

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. PETER, FILTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1131957

Details

Other names	ST PETER'S CHURCH, FILTON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-10-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Strategic intent is to proclaim the Christian faith in Filton and to worship God: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We aim to draw all people to the love and fellowship of the Christian faith by teaching, sustaining and nurturing the worshipping community, and by outreaching beyond the parish into the wider world.

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
- Bristol City
- South Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£72,887	£68,414	-	-
2023-12-31	£100,798	£56,077	-	-
2022-12-31	£69,711	£46,275	-	-
2021-12-31	£71,762	£98,657	-	-
2020-12-31	£83,850	£97,087	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amy Atkinson		2014-04-06
Anne-Louise Pam		2021-05-16
Chris Gooding		2021-05-16
Claire Irene Eade		2017-04-02
Faith Tutton BA Hons		2019-04-07
Ian Horseman		2024-03-24
JENNY CONNOR		2013-03-25
Janet Mary Moller		2020-09-27
JessicaKathleen Dyke		2023-03-26
John Cahill		2024-03-24
Mandy Leslie		2025-04-06
Rev Roderick Cosh		2025-04-01
Roy John Hale		2021-05-16
Susan Horseman		2024-03-24
Thomas Moller		2019-04-07

Accounts

The background image is a photograph of the stone tower of St Peter's Church. The tower is made of rough-hewn stone and features a large Gothic window with a diamond-patterned glass. Above the window is a smaller, arched window. A clock face is visible on the tower's facade. The sky is a clear blue. A semi-transparent dark blue rectangle is overlaid on the top half of the image, containing the title text in white.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT &
ACCOUNTS
ST PETER'S CHURCH
31ST DEC 2024**

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ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

As charity trustees, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter’s Church Filton has pleasure in presenting the annual report and accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY

- Registered number 1131957
- Parish name: Filton
- St Peter’s Church, Gloucester Road North, Filton, Bristol BS34 7BQ
- Independent Financial Examiner: Tony Malpass
- Bankers: The Co-operative Bank
- Safeguarding Officer: Anne-Louise Pam
- Church Architect: Steve Davis

TRUSTEES

Thomas Moller (Church Warden and Lay Chair)	Chris Gooding (Secretary)
John Cahill (Treasurer)	Janet Moller (Church Warden)
Amy Atkinson (Deputy Church Warden)	Linda Rawlings (Accessibility Advisor)
Jenny Connor (Deanery Synod)	Jess Dyke
Sue Horseman	Ian Horseman
Claire Eade (LLM in Formation)	Faith Tutton (Parish Administrator)
Anne-Louise Pam (Safeguarding Officer)	Roy Hale

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Management of the parish is performed by the Rector with the assistance of a number of parishioners who form the Parochial Church Council (PCC). All governance, management, procedures and policies are maintained in accordance with the standard Church of England practice.

APPOINTMENT OF PCC MEMBERS

PCC members are elected for a term of three years at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Candidates for election must be members of the church who following a conversation with the Rector and/or PCC Secretary (regarding the roles and responsibilities of such a position) have been duly proposed and seconded by members of the church, who are themselves registered on the electoral roll.

At the end of three years, PCC members may choose to be re-elected for a further term of three years, after which they must step down. PCC members who have served for six years are not eligible for re-election for a period of not less than 12 months. The Rector is a permanent member of the PCC. The PCC Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the PCC. Members of the congregation who have been elected to represent St Peter's at the Deanery Synod are also members of the PCC.

ORGANISATION OF THE PCC

The Rector takes the role of PCC Chairperson and a minimum of four full meetings is held each year, in addition to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

PCC meetings are structured around discussions regarding:

- Vision, mission and values
- Financial, general purposes and Hall
- Health and Safety and well-being, including a particular emphasis on accessibility, inclusivity and safeguarding.

The Standing Committee, made up of the officers of the PCC (Rector, treasurers, secretary and church wardens) convene on an as-needed basis to make urgent decisions on behalf of the full PCC regarding the day to day management of the church.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Peter's is a welcoming Anglican church with its heart in the sacraments and its place in the centre of the community. At St Peter's we are devoted to developing a holy consciousness. We believe that worship is something that can be expressed in everything we do. Our philosophy is deeply rooted in the Holy Scriptures and the sacraments. We provide a place for all, regardless of age, gender, sexuality, race or ability. We offer all members of the church a chance to become part of something greater, to grow their love for God and for one another in our beautiful community.

Our vision is to serve God, by serving individuals, families and the community of Filton. By placing God at the centre of all we do, we come together to grow in our faith and be sent out in our discipleship to create connections and build relationships with all those in the community. We act in and through our relationship with God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and with one another, to seek to make His kingdom known in this place. To enable us to do this as effectively as possible, our priorities are centred around four strands of growth: growing deeper; growing younger; growing in influence; and growing in number. This is detailed more fully in our Vision Plan which is updated biennially and can be viewed on our website.

Our worship is based on the Eucharist in which all are called to participate. We try to be liturgically innovative and spiritually challenging. We aim at musical excellence and try to involve our young people in worship as much as possible. The structure of the services is wide and varied, to cater to as many tastes as possible, including services taken from Common Worship and the Book of Common Prayer.

Pastoral care is a commitment shared by all members of the Christian community. The Rector is assisted in this by the Pastoral Care Team, made up of trained volunteers.

The church aims to be the Spiritual Hub of the Community. We are actively involved in touching the lives of people of all ages and conditions in life, both in religious and non religious contexts. We do not seek to place barriers in people's way, aim to be accessible and approachable to all and hope to encourage people to undertake their own spiritual journey.

The church is carefully organised and run by its PCC, with day to day control in the hands of the Standing Committee. There are many aspects of church life that this report emphasises, and we publish our work through the weekly pew sheets, our web site, our social media presence, and through the wider press.

It is the parish's policy to prioritise our payment of parish share, to maintain the church structures in as best a state of repair as we can, to further our presence in the Community to support external charities as need directs, and to make a commitment to the work of the Children's Society and Christian Aid.

Reality of Strategy to date: This strategy has resulted in St Peter's Church enjoying a strong congregation with well-nourished souls. Our Lord calls us to be planters and sowers, not merely gatherers, and this process takes time.

REPORTS

RECTOR'S REPORT

Thomas Moller, Church Warden and lay Chair of the PCC

As has happened 25 times previously, since 1547, the church finds itself in a period of change after its 26th consecutive Rector left the Parish for pastures new. Revd Lizzie celebrated her last Eucharist with us at Petertide on Sunday 30th June and since then we have been without a Rector. Progress moves slowly with the Diocese as we realistically look at another 12 months until a new Rector is installed by an also new Bishop of Bristol; after the Rt Revd Vivienne Faull announced her retirement earlier this year.

