that engendered in people. How could we at St Peter's reach out to people, offer a space where people could meet and share their stories? This thought did not go away.

From early conversations with just a few grew a focussed discussion with many. In excess of 30 people became part of a team that provided The Welcome Café during the summer, offering generous hospitality to anyone who came through our door at church. It was a lovely experience for all involved and so it was repeated for three weeks during Advent.

Thanks go to all involved in the thoughtful reflection during Lent which gave a sure foundation for what followed. Thanks too for the many volunteers who were cheerfully 'hands on' at each Café session offering everyone a warm welcome and a friendly experience and of course thanks to all our visitors. Hopes are that this will continue and grow during 2022.

Helen Perry

Teddy Bear Praise

Teddy Bear Praise was another casualty of the covid virus and did not meet at all during the year. However it has been encouraging to hear that families are asking for the opportunity to return which suggests that it is valued and missed by our young parents.

As the church re-opened for services we were able to resume baptisms at church, with covid precautions in place. From April onwards it became possible to catch up with baptisms of children often over a year old because parents had to wait a little while longer. It was a busy and happy time.

Teddy Bear Praise is an excellent vehicle for spending time getting to know the parents and babies and building up those early relationships. We do plan to resume this group in some form as soon as we can. *Revd Janet Trevithick*

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Pastoral Support Team

Ros Seward (Chair), Rachel Baker (Secretary), Linda Allison, Joan Angelides, Janet Webb, Barbara Le Sueur

Although Covid was still part of everyday life and restrictions were still in place in 2021 we were able to be a bit more relaxed about gathering together; all of us are fully vaccinated, tested regularly and were careful to wear masks when necessary.

Meetings The Team was able to hold meetings when necessary and we saw each other regularly in the normal course of life so communication was easily maintained.

Visits and Telephone Calls We were able to keep in touch with people we care for regularly and to remember birthdays where dates were known!

All Souls Day Service Members of the team attended The All Souls Day Service in a pastoral care capacity.

Tea Parties On Friday 30 July 2021 we were able to hold our usual Summer tea party at the Rotary Wheelhouse at Hill Head. This was well attended and much enjoyed after a year's break. We held our Autumn Tea Party in The Parish Rooms on Friday, 12 November 2021 since the Chapter Room did not provide sufficient space. This tea party was very well attended and very much appreciated.

Very many thanks to everyone who helps with setting up, catering, serving, washing-up and chatting at the tea parties – we couldn't do it without you.

Rachel Baker (Secretary)

St Peter's Prayerline

It was a great pleasure to be able to meet as a team in the Southampton Chapel on 5th August, and I am delighted to say that everyone apart from Doreen White was able to attend.

Again, a great number of names and situations have been on our prayer list, with regular updates being invaluable and good record-keeping essential!

Many prayer requests have been very sad ones – this is why we are in existence – some have been for end of life (10 deaths since 6th March 2021). There has also been an opportunity to give much thanks and praise. Prayerline will be commemorating and celebrating its 26th birthday on 6th March. As always, I am indebted to my team for their loyalty and commitment. In November it was a pleasure to welcome Helen Blundell to the team.

Doreen White has been my number 2 since Prayerline was formed and her loss in early 2022 was an enormous personal sadness for me. She was a devoted and totally conscientious member of our team who wholly believed in, and supported, the concept of the group. I wish to acknowledge her sensitive, wholehearted and dedicated contribution to the team and to the cause. *Charles Timberlake*

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Basics Bank Generous collections of tins and packaged food items as well as toiletries were collected and delivered to the Basics Bank in Fareham at Harvest and Christmas in 2021.

Lent Lunches We were unable to provide Lent Lunches in 2021 due to Covid.

The Net for Men is an interdenominational evangelical group run by Counties Hampshire and which provides a social gathering with a Christian focus. It is organised by the 'Counties' Evangelist Gordon Curley. Events in 2021 did not begin until September.

Thanks go to Iain Windebank for promoting and encouraging participation for church members in this group over recent years.

Ladies Breakfast No breakfasts were organised in 2021 because of restrictions.

Flowers at St. Peter's

St Peter's is very fortunate to have a team of dedicated flower arrangers who make sure that there are always fresh flowers in the church, with the exception of Advent and Lent. Their efforts provided a bright and cheering splash of colour once services in church resumed which was much appreciated. *Sheila Hignell*

Titchfield News

Titchfield News was published bi-monthly throughout 2021 and continues to be well-received. We had some changes to the editorial team and this now comprises:

- Karen Postle, Editor
- Margaret Thompson, Assistant Editor
- Karen Rizzi, Layout, styling, creation of publication-ready magazine formats, puzzles
- Gerry Pontefract, Distribution
- Tony Postle, Advertising Sales (temporary post)

We also had Harry Sowerby with us as a reporter for most of the year who wrote some excellent articles.

We regularly updated our Risk Assessment for magazine distribution to take account of the third lockdown and subsequent variations in rates of Covid infection.

Magazines are now delivered to 261 subscribers which is an increase of 24 on 2020. A further 54 copies have been sold in church when it was open. Past copies of the magazine are available on the church website. Covid -19 restrictions have prevented sale of the magazine through our usual village outlets.

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As several clubs and societies have not had activities to report, we have continued to seek articles from various sources.

Karen Rizzi has moved away from the area but very kindly continues to work on our design and layout, doing a fantastic job for us.

Titchfield News continues to generate income for the church from sales and advertising with a very welcome increase in advertising revenue. Our distribution team has increased by three to 17. They also do a fantastic job of recruiting new sales.

We are very grateful to Robin Guess and Chris Oakley for IT support and to Rev. Canon Peter Kelly for reading final copy before it goes to the printers. Our thanks go to Rev Janet Trevithick and the PCC for their support and advice. *Karen Postle (Editor)*

St Peter's Church History Tours

Limited by the rules and guidance imposed by the pandemic, coupled with full and partial church closures in the first months of the year, regular conducted tours were not possible. However, for five weeks on Friday afternoons in July and August during the period of the summer holidays we did advertise tours. The number of visitors were few (4, 2, 0, 5, 1), but similar to the numbers before the pandemic. A pre-arranged guided tour for a party of 10 from Liphook was conducted on 12 November and was well received. For many in this party, the Southampton tomb was of special interest.

We have discussed the future of these conducted tours and intend to offer opportunities for organised parties or special events on agreed dates. We both enjoy giving the tours, and our knowledge continually grows.

Richard Boden and David Mugford

Social Team

Once again, the restrictions caused by COVID meant that the Social Team was not in a position to organise social activities throughout 2021.

Joan Angelides

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Titchfield Churchyard Maintenance Group

I am pleased to report that in 2021 The Churchyard Maintenance Group met on probably nine or ten occasions and that as a result, to my eyes at least, the churchyard is looking pretty good.

As spring approaches, it will start to look even better, not least because of the endeavours of Jenny Mansbridge and Chris Chase. It was they who expended considerable effort in the planting of a large number of bulbs supplied by our Borough Council. As you walk from the church towards Frog Lane, look to your right and you will see them.

You may recollect from last year's report that the Hampshire and IOW Amphibian and Reptile Group had put some black 50cm tiles near some of the shrubs with the hope that the warmer ground beneath them would provide a territory in which little reptiles such as slowworms would thrive. Alas, in the last twelve months none have been seen. We can only hope that in the coming twelve months these creatures discover the habitat that has been so thoughtfully provided for them and that they take up residence with us. If you see one of these tiles, please do not disturb it. Any disturbance would cause these shy creatures to hurry away.