St Peters has survived 25 times previously in vacancy and 8 months into this current vacancy, we continue to do so again. As a Parish, it is the job of all of us to maintain Christ's ministry in Filton, regardless of our own experiences, and to maintain the tradition of the Church that we are known for across Bristol and that still draws people towards us. We have been blessed to have welcomed, so far, 17 Priests (a mix of both retired and still active servants of Christ) from within the Diocese of Bristol during this time of vacancy. Particularly special thanks are given to Fr Rod Cosh and Fr Allan Sheath who, despite illness and personal circumstances, have helped to ensure regular continuity of Masses and ensure the sacraments have been administered to all the faithful in Filton. Their flexibility and devotion to the service of God has been paramount during this time and the church would be in a very different place without them, so extended thanks are given to both of them.

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT

Janet Moller & Thomas Moller - Church Wardens

2024 saw the church go through yet another cold winter and this has definitely impacted on the number of people regularly attending services. As our eyes turn towards the warmer months, our period in the metaphorical wilderness draws near to an end. This is not only highlighted because of the spring and summer being upon us, but also the exciting prospect of us having a new heating system in place for the end of 2025. Eight Herschel 'Halo' heaters are expected to be installed in the Nave of the church, and during this time the heaters in the Lady Chapel and the Coffee shop will also be updated. At the time of writing, the faculty request has been submitted and we are just waiting on the response from the Diocesan Advisory Committee. We know the lack of heat has made worshipping in church more difficult, but as was reminded to us recently, Christ suffered on the cross and as a result we must all suffer one way or another in our lives. The lack of heating in church has been a small measure of this, so our thanks are given to every single person in the community who has still shown the devotion and demonstrated the incredible importance of regular worship. As Christians we are called to be at church every Sunday, regardless of rain or shine (and even the cold) so the perseverance shown during this period has been an example of our strength as a Parish.

Regular work continues to take place across the church and the church hall. We have been blessed to have Nick Moller installed as a Verger for the church with particular attention for the upkeep of the Church Hall. This has involved everything from cleaning and fixing toilets to managing the bookings and the upkeep of the woodwork and metal around the church, so special thanks are given to him for the dedication and care shown to the church.

The fabric of the church has required its usual bout of care and consideration when work has been carried out; to ensure we are caring for St Peters as best we can. Through everyone's efforts over the past year, the church continues to be sustained sacramentally by its Priests, liturgically by David Haslum and his team, musically by Viv and the choir and spiritually by all the congregation and volunteers. It is important we thank God for this and pray for his sustained presence and influence over the coming year. Now more than ever it is of the utmost importance we all pray for our Church as it looks towards its future, whilst still maintaining its strong Anglo-Catholic tradition in the heart of Filton.

THE CHOIR

Viv Wilkinson, Musical Director

Church choir rehearses Fridays 7-8.30pm in the church, and in the choir vestry in winter. All are welcome to join, you do not need to be able to read music or be a fine singer. Help is given at rehearsals for all levels and ages.

It was lovely this year to reintroduce the Advent carol service. At this year's Nine Lessons and Carols we included a carol composed by our very own Alex Ball.

The new Alleluia was very well sung in the Parade service, really appealing to the young people. The choir usually sing new unfamiliar hymns a few times in the communion hymn slot before introducing them as a main service hymn.

We are looking forward to a new liturgical setting for Lent.

An appeal for funding repairs to the church organ was set up including a very successful quiz night with church fayre stalls and raffle. Donations can be made online. Thank you all for your support.

Autumn Leaves sing a long is popular as always. We have a caring support network and enjoy our fellowship. All are welcome, you don't have to sing if you don't want to, just come and have a good time! We moved back to the church hall when it was vacant but are now once more in the coffee shop 10.30-12noon first Saturday of the month. The Christmas sing-a-long was very successful as always and was streamed on the church Facebook account.

Viv Wilkinson 07884374448

COFFEE SHOP

Coffee Shop Manager, Mandy Leslie

The coffee shop continues to meet each week Monday to Thursday between 10.00am to 1pm. We are a designated warm space and everyone is welcome. Freshly made soup and bread is available on Thursdays, kindly donated and delivered to us by B&A meals.

When the coffee shop is open, then the church is also open - and we do get people coming in to spend a quiet time in prayer, or just to look round our beautiful church. It is lovely to be able to have the building open to people in this way.

We discovered last year that the coffee shop should have been registered as a food business - this is because it provides food on a regular and organised basis. It is to do with food safety, not with whether food is sold or not.

To comply with regulations, we needed to have hot and cold water hand washing facilities and we now have a portable washbasin in the coffee shop. This was a legal requirement for the coffee shop. There is also a lot more paperwork involved, as we have to be able to show what we do - so I have been updating policies, procedures and checklists. I have also completed online food safety and hygiene training to level 3 (as advised during our inspection).

The coffee shop would not be able to keep going without a wonderful team of volunteer staff and cake makers. Some of our volunteers have had to retire, and so this year it is a priority to recruit - both to staff the coffee shop and bake cakes.

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has supported the coffee shop, and for all the support that you have given me.

BELLRINGERS

David Haslum, Tower Captain

The bells were rung for Sunday services and practice nights throughout the year.

Six quarter peals were rung during the year. Three were rung by the University of Bristol Society. They rang a quarter peal of Stedman Doubles for the Corpus Christi procession on Sunday 2nd June. The bells sounded very lovely while the procession was taking place. On Sunday 30th June a quarter peal was rung as a farewell tribute to Lizzie on her last day as rector. Lizzie learnt to ring here about twenty years ago before she was ordained. She was always very encouraging and supportive of ringing.

Our youngest ringer Maddison is making good progress and also rings at Thornbury and Stone.

Practice night is on Thursday 7.30pm - 9.00pm

PASTORAL CARE TEAM (PCT)

Louise Lyddon, Janet Moller & Margaret Qoura

St Peter's has a small, dedicated team of fully-trained volunteers who supported the Rector until the end of June, and now support the PCC, giving pastoral support to those members of the community who need it, at times when they need it most. The group either ring, visit, or take communion to our ill or housebound church members when necessary. Unfortunately since Revd Lizzie left, there have been no volunteers meeting to discuss this church work.