Tim Mason

Friends of St Peter's (FOSP)

Friends was established to preserve and maintain the fabric of St Peter's – (including its land, buildings, fixtures, furnishings, fabrics, archives and treasures) and to generate enthusiasm in the origins, history, architecture and development of the building. We raise funds and make grants of money to the clergy, churchwardens and Parochial Church Council (PCC).

From January –December 31st 2021 we were able to hold a few fund raising events, namely an online quiz event, the Jazz at the Barn, a Winter Glitz evening and Carols round the Tree. This will go towards funds committed for on-going high cost projects, such as the church heating, something we can all benefit from!

During 2021 we made a substantial grant (50%) towards the external re-pointing of part of the Church Wall. The amount granted was £16,675.72.

We look forward to our continued relationship with the PCC, the congregation members and the community to support and maintain our ancient church building.

Pat Shirley Chair (FOSP)

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St Peter's Clergy and Officers

Vicar: In vacancy since October 2020

Churchwardens: Barbara le Sueur and Peter Gordon

Deacon: Revd Janet Trevithick

Reader: David Foster since 16th April 2021

PCC Treasurer: Sandra Pereira (until May 2021) and then Martin Reid

Book Keeper: Sandra Pereira (until May 2021) Paul Angelides from 4th May 2021

Electoral Roll & GDPR Officer: Keith Miller

Parish Administrator (Honorary): Liz Miller until November 2021

Temporary Administrative Support: Helen Andrews, Helen Perry (from November 2021)

Organist/Choir Master: Keith Miller

Temporary Christmas Choir Master and Organist - David Chandler

Captain of the Tower: Lyndon Hatfield

Sacristan: Peter Gordon

Senior Sidespeople: Barbara Le Sueur, Peter Gordon, John Murray, Sheila Hignell

Sidespeople: Joan Angelides, Paul Angelides, David Mugford, Sandra Pereira, John Pereira, Stella Funnell, Dudley Hopkins, Lin Kelly, Rachel Baker, John Blundell, Roger Day, Ann Porter, John Porter, Martin Reid, Jane Reid

Lay Assistants: Peter Gordon, John Murray, Helen Blundell, David Mugford, Janet Trevithick, Jane Slaymaker, Helen Andrews, Gina Sherwood, Ann Murray, Charles Timberlake*, Linda Allison*, Martin Reid, Jane Reid, Trevor Streten

*Lay assistants who have been authorised by the Bishop to administer Holy Communion to people in their own home.

St Peter's Website: Robin Guess, Chris Oakley

St Peter's Facebook Page: Barbara Le Sueur

Team leader for live Streaming of services from St Peter's: Chris Oakley

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St Peter's Parochial Church Council

Ex-officio members

Vicar: In vacancy since October 2020

Deacon: Revd Janet Trevithick

Church Wardens: Barbara le Sueur
Peter Gordon

Representatives on the Deanery Synod (ex-officio):

Andrew Trevithick

Edwina Day (From January to November 2021)

Vacancy

Elected Members: **Vice Chair:** Edwina Day (until October 2021) Helen Perry (from Nov 2021)
John Blundell Year 1
Chris Oakley Year 4
Hazel Croft-Phillips Year 3
Paul Wenham Year 3
Martin Reid Year 1
John Parry Year 2 (until October 2021)
Paul Angelides Year 2
Vacancy

PCC Secretary: Helen Andrews

APCM Secretary: Helen Perry (from September 2020 to April 2021)

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jane Reid

PCC Representative on Parish Room management committee: Barbara Le Sueur

PCC Representatives on Friends of St Peters Committee: Paul Angelides and Churchwardens

PCC meetings were held on 7th, 12th, 19th and 21st January, 9th, 16th and 23rd February, 9th and 16th March, 6th and 27th April, 4th and 18th May, 15th June, 13th and 27th July, 10th August, 15th September, 12th October, 9th November, 14th December.

Sub-Committees of the PCC

Standing Committee: The only committee required by law with the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Members: Chair - Edwina Day (until October 2021), Barbara le Sueur, Peter Gordon, Martin Reid and Revd Janet Trevithick.

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Fabric Committee: Attends to matters relating to church buildings, including promoting safe practice in the church environment. Also advises the PCC on any maintenance required to the church (except minor repairs). Chair: Barbara Le Sueur

Western Wards steering group: Revd Janet Trevithick and Martin Reid represent St Peter's along with members of the other three churches. The group met for the first time at the end of 2021.

Teams and Working Groups

Staff Team: This group meets to plan and review services, also to create rotas for leadership and support at services. Members: Revd Janet Trevithick, Revd Canon Peter Kelly, Revd Jane Richards, Revd Julia Foster, Dave Foster (Reader), Edwina Day (up to October 2021) David Chandler, Barbara Le Sueur, Peter Gordon

Pastoral Support Team: Facilitates pastoral care in the parish and provides bereavement support. Chair: Ros Seward

Prayerline: Confidential long-distance prayer support. Chair: Charles Timberlake

Stewardship Team: Iain Windebank and John Parry

Western Wards cluster group: Revd Janet Trevithick, Edwina Day (until November 2021), Helen Perry (from November 2021) which has continued to meet fortnightly.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020, Part 9, Rule M5 (1)(b)

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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th April 2022 and signed on its

behalf by Mrs Helen Perry (Vice Chair of PCC)

Helen Perry 12.04.2022

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Vicar:

In Vacancy since 18 October 2020

PCC Bank:

Lloyds TSB Bank PLC
43 West Street
Fareham

Honorary Treasurer:

Mr Martin Reid
1 Chatsworth Close
Fareham

Honorary Secretary:

Mrs Helen Andrews
21 Fairacre Rise
Fareham

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.
Details of the funds at the PCC's disposal are included on page 7.

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

Incoming Resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when recovered.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Resources Used

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

The diocesan parish share is paid in monthly shares, but at a reduced rate since May 2021

Current Assets

Short term deposits include cash held with the CBF Church of England Funds.

VAT

VAT is irrecoverable on all expenditure other than items eligible under the Listed Places of Worship scheme and is included with the relevant expenditure.

Parochial Church Council

No PCC member receives any remuneration or expenses in relation to the meetings of the PCC

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
<i>Incoming Resources from Donors</i>	66,375	0	253	66,628
<i>Other Voluntary incoming resources</i>	27,258	0	0	27,258
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities</i>	7,608	0	3,872	11,480
Incoming from operating activities	1,736	0	0	1,736
<i>Income from investments</i>	25	0	0	25
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	3,241	0	0	3,241
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>106,243</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,125</u>	<u>110,368</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
<i>Charitable Giving</i>	420	0	0	420
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</i>	77,344	0	4,637	81,981
<i>Church management and administration</i>	1,471	0	0	1,471
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>79,235</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,637</u>	<u>83,872</u>
NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES	27,008	0	(512)	26,496
Balances brought forward at 1 st January 2021	55,899	7,719	10,442	74,060
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2021	<u>82,907</u>	<u>7,719</u>	<u>9,930</u>	<u>100,556</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

At 31st December 2021

	2021	2020
CURRENT ASSETS		
Short term deposits	49,664	49,638
Cash at bank	50,740	24,261
Cash in hand	152	162
Total Assets	100,556	74,061
NET ASSETS	100,556	74,061
FUNDS		
General (Unrestricted)	82,907	55,899
Designated (Overseas church link)	0	0
Designated (Youth)	1,198	1,198
Designated (Ellis)	6,521	6,521
Restricted (Bell)	145	540
Restricted (Flower)	259	181
Restricted (Organ)	8,315	8,162
Restricted (Restoration)	991	991
Restricted (Sequestration)	220	568
TOTAL FUNDS AT BANK	100,556	74,060

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf by:
Barbara le Sueur (Churchwarden)

The notes on pages 5 to 10 form part of these accounts.

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INCOMING RESOURCES

	2021			2020
	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
<i>Note</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
2(a) Incoming resources from donors				
Gift Aid donations	44013		20	53,224
Income Tax recoverable	12607			14,614
Other planned giving	2795			2,230
Collections (open plate)	1610		213	2,643
Collections (baptisms/funerals)	1097			572
Wall safe	147			145
Sundry donations	3196		20	3,280
Café Connect / Advent	910			111
Collections for charities	0			1,436
	66375	0	253	78255
2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources				
Legacies	10583			7,000
Grants	16675			7,160
	27258	0	0	14160
2(c) Income from operating activities				
Fees	6201		3812	5,227
Titchfield News - sales	1407			1,892
Bells	0		60	160
	7608	0	3872	7332
2(d) Income from operating activities to generate funds				
Titchfield News – advertising	1124			502
Special events	561			118
Sundry Activities	51			0
	1736	0	0	620
2(e) Income from investments				
Interest earned	25			210
	25	0	0	210
2(f) Other incoming resources				
Insurance claim.	0			2,762
VAT refunds	3241			592
Sundry income	0			598
	3241	0	0	3952
TOTALS	106243	0	4125	104529

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RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2021			2020
<i>Note</i>	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
<i>3(a) charitable giving</i>				
Overseas	120			835
Home	300			1880
	420	0	0	2715
<i>3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>				
Ministry:				
Diocesan Quota	44648			71832
Clergy expenses	433		433	1463
Diocese Fees-Wedding/Funerals			3407	1881
Wedding and Funeral Expenses	910		200	85
Church running expenses:				
Heat, light and power	1908			2810
Insurance	4113			2817
Water	48			80
Telephone and Broadband	734			579
Sundries	2186			6107
General repairs	19513		144	4291
Organ/piano repairs	0			158
Altar requisites, books and robes	0			439
Titchfield News printing	1249			1455
Organist & musical director	285			653
Musical Resources and Licences	1247			1015
Youth activities	0			20
Café Connect / Welcome Cafe	0			37
Bells	0		431	0
Flowers	0		22	0
Miscellaneous	70		0	0
	77344		4637	95722
<i>3(c) Church management and administration</i>				
Printing stationery & postage	1067			1106
Wages				270
Vicarage expenses	101			480
Bank charges	303			271
Professional fees				1687
	1471	0	0	12465
TOTALS	79,235	0	4,637	111,232

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ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund Balance	82,907	7,719	9,930	100,556

FUND DETAILS

Unrestricted Funds relate to the General Account, which is used to pay all the everyday expenses. This fund is “unrestricted” because the money has been given to the Church on the general understanding that it will be used by the PCC for furthering the mission and ministry of the Church.

Unless otherwise specified, all the money received by the Church is first put into the General Fund.

Designated Funds are those where sums of money are set aside by the PCC for a specific purpose. There are currently three Designated Funds:

- The Overseas Church Link Fund
- The Youth Fund
- The Ellis Fund is a donation from the Ellis family to be used to upgrade the heating.

Restricted Funds are monies received by the PCC for a specified purpose. There are currently four Restricted Funds:

- The Bell Fund
- The Flower Fund
- The Organ Fund is to be used for restoration and maintenance of the Organ.
- The Restoration and Development Fund is to be used for the maintenance and/or restoration of the fabric and/or the ancillary services of the Church

The PCC holds no endowment funds.

During the interregnum we have a Sequestration Fund which holds wedding and funeral fees normally paid to the diocese and is used for paying clergy who officiate at weddings and funerals. When a new vicar is appointed the contents of this fund are paid to the diocese.

LIABILITIES

Under our current accounting convention we account for both income and expenditure when it is incurred. However, as at the 31st December 2021 we have the following financial liabilities that will be paid in January 2022:

Owing to the Diocese for unpaid Parish Share £26,297
Owing to builder for repointing works £21,500

It should also be noted that we anticipate in the near future that the boiler system will have to be replaced at an estimated cost of £50,000.

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ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	B/Fwd	Income	Outgoings	Transfers	C/Fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund(unrestricted)	55,899	106,243	79,235		82,967
Overseas Church Link/IDWAL Fund (designated)					0
Youth Fund (designated)	1,198				1,198
Ellis Fund (designated)	6,521				6,521
Bell Fund (restricted)	540	380	775		145
Flower Fund (restricted)	181	100	22		259
Organ Fund (restricted)	8,162	153			8,315
Restoration & Development Fund (restricted)	991				991
Sequestration (restricted)	568	3,492	3,840		220
TOTALS	74,060	110,368	83,872	0	100,556

CLERGY EXPENSES

	2021	2020
		£
Vicar expenses		793
Other clergy expenses & travel	866	670
	866	1,463

SPECIAL EVENTS

	Income	Expenses
	£	£
Fete		
Other		
	0	0

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**CHARITABLE GIVING MADE THROUGH THE
MINISTRY OF ST PETER'S CHURCH**

	Home £	Overseas £
Friends of the Homeless	<i>300</i>	
St George Foundation		<i>120</i>
	300	120

Notes:

1. Christian Aid collecting raised £518.
2. A further £820 was raised by a member of the church also for Christian Aid.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST PETER'S CHURCH. TITCHFIELD,
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 9

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- * follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- * state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- * to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- * to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached, *excepting that the two amounts listed as "Collectings" should be treated as one item.*

Brian Baverstock Date

Brian M Baverstock,
8 Hawthorn Lane,
Sarisbury Green,
SO31 7BD

BM Baverstock 5th May 2022

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Welcoming all, celebrating life, sharing the journey

Collect for St. Peter's Titchfield

Father God, thank you for our church and its people.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our church may flourish.
Help us to see you in everyone we meet
and fill our lives with your praise.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(written by PCC members at an Awayday, 2016)

Our Mission Priorities:

- To nurture growth in discipleship
- To maintain a particular focus on working with families and young people
- To ensure that our heritage church provides opportunities for visitors to pray and to learn about Jesus Christ

Vicar: Revd Susan Allman until her retirement on 18 October 2020, then into vacancy

Churchwardens: Barbara le Sueur and Sheila Hignell (until 13 September 2020)
then Peter Gordon

Hon. Curate: Revd Janet Trevithick

Reader: Roger Bryant (until 4 November 2020)

Local Leadership Team: Revd Susan Allman, Roger Bryant, Peter Gordon, Sheila Hignell,
Barbara le Sueur, Revd. Janet Trevithick

1350 Squadron Air Training Corp Chaplain: Roger Bryant until 4 November 2020

Parish Administrator (Honorary): Liz Miller

Administrative Assistant (Honorary): Vicki Taylor

Book Keeper: Rebecca Flamson until February 2020 then Sandra Pereira

Organist/Choir Master: Keith Miller

Captain of the Tower: Lyndon Hatfield

Electoral Roll Officer: Keith Miller

Sacristan: Peter Gordon

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Senior Sidesmen: Kay Dunleavy (until 13 September 2020), Peter Gordon (until 13 September 2020), John Murray, Iain Windebank, Trevor Streten.