TIME TO GRIEVE

Margaret Qoura

I am a retired counsellor and as such, thought it would be helpful to others to use my knowledge and experience in a Christian volunteering area. I spoke to Revd Lizzie and it was agreed that I would help cover the needs of bereaved people.

I run Time to Grieve, and I am to be found in the coffee shop from 10.30am on the first Wednesday of the month, This is not run as a group, although it could be if there was a demand for it.

Some weeks no-one comes needing help, but sometimes someone does - it matters not - I am there, that is the point. I also make occasional phone calls to others plus following up on people's losses by telephone.

I am advertised in Filton voiced as a trained counsellor - it should say *retired* counsellor as I am no longer registered with the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy. This automatically terminated when I was no longer receiving 1.5 hours of supervision per month; I also no longer carry indemnity insurance for the same reason. There are legal reasons for not purporting to be an active counsellor.

MOTHERS' UNION, FILTON BRANCH

Linda Rawlings, Branch Leader

Our group meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 2pm in the Coffee Shop. Over the past year we have supported the Filton Children's centre with children's knitted items, and also supported other Mothers' Union projects in the diocese. We also joined other members at the Bristol Diocese annual meeting, and Bristol West deanery groups for joint activities. We are committed to following in our founder Mary Sumner's footsteps.

Come and join our friendly group. For more information contact Linda Rawlings or Louise Lyddon.

ROSARY GROUP

Mary Arnold & Louise Lyddon

The rosary is the story of the New Testament. Through the beads, we follow the life of Mary and Jesus with simple, repetitive prayers (words are provided). Saying the rosary takes about half an hour. Rosaries can be provided.

We are a small group of 7-8 people and Mary's dog, with an average attendance of 4 people per session. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at Mary's house. Refreshments and fellowship are very much part of the act.

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Deb Wilkey & Debbie Curry

We have had a busy and interesting 12 months in the life of Girlguiding!

Rainbows have worked on the Construction Interest badge, where they became Town Planners and drew their own towns. They made a large marble run using recycling materials and built a building using marshmallows and spaghetti. The Rainbows worked on their Animal Lover badge. They made a pet egg and had to look after it for a week and fill out a diary.

Brownies have worked on their Jobs Interest Badge. They had to produce their dream job and advertise. We had visits from the police, Great Western Air Ambulance, and the fire brigade brought along the fire engine where the girls loved getting wet when using the fire hose! The Brownies also worked on a Mindfulness badge, and they also did a First Aid badge.

Over 200 Brownies took over the Concorde Museum where we enjoyed an Aviation Day. The girls made rockets, coded Robots so that they could explore Mars and explored the museum. After our visit to Concorde, we then ate our lunch under Concorde.

The Rainbows and Brownies did a Feathers and Flamingos challenge badge where they made bird cakes, big flamingo pictures using handprints, bird biscuits, bird boxes. We went to Elm Park for a scavenger hunt and did bird watching. Using materials, they found from the woods they made a collage. We had a trip to Slimbridge where we saw lots of flamingos and other birds. We finished off with a pink party!

The Rainbows and Brownies worked on a Girlguiding Great Western Air Ambulance badge where they made marshmallow launchers, played angry Charlie, learnt about first aid, they drew the mascot Charlie, decorated rocks and learnt about the Helimed 65.

The Rainbows and Brownies made lanterns and joined in the Lantern parade at Elm Park. We also had fun on the Santa Train at Avon valley and we also watched the panto Rapunzel at SGS college. The girls enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year where they made snake puppets, learnt to write their names in Chinese and made snake fruit kebabs.

The Brownies and Guides had a joint camp at Youlbury Scouts Activity Centre, near Oxford. The girls went go karting, had a go on the 3G giant swing, tie-dyeing neckerchiefs, pioneering where they built a car, team challenges, abseiling and fun games. Guides also did axe throwing!!!

Guides have also been very busy with Badge and challenge work, completing such badges as personal branding. We had a team work term, with a bake off, walk in the dark to Snuff Mills and played games in the dark. Lots for team building activities in the term, including stem activities.

The guides have also taken part in County events, a sleepover at Air Hop with 200 other guides. Thinking Day activity with 300 young members, taking part in activities such as Nordic Walking, African dance and drumming, football skills alongside games and crafts.

Rangers completed challenges and their entrepreneur badge. They held a murder mystery night. They took part in the Scout and Guide Monopoly run around Bristol completing their board.

Both Guides and Rangers spent the summer term outdoors with games and fire lighting – pitta bread pizzas, fruit cones and of course smores. We also completed the parliament week badge, with discussions and activities.

At the end of the summer term we went to the Aqua Park in Bradley Stoke for a session on the inflatable water park.

A group went to Belgrade, Serbia in October to visit our Serbian to see our Serbian Scouting friends, Rangers had a day trip to Cardiff as their Christmas event, which included some retail therapy and Pizza for lunch!!!

In August Livvie Atkinson and Emma Curry took part in their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition.

DEANERY SYNOD

Jenny Connor

The key theme for 2024-2025 is Priority Communities Network (PCN). This scheme has funding to support 14 parish contexts in the top 12.4% on the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). Part of this funding is going towards the recruitment of Operations Hub Managers. The Diocesan newsletter in April introduced one of these - Toni Bush – who is a “Church buildings community Engagement Enabler” in the Diocese, inviting churches to become part of the “Buildings for Mission” pilot project- starting from Easter and running until the end of 2025.

The PCN project is designed to support the development and growth of churches through engagement with the local community, in order to increase and diversify use of the church and its buildings, and enhance capacity and skills needed to plan and fund future building projects. The project is being funded through the Church of England to work with 8 churches in the Diocese to assess the impact of a proactive resource, (such as Toni) to help facilitate, advise and support work for each church chosen.

The goal is to create a legacy for the Diocese on how parishes can best be supported and enabled to develop their buildings as part of “Transforming Church. Together” theme continuing from 2024.

With additional operational and administrative support, the aim is to help clergy and their teams feel a burden is released which will enable them to focus more on mission and ministry in their contexts. Many

are hoping to focus their investment on children and young people's ministry, an area that St Peter's is considering although this parish is not one of those included in the scheme.