Sidesmen: Joan Angelides, Paul Angelides, Rachel Baker, John Blundell, Roger Day, Stella Funnell, Dudley Hopkins, David Mugford, John Pereira, Sandra Pereira, Ann Porter, John Porter, Jane Reid, Martin Reid, Anna Sketchley (until November 2020), Jenny Windebank, Joy Springett (until September 2020)

Lay Assistants: Linda Allison*, Helen Andrews, Helen Blundell, Kay Dunleavy* (until 13 September 2020), Peter Gordon, David Mugford, Ann Murray, John Murray, Jane Reid, Martin Reid, Gina Sherwood, Anna Sketchley* (until November 2020), Jane Slaymaker, Trevor Streten, Charles Timberlake*

*These lay assistants have been authorised by the Bishop to administer Holy Communion to people at home.

St Peter's Parochial Church Council

Vicar: Revd Susan Allman (ex-officio), Chair (until 18 October 2020)
then Edwina Day

Deacon: Revd. Janet Trevithick (ex-officio)

Church Wardens: Barbara le Sueur (ex-officio) – Vice-Chair
Sheila Hignell (ex-officio) (until 13 September)
then Peter Gordon (ex-officio)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod (ex-officio):

Iain Windebank (until September 2020)
Anna Sketchley (until November 2020)
Andrew Trevithick (from September 2020)
Vacancy

Elected Members: John Blundell Year 3
Edwina Day Year 3
Chris Oakley Year 3
Hazel Croft Phillips Year 2
Paul Wenham Year 2
Martin Reid Year 1
John Parry Year 1
Paul Angelides Year 1
Vacancy

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PCC Secretary: Helen Andrews

APCM Secretary: Helen Perry (from September 2020)

PCC Treasurer: Sandra Pereira

Independent Examiner: Brian Baverstock

Gift Aid Secretary: David Mugford (until 15 June 2020) then Iain Windebank and John Parry

Internet Banking Transactions: checks usually carried out by John Blundell were not possible during 2020

Safeguarding Officer: Jane Reid

St Peter's Website: Robin Guess

Team leader for live Streaming of services from St Peter's: Chris Oakley

PCC Representative on Parish Room management committee: Sandra Pereira

PCC Representatives on Friends of St Peters Committee: Vicar (until October 2020) and Churchwardens

PCC meetings were held on 14 January, 15 June, 11 August, 15 September, 3 November and 10 November during 2020. Between full meetings the PCC operates through sub-committees and working groups which report to the PCC.

Sub-Committees of the PCC

Standing Committee: The only committee required by law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Members: Chair - Revd Susan Allman (until 18 October 2020) then Edwina Day, Barbara le Sueur, Sheila Hignell (until 13 September 2020) then Peter Gordon, Martin Reid and Sandra Pereira.

Fabric Committee: Attends to matters relating to church buildings, including promoting safe practices in the church environment. Also advises the PCC on any maintenance required to the church (except minor repairs). Chair: Barbara Le Sueur

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Teams and Working Groups

Worship Team: Plans, reviews and co-ordinates services. Chair: Revd. Susan Allman (until 18 October 2020) then a team comprising Revd Janet Trevithick, Revd Peter Kelly, Revd Jane Richards and Revd Julia Foster

Pastoral Support Team: Facilitates pastoral care in the parish and provides bereavement support. Chair: Ros Seward

Prayer Ministry Team: Provides confidential prayer support after services on the 4th Sunday of the month. Chair: Roger Bryant (until 21 October 2020)

Prayerline: Confidential long-distance prayer support. Chair: Charles Timberlake

Social Team: Plans and organises social events. Chair: Joan Angelides

Fete Team: Plans and organises the Annual Church Fete. Chair: Kay Dunleavy (until 13 September 2020)

Communications Team: Chair: John Blundell The communication group finished looking at areas of concern and was not supported to continue in 2020.

Stewardship Team: Chair - Revd. Susan Allman until 18 October

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Worship up to and including 15 March 2020

Sunday Services

8am traditional language Holy Communion Service

First Sunday of the month

10am All Age Eucharist

Quarterly 11.30am Choral Matins

All other Sundays

10am Parish Eucharist

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Third Sunday of the month

10.45-12.30 Café Connect in the Parish Rooms

Children's Area. A children's area is always available in the South aisle of the church. Activities are provided at all 10am Sunday services.

Weekday Services

Wednesdays 8.15am Morning Prayer in the South Chapel.

Thursdays 2-3pm during term time Teddy Bear Praise

Worship from 23 March 2020

Life changed in all respects from mid-March 2020. The virus became a pandemic with consequences for all. Churches were not exempt from having to adjust. In the first period of lockdown all churches remained closed and services as listed above were suspended.

At first, Revd Susan led a regular Sunday morning service using liturgy from the Iona Community. The services were pre-recorded at the Vicarage and downloaded to the website. Some weeks later, services were allowed to be conducted in church, but without a congregation, and were live streamed via the church website. When restrictions were lifted at intervals, limited numbers of congregants, socially distanced, were able to attend services which continued to be live streamed. Safety measures for all who attended were observed.

During periods of complete lockdown, the Sunday Eucharist was celebrated at 9am and attended by a limited number of people with responsibility for a part of the service. Conducted from the Chancel and streamed live, services remained available on the church website for people to watch during the following week.

The skill and confidence of all those involved in the technical side of service presentation (video, sound, recording, downloading) grew under the leadership of Chris Oakley. By the end of 2020, Paul Angelides, Russell Streeter and Andrew Trevithick were able to take over the responsibility when Chris was unavailable.

Throughout the year from the end of March, a weekly bulletin was produced by Revd Peter which gave notice of all services; locally, in church or on our website; nationally, on television or radio.

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Up to October 2020, Revd Susan sent a weekly letter to all members of the Electoral Roll with a reflective message as well as news of the Parish. Since then, Revd Janet has written letters at intervals with the same balance of information and encouragement.

After Revd Susan retired in October, a Worship team composed of Revds Janet Trevithick, Peter Kelly, Jane Richards and Julia Foster took over the planning and delivery of all services.

Ash Wednesday A service was held in church in the morning. Revd Susan visited West Hill Park School and Revd Janet visited Titchfield Primary school to join in the assemblies for the beginning of Lent.

A service held in the evening at St Columba, invited members of our congregation and members from Holy Trinity to join in. Members of St Peter's choir formed part of the combined choir.

Holy Week There were none of the usual observances permitted in church during Holy Week in 2020.

Easter An online service was offered by Revd Susan on Easter Day. Information about services in the Diocese streamed live on Easter Day and in Easter Week were advertised on the weekly bulletin.

Ascension Day Revd Susan told the story of Ascension in a short video for all ages which was posted on the church website.

Pentecost Revd Susan led an all age service online. Parishes were invited to join a celebration of Pentecost live streamed from the Cathedral in the evening.

Thy Kingdom Come 2020 Plans for a Diocesan event at Portsmouth Guildhall led by J John had to be cancelled because of the risks attached to large gatherings. In the Parish, a Labyrinth Prayer Guide was offered to people to support private devotions during the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost.

Harvest Festival and Sunday 18th October

In the week before Harvest Festival, the church was open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday with an opportunity to follow a Harvest Trail in church. Lovely flower arrangements accompanied thoughtful reflections created by Revd Susan focussing on food poverty and Fair Trade.

The Harvest service on 11 October was the first of Revd Susan's leaving services, the second held the following Sunday. People were asked to book a place at one or other service and both were opportunities for people to see Susan before she left Titchfield. There was much appreciation expressed to Susan for her work over ten years in the Parish. Gifts were presented to her at the final service along with all our good wishes to her and Eric for the future.

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All Souls Day Service

The All Souls Day service was recorded in church on 1 November and streamed online on the afternoon of 8 November. Revd Jane preached and Revd Janet read the names of all who had died and whose funerals had taken place at St Peter's during 2020 as well as those remembered from previous years.

Remembrance Sunday

National and local services of remembrance in 2020 had to be of reduced size due to the ongoing issues of virus transmission. Collaboration between St Peter's and the local British Legion created a moving service and Act of Remembrance in church, and streamed online, led by Revd Janet and organised by Neil Blewett. Representatives of all military services and organisations, plus village groups, laid wreaths at the altar rail. The names of local servicemen who had died in both world wars and more recent wars were read and the last post played.

Churches were closed throughout November up to and including Advent Sunday though services took place in the Chancel and were live streamed.

Advent services From Sunday 6 December, services were held in church with limited numbers able to attend. There was no Christingle Service or any Community Carol services as would usually have been the case through Advent.

Christmas Eve

A Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, organised and led by Revd Peter, was pre-recorded and streamed online at 6pm. The readers stood alongside displays created for the Christmas Trail allowing people who had been unable to visit the church an opportunity to see them. Carols and music from St Martin's in the Fields were played.

Christmas Day and Sunday 27 December

The Eucharist to celebrate Christmas was offered on each day at 9am and places had to be booked to attend one or the other. Revd Jane and Revd Peter presided or preached at each.

Choir and Music Group Both come under the leadership of Keith Miller, Choir Master and Organist. The robed choir maintained the pattern of support for all sung services (Parish Eucharist and Matins) up to the first lockdown. Beyond that date the choir did not sing in church for any further services during 2020. The music group supporting All Age Worship on the first Sunday of each month were able to do so up to and including March.

A small group of choir members took the opportunity to sing carols on the two Saturdays of the Comfort and Joy Christmas Trail in December. Gathered outside the bell tower, and socially distanced from each other, they sang for about 30 minutes during each afternoon. The chance to sing was welcomed by the group and their performance much appreciated by those who stopped to listen.

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Retired Clergy We are grateful to retired clergy Revd Canon Peter Kelly, Revd Jane Richards, and Revd Julia Foster for their commitment to leading and supporting services and other activities throughout the year and especially since the retirement of Revd Susan.

Open Church The church was open daily from 9am until 4pm as usual until 23 March. At any point that restrictions allowed after that date, the church was opened for private prayer on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11am-3pm. A steward was present on each day to welcome visitors and ensure that all safety measures were observed.

From the registers for 2020:

Baptisms - 7

Confirmations - 0

Weddings - 1

Funerals - In 2020 there were 22 funeral services, 10 held in church and 12 services held at local crematoria

Safeguarding

I can report that St Peter's Safeguarding Policy was up to date and a copy submitted to the Diocesan Office as required. Following the APCM this will need to be reviewed and updated for 2021. St Peter's church Safeguarding Policy is now on our website and prominently displayed at the back of the church.

We all individually and collectively have a responsibility to ensure our church is a safe place for everyone but church and group leaders are specifically charged with implementing all aspects of our Safeguarding Policy.

Susan Allman completed St Peter's Past Case Review which contributed to the wider House of Bishops Safer Church review. A confidential copy is held locally. There are no on-going issues for our church.

It is hard to ascertain how many active volunteers we have retained during 2020 when our services have been greatly affected by the pandemic. It is likely to be around 85. When the church activities resume an audit of volunteers will need to be carried out by church and group leaders.

All of our volunteers have been assessed using the C of E Safer Recruitment criteria. We have one outstanding application awaiting completion.

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DBS checks have continued throughout the year in order to keep everyone up to date and ready for action in 2021! During this period 'thirtyone:eight' advised all Safeguarding Officers that digital copies of identity documents would be acceptable in order to complete identity checks during the pandemic. My thanks to all those who have battled with technology to send me these documents by many and varied means.

It is a requirement of the Church of England that all volunteers undertake training/refreshers awareness training every three years. During 2020 the diocese has continued to provide safeguarding training on-line for individuals and limited group training via zoom. The training calendar and links can be found on the diocesan website.

Historically there has been a very good take up of training provided locally. I had organised another local bulk training session for 2020 on the 29th April covering Domestic Abuse. Clearly this could not go ahead, I will endeavour to organise another date when the future is more predictable.

The APCM is a rare opportunity to publicly thank all of our volunteers for offering their skills and for their ongoing dedication. You have enabled our church to continue playing an active role in the wider community as well as supporting our own Church community during 2020. You are very much appreciated.

Jane Reid St Peter's Safeguarding Representative

Engagement with Families

2020 has been a year when maintaining relationships and communication has been tested for many individuals and organisations. This is certainly the case for our engagement as a church with family groups.

During January and February of 2020 there were no families present at any of the 10am services. Whenever public worship was possible during the rest of the year, provision for families in the Children's Area was unavailable due to safety concerns about handling toys and books,

Plans had been discussed in February and at the beginning of March aiming to establish a different form of outreach to families. Opportunities to meet at the Wheelhouse after the Easter holidays and to agree some similar opportunity for the summer holidays was an aim. The hope was to revive connections and build relationships between families and other church members and to engage in some informal discussions with each other. One line of a prayer gave us our sense of direction: 'May Jesus increase in us our capacity to relate and belong to God and each other' (Sister Stella, Community of St Mary the Virgin, Wantage) Due to the circumstances during 2020, none of these plans were realised.

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Revd Susan used Facebook to reach families who had been attending Teddy Bear Praise and All Age Worship, posting short videos telling the story of Ascension Day and Pentecost.

In July, Helen Perry and Edwina Day wrote to Revd Susan to say they were stepping down from their roles so that a fresh approach to engagement with families could be introduced. New leadership from within the congregation, ideally from within our family groups once life became 'more normal', was the hope. That remains a hope for the future.

Some families were able to visit the Comfort and Joy Christmas Trail in December to look at the nativity displays in church. Family packs of craft material, puzzles and colouring sheets along with Nativity story books were given out to all families and to adults who were likely to see young family members at Christmas.

Looking ahead and into 2021, something new needs to happen in this important area of church life and we would encourage anyone with thoughts on how 'new' might be realised to get in touch with Helen or Edwina for an informal conversation.

Helen Perry and Edwina Day

Links with Schools

Titchfield Primary School (Church of England Affiliated)

At the beginning of 2020 our assembly team maintained their two weekly pattern delivering Bible stories to the children. Also on Ash Wednesday (26th February) we were invited to take an assembly focusing on the tradition and meaning of Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent. Sadly visits to the school had to come to an abrupt end in mid-March.

We understand that the school has been doing a sterling job in keeping open to teach vulnerable children and the children of front line workers.

From our congregation at St Peter's, Jill Underwood and Paul Angelides continue to play an important supportive role on the board of governors.

West Hill Park School

Ash Wednesday was also our last opportunity to visit the pupils of West Hill Park before the first lockdown. We have maintained contact with the school and are aware that the majority of their teaching moved to online lessons for non-boarders, until the children were able to return to school with Covid safe restrictions in place.