In July 2024, Revd Becky Waring was confirmed as the next permanent Archdeacon of Bristol. She has worked in the private, voluntary and charity sectors and served parishes in lay, self-supporting and incumbent capacities, most recently as Vicar of St Martin's Knowle. She was installed at Bristol Cathedral on 1 Sept 2024. Rev'd Becky has since taken several services at St Peter's and been involved on a regular basis with the St Peter's PCC as it deals with the challenges of the Vacancy period at St Peter's

A new Diocesan Fundraising Support Team was announced. The objective is to address the struggle to raise funds in churches across the Diocese, to keep their churches running, maintaining buildings, but also to be generous with our time and funds to support others as we follow in Christ's footsteps, and work within the Diocesan Vision of "Transforming Church. Together". The fundraising support team can help churches with many different areas, including grant management; fundraising for larger projects; and growing income with regular giving and legacies, although this is not an exhaustive list.

The PCC treasurer John Cahill has already met with this team and will be feeding back information to the PCC following on from this meeting.

The overall aim of the team is to improve the financial sustainability of our shared future and committing to help with the struggles in achieving this in our individual parishes.

July also saw the departure of one of our Co-Area Deans, David Stephenson; he will be sadly missed.

In September 2024, the last of the events for "Growing Faith. Together" in 2024 was held to consider inviting and identifying communities around our churches, and thinking together about how we can explore creative and clear pathways that will lead people from encounter, through belonging and into commitment.

We looked at different ways in which School ministry is being offered across Bristol and the City Deanery, with a presentation from Pippa White, Priest at St Aidan's, who also has an additional schools focus role.

In November, Rev'd Lizzie Kesteven (Area Dean and Vicar of St Mary's churches Fishponds) included in the Diocesan Newsletter a prayer for St Peter's Church, Filton as it navigates its way through the Vacancy period. Bishop Viv announced that the Rev'd Kat Campion-Spall, Rector of the Harbourside Churches benefice, has accepted the invitation to be Co-Area Dean of City deanery. This will be for an initial period of three years with effect from 1 January 2025. Kat will serve alongside the current Area Dean, the Revd Lizzie Kesteven.

NOTE: For anyone considering becoming a Deanery Synod Representative I can recommend it as an interesting role which can be challenging but also rewarding. There are only usually a maximum of 3-4 meetings a year (in the evening) and it is a great way to explore other churches as the meetings move round different churches within the diocese. You also get to meet, worship and debate with a diverse range of people. I have really felt this year that we have investigated together ways to make our churches

relevant and sustainable and I can then feed that back to St Peter's PCC re resources and assistance that could really help us as we go through our Vacancy period, and continue our mission to provide a living example of what it means to follow Jesus within our community.

Jenny Connor - March 2025

Jenny Connor and Claire Eade are Deanery Synod Reps on behalf of St Peter's Church.

ONLINE PRESENCE

Faith Tutton, Parish Administrator

Online worship continues to remain vital. There is a whole group of people for whom online worship has become their preferred mode of worship. This group is valued as part of the church community just as much as those who come in person.

We have an active and vibrant Facebook page which gives details of special services and last minute changes to services.

BRABAZON BELLES

Amy Atkinson

No report available

OTHER GROUPS

Open House: Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.00am in the Church Hall.

Leaders: Caroline and Richard White, 0117 975 5681, with much help from Open House friends.

Open House is run by Caroline and Richard White on Tuesday mornings in the church hall from 09.30 to 11.00 but people do arrive earlier.

Our purpose is companionship with the addition of tea, coffee, toast and home made cakes. We average about 21 people sat around one large table so no one is left out.

We aim to have 2 trips a year with the help of Four Towns Community Transport; last year we made it to a garden centre and butterfly world near to Wootton Bassett and then Clarks Village in Street for Christmas Shopping.

For those who do not manage well with public transport Richard can take a few in his car.

Knitting Group: Thursday 5pm in the Coffee Shop

Every Thursday between 5pm and 6.30pm, six ladies and one dog meet at Mary's house. It is our knitting time. We have coffee or tea and biscuits, and put the world to rights, but at the same time we are doing our knitting; yes, we can multitask! We can also teach knitting if anyone would like to learn. Everyone welcome.

Games Morning: Thursday 10am in the Coffee Shop

Thursday morning is our time for games in the coffee shop, which is open from 10am. Caroline and Richard are both available to participate in a choice of games.

Typically it is a morning of cribbage and more players would be most welcome; tuition is available. However, there is a selection of other games to choose from. Caroline likes to indulge in such games as Snakes and Ladders, Scrabble, Ludo and Quirkle.

Meeting in the coffee shop means that teas, coffees and cakes may be purchased.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Please see additional document 'Accounts 2024'

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. General

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable Charity Commission standards.

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

1.2. Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.
St Peter's does not have any funds of this type.

Restricted Funds represent:

- (a) Income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in terms of the trust or bequest, and
- (b) Donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Within St Peter's restricted funds usually relate to specific objects such as the Church heating or other specific charitable objects.

The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Unrestricted Funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated Funds are funds which have been designated by the PCC for a specific purpose. These can be transferred to Restricted or Unrestricted funds with the agreement of the PCC.

1.3. Incoming Resources (Receipts)

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. In some charitable organisations it is common practice to accrue anticipated amounts such as this as soon as they are believed to be legally entitled. However we have had past instances where expectations have not been met and as the occurrence of such sums is very infrequent we have decided to account for them only on receipt.

Any other income is accounted for when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

1.4. Resources Expended (Payments)

Mission grants and donations are accounted for when the decision is agreed by the PCC.

Amounts received for mission or specific objects, such as the annual lent box appeal, are dealt with as restricted funds.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.5. Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

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Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to the year 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis whenever appropriate. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

1.6. Reserves Policy

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Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year		-	-	-	-	1316
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The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

1.2. Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.
St Peter's does not have any funds of this type.

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The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Within St Peter's restricted funds usually relate to specific objects such as the Church heating or other specific charitable objects.

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Any other income is accounted for when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

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Accounts

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ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY

- Registered number 1131957
- Parish name: Filton
- St Peter's Church, Gloucester Road North, Filton, Bristol BS34 7BQ
- Independent Financial Examiner: Louise Russell
- Bankers: The Co-operative Bank
- Safeguarding Officers: John Chapman & Anne Duke
- Church Architect: Steve Davis

TRUSTEES

The Revd Elizabeth L A Gregory (Chair)	Chris Gooding (Secretary)
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Alison Chapman	Janet Moller
Claire Eade	Faith Tutton (Parish Administrator)
Anne-Louise Pam (Safeguarding Officer)	Roy Hale
Alisa Starr (PCC Admin Support)	Jess Dyke

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Management of the parish is performed by the Rector with the assistance of a number of parishioners who form the Parochial Church Council (PCC). All governance, management, procedures and policies are maintained in accordance with the standard Church of England practice.