In October, during Revd Susan's last week, we were asked to visit the school to assist with a harvest assembly for the younger school. It was an opportunity for the school to say thank you and farewell to Susan and she was presented with a bouquet of flowers. There was just one class of pupils in the hall and the assembly was streamed to other classrooms.

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Revd Julia was contacted before Christmas and asked if she could attend the school's Advent Carol service to offer prayers and a blessing. Even with strict Covid rules in place this was, as usual, a delight.

It has not been possible for our independent listener for the boarders, Edwina Day, to visit the school but her number is available to pupils should they have a need.

Jigsaw Pre-school

Sadly it has not been possible to meet with the pre-school children this year. However, on hearing that Revd Susan was retiring, they made a two foot high card with beautiful butterflies and childlike scribbles. The teacher delivered the card to the church for Susan which was very thoughtful.

We certainly missed our schools regular visits to the church during 2020. We look forward very much to welcoming back the pupils and teachers when it is safe to do so.

Revd. Janet Trevithick

Team and Group Reports

St Peter's Home Groups

Home groups remain an important part of church life at St Peters. Meeting fortnightly members enjoy hospitality, mid-week fellowship and Bible study.

Home groups help us to fulfil one of our mission priorities which is to 'nurture growth in discipleship'. As followers of Christ we continue to grow in faith and knowledge and it's a lot more fun with others.

In 2020 our home groups were at the beginning of a five week Lent course called 'Daring to see God now' produced by York Courses, which had to be suspended because of the lockdown. One group completed the course via email. Most of the year, we could not meet one another in groups. One of our groups however did manage maintain communication and Bible study by email throughout the year!

Some of our home group members without internet connections have been supported with the weekly bulletin and other material as and when issued. We really look forward to a healthier future so that we can resume meeting together for study and friendship.

Revd Janet Trevithick

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St. Peter's Bell-Ringers

All ringing ceased when lockdown started and very limited ringing was allowed when the first lockdown ended. When services resumed, we rang handbells as people arrived, and then 4 bells (2 couples, suitably distanced) until the second lockdown. In an effort to keep our band together, we started to hold handbell practices in gardens, weather permitting. With only 3 ringers having previous experience of handbell ringing, we made considerable progress until weather and lockdown intervened. Fortunately, we were able to ring handbells at the conclusion of Susan's last service, instead of the traditional quarter peal on the tower bells. Christmas ringing was severely impacted, and we did not "ring out the old, ring in the new year" for the first time in 40 years.

To keep interest going we have used an internet program called Ringing Room, which allows us to ring from the comfort of our own sofas! It is very different from tower or handbells, but we are making progress.

For the future we look forward to being able to ring all 6 bells again. We will continue to keep everyone informed of ringing activities through Titchfield News.

Lyndon Hatfield

Café Connect

During 2020 we were able to hold Café Connect as planned in January and February. Both those opportunities were the usual sociable, well attended sessions. Beyond February, the Cafe was unable to continue because of the pandemic and the associated rules and restrictions regarding social distancing and indoor venues.

However this report offers an opportunity to thank all those who have been involved in Cafe Connect: all the cake bakers; the team who managed the music and slideshows; the team who cooked bacon, buttered rolls, cut cake and made endless cups of tea and coffee; those who set up the tables, wiped them down and put them away; the stalwarts who washed up countless cups, saucers and plates. Most of all thank you to our lovely waiters who faithfully turned up and whose enthusiasm and smiles lit up each café. Lastly thank you to all who came to the cafes and made them alive with laughter and conversation.

St Peter's continued to support Patrick in Sierra Leone throughout 2020 to help him complete his education.

Penny Murrells

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Teddy Bear Praise

At the beginning of the year Teddy Bear Praise continued to meet on Thursdays between 2pm - 3pm, during the school term time, with a break on the 20th February for half term. This delightful group of Mum's and babies, or toddlers, functions mainly as an early contact with the church for parents requesting baptism for their little ones. Mums are usually on maternity leave for up to one year and continue to come after the baptism. It is a very good opportunity for us to develop early relationships with families.

Our last TBP was on the 12th March. After that the Teddies were placed in isolation. This meant a temporary halt to baptisms in church until we were allowed, with Covid safe restrictions, to invite families for baptisms with 15 guests. We held these baptisms in the chancel area of the church using a temporary portable font.

We baptised 4 children, the last family being rather special because Dad requested to be baptised too.

Revd Janet Trevithick

Stewardship Team

"All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you." (1 Chronicles 29:11)

Objectives:

1. To encourage our congregation to live thankfully and give generously - time, talents and money.
2. To help our congregation overcome its reticence in talking about money and asking for what is needed.
3. To work closely with our stewardship recorder.
4. To ensure a good flow of information to the PCC and the wider congregation.
5. To maintain confidentiality where necessary.

Regular givers continued to be encouraged to join the Parish Giving Scheme and, where possible, to sign up to an annual increase of giving in line with inflation.

Due to the pandemic there were no stewardship events during 2020. However, in advance of her retirement in October, Revd Susan gave notice that in lieu of a monetary gift for her she wanted all donations to go to St Peter's. As a result over £4,000.00 (four thousand pounds) was collected.

In December a Card Reader was purchased to facilitate giving and was used for the first time during the Christmas Trail. It allowed people to make a contactless donation to St Peter's. This arrangement will be a permanent option for anyone choosing to donate in this way.

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Pastoral Support Team including Tea Parties

Members: Ros Seward (Chair), Rachel Baker (Secretary), Linda Allison. Joan Angelides, Janet Webb

2020 was a year like no other! However, although we were not able to meet every 6/8 weeks as normal, we have kept in touch and been able to function as a group. We have regularly spoken on the telephone to those who live alone and are lonely and those who normally enjoy the Tea Parties. We also sent Easter and Christmas cards to those on our care list.

During the Summer when restrictions were less tight, we were able to help one or two people with medical appointments. Our main function was to make sure no-one who needed help and support was overlooked but we can only do this if we know where there is a need. Communication is therefore vital.

Thank you to all those members of the congregation who have helped and supported others during a difficult time.

Rachel Baker

St Peter's Prayerline

Over the last eleven months it has been a privilege to have been able to 'meet' together, at 8 pm each evening, to pray for the needs of our community, country, continent and world with specific reference to the pandemic. During these difficult months I understand this has been valued by many who have felt able to join us, and a great source of comfort and strength. I have taken great solace and found an enormous sense of unity and togetherness in, our team and our collective prayers.

Before the first lockdown, on 6th March (which happened to be our 24th birthday!) we were able to meet as a team in the Chapter Rooms to pray for all those on our Prayerline list as well as the world as the virus began to gather pace.

A great number of names and situations have been on our prayer list, with regular updates and good record-keeping essential! Many prayer requests have been very sad ones – this is why we are in existence – some have been for end of life (15 deaths since 6th March 2020) including our very own Joy Springett who served as a much-loved and valued member of our team for a number of years. There has also been an opportunity to give much thanks and praise.

As always I am indebted to the whole team for their loyalty and commitment.

Charles Timberlake

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St Peters Healing Prayer Ministry

The opportunity for shared prayer with a member of the Prayer Ministry Team following the 8am and 10am service, on the fourth Sunday of the month, took place as usual during January and February 2020.

After each lockdown when public worship resumed, the need for social distancing and having to leave directly after services meant the Ministry team were unable to pray with people in the usual way.

Although the team were unable to meet in the usual way during the year, communication continued between members via email. Those we knew of who were in need of support were prayed for by us at home and in private. A faithful member of our team, Joy Springett, died towards the end of the year. Her contribution to the team was highly valued and she will be missed by us all.

Roger Bryant

NB Grateful thanks go to Roger Bryant who has resigned from his leadership of the Prayer Ministry Team pending his and Carol's move to Wiltshire.

Fair Trade

Up to the point of the COVID-19 pandemic, support for Fairtrade was increasing steadily. Many thanks are due to Anna Sketchley who organised sales of Easter Eggs in 2020 and managed to distribute them before lockdown

We were only able to hold 3 stalls (Jan, Feb, March) in 2020 so 'Fairtrader profit' was minimal. Realising that we were very unlikely to hold stalls for the foreseeable future, in July I sent the majority of the profit accrued to date and any donations to Traidcraft and I attach the record of this.

Our supplier, Shop Equality, closed in the first lockdown but was able to open one day per week for 'click and collect'. It opened again over the summer and was allowed to remain open in the November lockdown. I offered a collection service for anything needed. People were able to e mail me or phone the shop. I collected their orders and the shop invoiced them. Despite circulating information about this through the Weekly Bulletin and an article in the Titchfield News, there was little take-up. However I have been able to collect orders for 3 Fairtraders in Fareham and some of their customers. I no longer receive a Fairtrader Profit on orders because I think the shop needs all the income it can get to stay open

A big 'Thank you' to people who supported Fairtrade in 2020. Your purchases are making a difference to people who, in these difficult times, lack basic necessities such as clean water.

Karen Postle

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Christian Aid Report for 2020

Unfortunately it was not possible to continue with the planned fundraising for Christian Aid throughout 2020 because of Covid restrictions. The diocesan Christian Aid 'Sponsored Walk' committee had planned a walk to be hosted by All Saints' Church, Botley for May 2020 during Christian Aid Week. Although the walk had to be cancelled all of the preparation has been saved and will be used, if not in 2021, hopefully 2022!

St Peter's planned to hold a morning 'Sale' in March in support of Christian Aid which was postponed to September but then again was unable to take place. People have been very generous and many items were gathered for sale which I believe are probably still taking up most of Margaret Pace's dining room! Thank you Margaret!

Christian Aid went through a major restructuring of their offices across the country in 2019/20 to cut administration costs and it is with regret that I have to tell you that our helpful Southampton Office has closed. There is now just one office across the South East covering a very large area. Help and support from the office including updates about national initiatives as well as support for Christian Aid week, will be sadly missed at a local level.

The Christian Aid representatives from a small ecumenical group of churches in our part of Fareham Deanery met in January 2020 and would have met later in the year but that did not happen. The group's most important function is to discuss our plans for Christian Aid Week activities in our own churches and to gather and share resources. We are usually fortunate in someone from Christian Aid attending the meetings to bring us up to date with what is happening globally. St Peter's needs a new volunteer to become a 'Champion for Christian Aid' and represent us on the team. Please note the role does *not* include running the Sponsored Walk which I have passed on to the Walk committee!

Anna Sketchley

Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank

Food items and other goods on the suggested list from the Basics Bank were collected at church during January and February and were all delivered to the central point in Fareham before lockdown in March. School collections were not possible and from March no collections were made in church due to the concerns around handling items. Those who were able to continue donating items were asked to do so via local supermarkets in Locks Heath, Fareham and Gosport.

Proceeds from a stall selling Christmas Wreaths and other decorations plus cakes, preserves and chutney was organised and run by Sheila Hignell and her team (Mary Parratt, Ros Seward, Joan Angelides). Over two Saturdays during the period of the Christmas Trail in December

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they raised £440.00 which was sent as a donation from St Peter's to Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank.

Jenny Windebank

NB The leadership of this outreach at St Peter's became vacant as of the end of 2020. Thanks go to Jenny Windebank for her dedication over several years to maintain the collection of all donations at church and their delivery to the base in Fareham.

Ladies Breakfast

We only managed two meetings in 2020. January and February 8.30 - 10am in the Chapter rooms and averaged 14 people. We always start with a continental style breakfast followed by a speaker or just discussions between ourselves. It is a very friendly, sociable time and was greatly missed. We are looking forward to renewing our monthly meetings as soon as allowed.

Ros Seward

Flowers at St. Peter's

I stepped down from organising the Church flowers in February 2020 and Sheila Hignell has taken over the role.

There have been few occasions for flowers in church because of lockdowns and the suspension of public worship. The team met in February to arrange a rota for the coming year but alas most people were unable to create their arrangements. We did however manage to provide arrangements for the Harvest Trail and festival in September & again for Christmas. Sheila managed to provide flowers in church for funerals and the Sunday live streamed services.

Ros Seward

Lent Lunches

Only two lunches were possible on two Fridays in March ahead of the first lockdown. Each event was organised by members of a Home Group. They were as enjoyable and well attended as has been the case in the past and raised £156.36 which was sent to St George's Foundation charity in Sierra Leone.

Comfort and Joy Christmas Trail

Opportunity was taken during the penultimate week of Advent to open the church for people to visit and follow a Christmas trail which was created to reflect the material in the booklet 'Comfort and Joy' published by the Church of England. All visitors (and stewards) wore masks and were able to follow a one way route around the church. Limits on numbers within the building at any one time meant that people could focus on the displays and listen to recorded

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Christmas music as they went. 129 people visited the church during the 5 days that it was open (4 hours each day). As mentioned in the Basics Bank report above, a stall organised by Sheila Hignell and her team raised funds for Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank and provided an opportunity for visitors to join in the support of others in need of help.

Annual Church Fete

The Fete Committee took the decision in early 2020 to cancel the event, which would have taken place on Saturday 16 May, because of growing awareness of the spread of the virus. This was the right and only decision to take. Loss of this opportunity had a direct effect on the overall annual income at St Peter's in 2020.

Social Team

Before lockdown we ran only one event in January, a "Bring & Share" Burns Night supper. Thank you to Nog Grimstead who piped in the Haggis on his harmonica and Peter Kelly who read the Robbie Burns "Address to a Haggis". We were also treated to a slide show of Scottish wildlife courtesy of Ross Underwood.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the rest of the years planned events including a Skittle Evening, Harvest Supper and a Christmas Quiz evening.

We would like to thank once again all those who have supported the events in the past and would welcome new members to the team.

The Net for Men

The NET is an inter-church event for men held on the second Tuesday of the month at 8pm from November through to May. The venues are generally within the Western wards area and often the Queens Head in Titchfield is selected. The format of the evening includes an activity or entertainment with a closing speaker focusing their talk on a Bible based topic. The

number of meetings arranged in 2020 was necessarily reduced. Three were held as described above and one virtually. In January there was a skittles evening at the Kings Head in Wickham; in February, a Blues Night at the Queens Head in Titchfield and in March we held a curry evening at the Park Gate Tandoori near Swanwick station. The only other meeting was a virtual Quiz Night with a speaker in December.

Iain Windebank

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Titchfield News

Brian Patten, who did an excellent job of editing Titchfield News for many years, retired in April 2020 together with Dorothy Patten, Associate Editor, Brian Williams, Distribution, and David Mugford, Advertising Sales. Together they ensured a consistently first-rate magazine.