APPOINTMENT OF PCC MEMBERS

PCC members are elected for a term of three years at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Candidates for election must be members of the church who following a conversation with the Rector and/or PCC Secretary (regarding the roles and responsibilities of such a position) have been duly proposed and seconded by members of the church, who are themselves registered on the electoral role.

At the end of three years, PCC members may choose to be re-elected for a further term of three years, after which they must step down. PCC members who have served for six years are not eligible for re-election for a period of not less than 12 months. The Rector is a permanent member of the PCC. The PCC Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the PCC. Members of the congregation who have been elected to represent St Peter's at the Deanery Synod are also members of the PCC.

ORGANISATION OF THE PCC

The Rector takes the role of PCC Chairperson and a minimum of four full meetings is held each year, in addition to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

PCC meetings are structured around discussions regarding:

- Vision, mission and values
- Financial, general purposes and Hall
- Health and Safety and well-being, including a particular emphasis on accessibility, inclusivity and safeguarding.

The Standing Committee, made up of the officers of the PCC (Rector, treasurers, secretary and church wardens) convene on an as-needed basis to make urgent decisions on behalf of the full PCC regarding the day to day management of the church.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Peter's is a welcoming Anglican church with its heart in the sacraments and its place in the centre of the community. At St Peter's we are devoted to developing a holy consciousness. We believe that worship is something that can be expressed in everything we do. Our philosophy is deeply rooted in the Holy Scriptures and the sacraments. We provide a place for all, regardless of age, gender, sexuality, race or ability. We offer all members of the church a chance to become part of something greater, to grow their love for God and for one another in our beautiful community.

Our vision is to serve God, by serving individuals, families and the community of Filton. By placing God at the centre of all we do, we come together to grow in our faith and be sent out in our discipleship to create connections and build relationships with all those in the community. We act in and through our relationship with God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and with one another, to seek to make His kingdom known in this place. To enable us to do this as effectively as possible, our priorities are centred around four strands of growth: growing deeper; growing younger; growing in influence; and growing in number. This is detailed more fully in our Vision Plan which is updated biennially and can be viewed on our website.

Our worship is based on the Eucharist in which all are called to participate. We try to be liturgically innovative and spiritually challenging. We aim at musical excellence and try to involve our young people in worship as much as possible. The structure of the services is wide and varied, to cater to as many tastes as possible, including services taken from Common Worship and the Book of Common Prayer.

Pastoral care is a commitment shared by all members of the Christian community. The Rector is assisted in this by the Pastoral Care Team, made up of trained volunteers.

The church aims to be the Spiritual Hub of the Community. We are actively involved in touching the lives of people of all ages and conditions in life, both in religious and non religious contexts. We do not seek to place barriers in people's way, aim to be accessible and approachable to all and hope to encourage people to undertake their own spiritual journey.

The church is carefully organised and run by its PCC, with day to day control in the hands of the Standing Committee. There are many aspects of church life that this report emphasises, and we publish our work through the weekly pew sheets, our web site, our social media presence, and through the wider press.

It is the parish's policy to prioritise our payment of parish share, to maintain the church structures in as best a state of repair as we can, to further our presence in the Community to support external charities as need directs, and to make a commitment to the work of the Children's Society and Christian Aid.

Reality of Strategy to date: This strategy has resulted in St Peter's Church enjoying a strong congregation with well-nourished souls. Our Lord calls us to be planters and sowers, not merely gatherers, and this process takes time.

REPORTS

RECTOR'S REPORT

Reflecting on 2023, we have much for which to give thanks, not least the amazing effort of raising around £30k towards a new boiler and the fact that the lack of heat in church has not put people off, or prevented us from seeking to live out God's kingdom here in Filton.

It is difficult to pinpoint highlights of the year; I especially give thanks for the sustained period of time not faced by a major pandemic or any other events which can so often pull focus. It feels as though 2023 has been a year in which we have consolidated services, quietly grown in number and continued to work faithfully to show God's love in this place; something that can be seen clearly throughout all the reports which follow.

Throughout the year, we as a church were able to respond to the needs of the world around us, including joyfully sharing in the Coronation of King Charles II, and responding to the Church of England's debate on same-sex marriages by continuing to be as open and inclusive as possible, ensuring all know how welcomed and loved they are at St Peter's.

It was a pleasure to have Bishop Viv visit us in person for Corpus Christi, and links with our wonderful uniform organisations have been further nurtured this year, with their attendance at this event as well as all the ordinary parade Sundays throughout the year. Their involvement in Remembrance Sunday is always a great occasion and it was wonderful that they were able to hold a sleepover in the church not long beforehand; rather than me!

As well as being used for worship and mission, the church building has also been increasingly used for community events throughout the year; an important representation of the place the church holds in the community. Trying to meet the changing needs of the community has continued this year, with Time to Grieve, a group that used to be run prior to COVID, being restarted. It is wonderful to have someone who trained with CRUISE bereavement leading this offering. The Coffee Shop has done a wonderful job in identifying and being a vehicle through which we can speak into local needs, always looking at forging links with other charities and acting as a Community Hub in Filton.

Amongst the beautiful tradition of St Peter's we have seen some new introductions as well. This included culminating a beautiful Easter Eve service with a stunning fire outside, around which we toasted marshmallows and drank champagne! The family service each month allows the sacramental rite to be accessible to children and shared with those attending a baptism. You might not be able to see it from the pews, but the looks on the children's faces when they are around the altar with me, cannot help but call to mind Jesus teaching "suffer little children to come to me". This is one of the highlights of my month.

Midweek worship offerings are now back to full force with Wednesday evening and Thursday mornings (many thanks to Rod for his help with these) and it has been wonderful to re-establish our monthly Taizé services. These services have been one of the ways in which our LLM in training, Claire, is beginning to live out her vocation. This year she has also organised a retreat and regularly read the Gospel at family service; breaking down barriers and showing how the Word of God is for everyone to share. Please

continue to pray for Claire throughout the coming year, and support her as she increases her role within the church.

Along with all churches, we are facing a different way of being. In this post-Covid era, people are more selective with what they do with their time and where their priorities lie. This does not mean that people are not coming to church, they are and those numbers are increasing, but the manner in which they come to church is changing. More and more we are seeing people come to church, not so much for the fellowship which church can offer, but for a space in the busy-ness of life to set time aside to spend with God. This is something which we are noticing with people's worship patterns at St Peter's and I am delighted that people find the style of worship here allows them to do just that.