This was a very tough act to follow and coincided with COVID-19. The new Editorial Team included Ann Wheal for its first issue and, since Ann left on health grounds, comprises: Karen Postle, Editor, Margaret Thompson, Assistant Editor Karen Rizzi, Layout/styling, creation of publication-ready magazine formats Gerry Pontefract, Distribution, Nog Grimstead, Advertising Sales. The PCC agreed the change to the magazine being bi-monthly. The Diocese prohibited delivery of printed material so the new team's first issue, June 2020, was online-only. It was widely circulated with help from the church website, village organisations and individuals.

We produced 3 further paper issues and following a Risk Assessment, delivered them to 237 subscribers with a further 38 for sale in church when it was open on weekdays. Past copies of the magazine are available on the church website. COVID-19 restrictions have prevented sale of the magazine through our usual village outlets.

The magazine is a form of outreach for the church while providing interesting material for all readers. As several clubs and societies have not had activities to report, we have sought articles from various sources, always presenting Karen Rizzi with a challenge for layout. It has been well-received.

Titchfield News continues to generate income for the church from sales and advertising although both have unfortunately decreased during the pandemic. Our distribution team of 14 people deliver and also recruit new sales.

We now have an e mail address: magazine@stpetertitchfield.org.uk and the Editors, together with Gerry, are ensuring GDPR compliance in relation to its use. We are very grateful to Keith and Liz Miller for their help with this and to Robin Guess and Chris Oakley for IT support. Our thanks go to Revd Susan and the PCC for their support and advice.

Karen Postle

St Peter's Church – Conducted Tours

On the third Tuesday of the first 3 months of 2020, David Mugford and I carried out tours of the church. Feedback from a gentleman who joined the February tour indicated how much the opportunity was appreciated : "My family and I want to thank Richard Boden for his most interesting tour of St Peter's; this was enhanced by our personal reminiscences of people and memories of the parish when I was a choir boy at St Peter's between 1947 and 1953.'

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From March we had to suspend tours and two booked tours had to be cancelled: a ladies' group of 10 from Fareham and a U3A group from Waterloooville. No other booked tours were possible during 2020.

The church was opened at intervals for individual private prayer and staffed by volunteer stewards. I joined the stewarding team and found that not only did people come in for prayer, some came deliberately to look inside the church. I was able to give impromptu and socially distanced short talks sharing some of the history of the building.

One particular couple were interested in the Earl of Southampton tomb as the lady had been reading Hilary Mantel's 'Wolf Hall' that featured the conflict between Thomas Wriothesley and Thomas Cromwell.

David and I have agreed that when the Corvid-19 restrictions are lifted we will resume the tours subject to any other unforeseen constraints.

Richard Boden

Titchfield Churchyard Maintenance Group

In the twelve month period since the last report our small group would have expected to have ten or so Saturday mornings when we might have been working in the churchyard.

Understandably we were advised by Christine Callaby, our contact at Fareham Borough Council, that the majority of these could not go ahead due to Covid-19. We probably met on no more than three or four occasions.

Fortunately, having in previous years got the churchyard into its current well-maintained state, it is not looking neglected. We do however look forward to the time when our activities can recommence.

One activity that did take place was a survey carried out by the Hampshire and IOW Amphibian and Reptile Group which is trying to identify sites where it would be possible to carry out reptile surveys. These involved putting a number of 50 cm tiles in taller vegetation or along an edge to encourage little reptiles such as slowworms to hide. Being cold blooded creatures, they do this to warm up. The tiles are checked once a month and sightings recorded. More sensitive habitat management can then be arranged for those sites where amphibians and reptiles are present. I have not yet been informed of the results.

Tim Mason

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Finance Report

2020 was a unique year for St Peter's financially. When COVID struck and the church closed a few calculations showed that we would have a large deficit at the end of the year. As it happened the deficit turned out to be £6700 thanks to two legacies amounting to £7000, a grant from Hampshire County Council of £3000 towards necessary work and thanksgiving donations on Susan's retirement of £4000.

During lockdowns weekly donations and casual donations were reduced. Several people, understanding the situation, switched their method of giving to either standing orders or the Parish Giving Scheme and others kindly increased their regular donations. As a result, we managed to pay our Parish Share for the whole year, along with every other church in our deanery. During the year we have ventured into online giving, via the website, and contactless giving, although the machine has hardly seen the light of day!

There were staff changes during 2020: Becky Flamson, who had been employed to replace Wendy Donnelly, decided early in the year that she could not juggle bookkeeping and childcare and left at the end of January; Wendy kindly stepped into the breach to complete the accounts for 2019; Martin Reid offered to succeed me as treasurer but COVID prevented any handover; David Mugford stepped down as Gift Aid Secretary, and his duties were successfully taken over by Iain Windebank and John Parry. I am grateful for all their help during what has been an interesting year. David also retired from the role of Titchfield News advertising manager and his shoes were ably filled by Nog Grimstead.

I am very grateful for the help of all the above plus the 'Counters' who have enjoyed extended leave since last April.

Sandra Pereira Treasurer

Friends of St Peter's (FOSP)

Friends was established to preserve and maintain the fabric of St Peter's – (including its land, buildings, fixtures, furnishings, fabrics, archives and treasures) and to generate enthusiasm in the origins, history, architecture and development of the building.

We raise funds and make grants of money to the clergy, churchwardens and Parochial Church Council (PCC). From January –December 2020 the total sum raised via membership and donations was not very high given that we have not been able to carry out any events and a few members have not renewed their membership.

Our total income for the year was £2844.68. This will go towards funds committed for on-going high cost projects, such as the church heating, something we can all benefit from! During 2020 we made grants to the Church totally £4375.34.

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The grants were for:

- Lighting on the left side of the church
- Part payment for the heating consultation

We look forward to our continued relationship with the PCC, the congregation members and the community to support and maintain our ancient church building.

Pat Shirley Chair (FOSP)

Fabric Report

Chair: Barbara Le Sueur Members: Peter Gordon, Chris Oakley, John Pereira, Paul Wenham, Philip Allison, Sandra Periera

Despite restrictions applied at intervals of the year the following actions were taken during 2020:

Services were carried out on the boiler and the lightning conductor

PAT testing was carried out in March

The damage caused during 2019 to the stained glass windows in the South aisle was repaired in April/May

Fire extinguishers were examined in October

Freemantles cleared the blocked downpipe on the east wall of the church, removing rope, tile fragments and rags.

The roof alarm had to be investigated because it was sounding unnecessarily.

E Bound attended and found that one of the detectors had been damaged so fitted a new one.

The screen in the belfry was replaced.

The Alarming Company visited to check the internal alarm which would not set properly. The keypad, which is old, was thoroughly cleaned which meant the alarm system could be set but the advice was that the keypad will need replacing at the next annual service.

A new Passive Infrared Sensor was fitted in the nave to ensure lights come on when anyone enters the church.

Intentions delayed due to restrictions were the inspection and investigation of the Southampton Monument and the plan to repair the mortar on the east and south walls.

Barbara Le Sueur

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020, Part 9, Rule M5 (1)(b)

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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 2nd March 2021 and signed on its

behalf by Mrs Edwina Day (Vice Chair of PCC) Edwina Day

ST PETER'S CHURCH, TITCHFIELD

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For the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Vicar:

(until 18th October 2020, then to vacancy)

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Fareham

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Mrs Sandra Pereira

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Titchfield

Honorary Secretary:

Mrs Helen Andrews

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Fareham

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Peter's Church,
Titchfield, Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1 which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Brian Baverstock 23/04/2021

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