People's busy lives and shift in priorities have a knock on effect for the church, in that people's commitment to helping maintain the churches offerings has become more troublesome. We have a some wonderful stalwart volunteers in this church, but as always we need more, and discipleship is something that we will be looking at throughout 2024. We can only exist in the way that we do, and make Christ's love and compassion for all known to this community, if we ourselves are ready and willing to help in the task. It was with sadness that for this reason we were not able to hold the Christmas Fair this year and were unable to reinstate coffee after the services on a Sunday. Whilst these simple tasks may not seem important, we must remember that even the smallest acts of service can make a huge difference in someone's life and it this is something we can all help with.

As always, I wish to thank you all for your support throughout this year and for all that you do for the church in this community. My special thanks go to the standing committee, PCC and those who volunteer within the church; without you we could not maintain the place we hold in the community and continue to strive to show forth the glory of God. Be assured of my prayers for the coming year, in particular that we may discern and be led ever deeper into our individual and collective discipleship.

With every blessing,

Revd Lizzie

The Revd Elizabeth L A Gregory

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT

Janet Moller, John Chapman & Thomas Moller - Church Wardens

As a Parish church, we have witnessed and have played an active role in the community over the past year. The main event worth mentioning was the Coronation of HM King Charles III and Queen Camilla. This was celebrated by a Parish Eucharist followed by cake and Prosecco in the Baptistry and a Peal of Grandsire Doubles rung on the bells. This was a beautiful occasion that brought people together and it is hoped this can be replicated throughout the coming year; which can also act as good fundraiser for the still diminished funds of the Church.

The other joyous occasion worthy of note was the Celebration of Corpus Christi with Procession of the Blessed Sacrament by the Bishop of Bristol, Rt Revd Vivienne Faull. This helped to draw in a number of young people, as well as Uniformed Organisations, and those who don't normally come to St Peters into the Church. As a Parish, this is one area we need to grow, so it is hoped to repeat the same format of Corpus Christi into 2024. Evensong and Benediction offered on the fifth Sunday of the month at 6pm, still goes from strength to strength with us now consistently achieving double digits in the congregation, the first time for at least a decade.

In terms of the fabric of the building, the church has gone another year without substantial heat, due to the 1980s heating system finally giving up the ghost. We have been very fortunate to have the radiant heaters in the Nave which has been able to offer some heat. The boiler fund, after several generous donations and legacies is looking in a healthy state and we are now in a position to start applying for grants to help us have a new heating system in place by 2024/2025. This will need to be alongside the Diocese of Bristol advisory committee for church heating, mindful of the Church of England's pledge to be net zero carbon target by 2030. The boiler room at this time will also need cracks in the roofing addressed (as was highlighted in the Quinquennial report last year) as well as a few other areas of the church roof and walls needing repair. General maintenance and repairs have taken place as required, including: fuses changed, bulbs replaced, PAT testing completed, a new water heater and tap in the Flower room and electrical report conducted. Wood worm continues to be kept at bay but the congregation is asked to keep a lookout in the pews if any signs of attack appear to show.

The church hall, after the appointment of the new caretaker, is being cared for much better than it has been in recent years. Wifi has been installed and the leak in the heating system has mercifully been repaired without needing to remove / disturb the asbestos insulation, saving the church a considerable sum of money. This has meant the hall has been reliably heated over the winter. The wooden stairs at the back of the church hall need replacing and work is due to take place over the coming months to make this safe, and most importantly, useable in the event of a fire.

South Gloucestershire Council continue to cut the grass in the churchyard and fill in cracks in the walkways as and when they arise.

As I take up my role as Deputy Head Verger of Bristol Cathedral, alongside my role as Church Warden at St Peters, further attention will be required to look at the amount of volunteers we have within our community and being mindful how much they are already doing. With this in mind, please support the life of the church in any way you can if that be financially or if it is time that you can offer to support in the running of the church (volunteering in the coffee shop, reading/leading intercessions, cleaning, etc) or simply attending more of the services that are offered in the week and on Sundays.

We ask that you continue to pray for Revd Lizzie as she leads our Parish alongside our PCC and to also pray for the church over the coming year. We have been fortunate to have Fr Rod Cosh from Henbury help pastorally and liturgically, alongside Revd Lizzie during her ill health, so extended thanks are given to him and all the other clergy who have supported us with their ministry.

Through everyone's efforts over the past year, the church continues to be sustained sacramentally by the clergy, liturgically by the Sacristan and his team, musically by the choir and spiritually by all the congregation and volunteers. It is important we thank God for this and pray for his sustained presence and influence over the coming year.

Thomas Moller and Janet Moller

Church Wardens

THE CHOIR

Viv Wilkinson, Musical Director

Church choir rehearses on Fridays 7-8.30pm in the church. All are welcome to join; you do not need to be able to read music or be a fine singer. Help is given at rehearsals for all levels and ages.

This year the All Souls Requiem Mass was the morning service and we were honoured to sing a setting by our very own Alex Ball.

The new Sanctus is now in place in the service and a new Alleluia is in the pipeline to begin at Easter.

I know that some people find it difficult to move to new settings of music which is why I introduce it gradually, and I am happy to help anyone who struggles with this. It is refreshing to our worship to change musical settings, as it reintroduces the words in a new light.

Musical styles of hymns and anthems are varied so that we can aim to reach at least one different member of the congregation each time. Please add suggestions and we will do all we can to help.

Autumn Leaves singalong is popular as always. We have a caring support network and enjoy our fellowship. All are welcome, you don't have to sing if you don't want to, just come and have a good time! We remain in the coffee shop 10.30-12noon on the first Saturday of the month. s

Viv Wilkinson 07884374448

PASTORAL CARE TEAM (PCT)

Louise Lyddon

St Peter's Church has a small, dedicated team of fully-trained volunteers who support the Rector in giving pastoral support to those members of the community who need it, at times when they need it most. The group either ring, visit, or take communion to our ill or housebound church members when necessary. The church members who work on behalf of Rev Lizzie and the church meet every few months to pray and discuss members' needs.

The PCT team are Claire Eade, Lousie Lyddon, Janet Moller and Margaret Qoura.

2023 started relatively quiet, I visit three ladies on a monthly basis taking home communion to them, spending time to catch up and have a good old chat.

All three of my ladies are in there late 80's early 90's and all have been regular members of St Peters Church for many years, taking active roles within different groups of the church family. Early into the New Year, two of my ladies spent a short time in hospital with various health issues. Until recently all 3 ladies were living at home either on their own or with family members. Two still remaining very independent, getting out for shopping, meeting friends. My 3rd lady was more housebound, due to failing sight in one eye. The family of one of my ladies made the very difficult decision to move their mother into a nursing home as her needs became greater and she needed more and more supervision on a daily basis. I continue to visit monthly and have regular contact with the son.

During the summer my second lady was admitted to hospital and under went a large operation, after several weeks, she returned home and continued living on her own for a few months, but only to be re admitted into hospital. After a short stay it was decided that my lady was unable to return home. A suitable nursing home was found, and she receives regular visits from family and friends. I continue to visit taking home communion on a monthly basis.

My 3rd lady, although suffering with many health issues and has had a few falls and admissions to hospital throughout the year remains very active, still able to get out and about still driving her car and meets regularly with friends. I visit on a monthly basis taking home communion.

Janet Moller

YOUTH

The Revd Elizabeth L. A. Gregory

Our main offerings for children continue to be our family service during which we have baptisms, and of course our wonderful links with the hard working uniformed organisations. It is always a joy to welcome children and young people into church and to share a space with them around the altar.

In addition this year we were able to introduce 'Stay and Play', an opportunity for care givers to attend on a Wednesday whilst the Coffee shop is open and play and explore a number of difference toys and craft provisions. Sadly in the winter this had to stop due to the lack of heating but was well received and be restarted as the weather improves next year.

BELLRINGERS

David Haslum, Tower Captain

The bells were rung regularly for Sunday services, practice nights and some weddings during the year. They are regularly inspected and, at present, are in good order.

The church clock has been inspected and serviced by Smiths of Derby.

Over the course of the year, six Quarter Peals were rung, and a Peal of 5040 Grandsire Doubles was rung on 6th May 2023 lasting 2hours and 42 minutes, to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

MOTHERS' UNION, FILTON BRANCH

Linda Rawlings, Branch Leader

We are pleased to have a group of dedicated members who give their time and energy to Mary Summer's thoughts. We meet on the second Thursday of the month and have a variety of activities. In the past year many of our members have told us of their strengths, had services in the Lady Chapel, including welcoming the new leader Linda Rawlings and enjoyed our fellowship and refreshments. We would warmly welcome anyone to our meetings. Do come along our door is open from 1.45pm a warm welcome awaits.

LADIES' GROUP

Jennifer Deeks

Leaders: Jen Deeks 0117 9041035, Sheila Vickers 0117 979 1408 & Pam Cook 0117 3823067

Secretaries: Jane Curtis 0117 9699987 & Janet Porter 0117 9696958

Meeting time: 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month, 2 pm

Venue: Church Hall

Objectives: To encourage friendship and companionship within the context of the Christian faith and to raise money for charities

2023 Activities:

At our AGM, the first meeting of the calendar year (January 2023), Pam Cook was elected a leader, but no other nominations were forthcoming for the role of co-leader and the two secretaries. However, members were keen that the programme for 2023, which had already been arranged, should continue if possible. Jen Deeks and the two existing secretaries agreed to stay in post for the coming twelve months. Further soundings would be taken during the year for potential office-holders.

Also at the AGM, we presented a cheque for £500 to Jenny Wooley and Simon Cawthorn of the Bust charity, our charity for the past two years. We agreed that our charity for 2023 would be The Avon Riding Centre.

We had an interesting programme of speakers, activities and a pleasant meal out together. Speakers were varied; amongst them speakers from Mission Aviation Fellowship, George Muller Trust, RNLI, and Avon Valley Railway. We “crafted with Libby”, and enjoyed quizzes and Beetle Drives.

Unfortunately, our leadership recruitment did not succeed and an Extraordinary Meeting was called for 23rd Oct 2023, where the decision was taken to close the group at the end of 2023, and thereafter to meet informally in the Coffee Shop on the second Monday morning of each month.

Our final meeting was our Carol Service, led once more by David Deeks. Gill Edwards came and received a cheque of £875 for this year's charity Avon Riding Centre.

Our cash balance of £18.68 was given to St Peter's Church.

ROSARY GROUP

Mary Arnold

We are a small group (and dog) that meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11am at my house. We say the rosary and have a quiet time with coffee and biscuits. It's a pleasant hour away from our busy lives. Everyone is welcome to join us.

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Deb Wilkey

Rainbows have enjoyed working on a Fruit and Veg interest badge where they made fruit salads and tried different fruits that they haven't had before, and they also made fruit smoothies. The Rainbows have also worked on a nature badge and also a season's badge where they made an Autumn picture, had snowball fights, grew flowers and played water games.

Brownies have enjoyed working on a baking badge where they made gingerbread cookies and decorated cakes for the coronation. They have also learnt about space and enjoyed looking at the stars.

The Rainbows and Brownies have had a joint beach party, celebrated Parliament week, Thinking Day and have been working on an Elephant challenge badge. We have been on the Santa train at Bitton and visited Father Christmas. 50 girls and their families took part in a sponsored hour walk from Filton Church to Elm park for Children in Need. We sang songs and made plenty of noise on the way!

The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides spent the day at Woodhouse Activity Centre celebrating the King's Coronation with 200 other Girlguiding members from the Concorde Division. They spent the morning learning forest skills and the afternoon making crafts and taking part in Archery. We also held a joint Brownie and Guide weekend with the Brownies at the indoor centre and guides camping. We had a large campfire, went on the high ropes course and boulder wall. We held a sleepover in the church for Brownies and guides, making various poppy creations to decorate the church for Remembrance Sunday.

All the guiding members decorated wooden plaques with a garden theme, and they were displayed at The Filton Community Garden to help celebrate their 10th anniversary.

Guides and Ranger have had a busy 12 months; we were lucky to have the Navy Engagement team come to hold an evening of team building with both guides and rangers. For both groups, an end of term treat was bowling and chips. During the summer months we spent time outdoors with games and outdoor cooking – marshmallows, pitta breads. A favourite was the Penny Hike, where each time you come to a corner you toss a coin if heads turn left, tails turn right.

Guide took part in guiding badge work but also completed some challenge badges – Back Packer challenge included navigation, knot work. Then the Amey challenge covered engineering - making dancing robots.

We had an evening walking in the dark from Frenchay Common to the playground in Snuff Mills via the woods. Girls had a great time playing games in the dark. We held an indoor weekend at the beginning of the year at the Brockmead Scout site, which included Zip wire and crate stacking. After the Thinking Day parade some guides took part in a sponsored walk to raise funds for unit activities and also to donate to 'Foxies Future' a charity set up to save the Girlguiding centre Foxlease in the New Forest.

Rangers had a term entitled Skills for life, where each week a ranger would share a skill, we had a book club, crochet, painting to name a few. They also completed the Spread the love challenge badge; this included pamper nights and chip shop challenge. We had three weekends away completing practice and expeditions for Bronze and Silver DofE; they were in Cheddar, Forest of Dean and Bude area. In September, a group travelled to Brussels to take part in an event organised by Girlguiding Laser – following clues around the city to take part in challenges.

We need to say congratulations to Charlotte and Shona our Ranger leaders who have both completed their gold DofE awards and their Queens guide.

We celebrated Kim's wedding in September with leaders attending a lovely day, and the guides and rangers holding our own Hen night – girls made her a dress and flowers from our scrap box!!!!

DEANERY SYNOD

Jenny Connor

Three meetings were held around the Bristol city Deanery during 2023-24 as follows.

On 6 June 2023 we met at Eastville and, after welcoming us with refreshments and some outdoor games, we went on to consider who might be missing from our church families- and how we can encourage those people in our deanery who may be outside the normal church remit, and whether the profiling will help us understand them better and any barriers they may feel in attending church events.

On 5 October 2023 at Horfield we discussed Corinthians and how we can be the body of Christ in a diverse city.

Then at our last meeting on 7 Feb 2024 at Cotham we concentrated on weaving trust. Discussions took place between the different church reps to exchange information and explore how we can better communicate within our individual local communities to meet their needs and keep our churches relevant across the diocese.

For anyone considering becoming a Deanery Synod Representative it is only approx 3 meetings a year and is a great way to explore other churches and meet a diverse range of people and learn about different ways of worship across the city. Further meetings for 2024 have been scheduled as follows:

Thursday 6 June at St Stephen's Southmead with Andy Murray, Dean of Priority Communities.

Tuesday 1 October at St Ambrose, Whitehall with Pippa White sharing her growing pioneer work with schools in East Bristol.

Your Deanery Synod members were Jenny Connor and Linda Keeble.

ONLINE PRESENCE

Faith Tutton, Parish Administrator

Online worship continues to remain vital. There is a whole group of people for whom online worship has become their preferred mode of worship. This group is valued as part of the church community just as much as those who come in person. For this reason, worship throughout 2023 has been “mixed mode”, with a variety of services for both online and in-person worship.

Numbers have remained consistent throughout 2023 which is reassuring; this helps us know that our online presence continues to be valid and necessary.

COFFEE SHOP

Coffee Shop Manager, Beckie Jones

We open Monday - Fridays 10am - 1pm, including some Bank Holidays.

On Tuesdays we serve cheese toasties and on Thursdays we serve soup; these seem to be our best days. We have an amazing group of volunteers, who also offer a lot of support to visitors. We have also started a food hub on Fridays and Mondays, which provides extra items for a small donation.

We have had a few larger donations during the year, which has been a great help to the running of the Coffee Shop.

We are always thinking of new ways to attract more customers.

I would like to offer a huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers, without whom the Coffee Shop would not be able to continue.

BRABAZON BELLES

Amy Atkinson

This year we have enjoyed lots of activities ranging from crafts, exercise and social events.

Although we remain small in number, we have a core of fantastic ladies who enjoy meeting up once a month. We are still looking at growing our numbers and as always, welcome new members at any time.

OTHER GROUPS

Open House: Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.00am in the Church Hall.

Leaders: Caroline and Richard White, 0117 975 5681, with much help from Open House friends

We are open to all, regardless of age, and provide an antidote to loneliness or for those who just want to meet up with friends.

We offer tea, coffee, toast homemade cakes, the cost being a voluntary donation on the day.

We average around 22 people, all sitting together around one large table, with plenty of opportunity for a natter.

During the past year we enjoyed pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, and seasonal treats and decorations to celebrate Christmas.

On a sad note, we lost Eileen, whose funeral was held on 24th March 2023 and was well attended by many of our group.

Knitting Group: Thursday 5pm in the Coffee Shop

We are another small group (and dog) who meet at my house every Thursday at 5pm until 6.30pm.

We knit and natter (more natter than knit!) and enjoy the company of fellow knitters. We are willing to teach anyone if you would like to join us. Of course we also have coffee and biscuits.

Games Group: Thursday mornings in the Coffee Shop

The leaders are Caroline and Richard White. Richard is in much demand as a cribbage and ludo player, and Caroline for Quirkle, though there is a much bigger selection of games to choose from. All ages are welcome; Caroline likes snakes and ladders as well as other children's games.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Please see additional document 'Accounts 2023'

Parochial Church Council of St Peter's, Filton
Annual Financial Report 2023
Registered Charity 1131957

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on Thursday, 24th January 2024 and signed on its behalf by the Reverend Elizabeth Gregory (PCC Chairperson).

The Revd Elizabeth H Gregory (Rector) 24.01.24.

This year has seen a change of accounting system, so please be aware that there may be a variance within accounting codes, but over-all totals are correct for St Peter's Church, Filton.

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31st December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

General

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

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

Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

St Peter's does not have any funds of this type.

Restricted Funds represent:

- (a) Income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in terms of the trust or bequest, and
- (b) Donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Within St Peter's restricted funds usually relate to specific objects such as our lent box appeal or other specific charitable objects.

The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Designated Funds are funds which have been designated by the PCC for a specific purpose. These can be transferred to Restricted or Unrestricted funds with the agreement of the PCC.

Unrestricted Funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources (Receipts)

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.

In some charitable organisations it is common practice to accrue anticipated amounts such as this as soon as they are believed to be legally entitled, however we have had past instances where expectations have not been met and as the occurrence of such sums is very infrequent we have decided to account for them only on receipt.

Any other income is accounted for when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended (Payments)

Mission grants and donations are accounted for when the decision is agreed by the PCC.

Amounts received for mission or specific objects, such as the annual lent box appeal, are dealt with as restricted funds.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to the year 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis whenever appropriate. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Reserves Policy

At the end of 2008 we proposed a new reserves policy. While this new policy reduced the level of reserve we were accustomed to holding, it was based on Church-of-England guidance and assumptions about the profile of our ongoing expenditure. This new reserves policy has the potential to free up funds for mission work within both the parish and the diocese. The policy is based upon the following:

1. Money should only be kept in reserve for specific reasons. Whilst the Bible clearly indicates that we should not hoard it is also clear that sensible planning for known events and responsibility for others is important.
2. It would therefore be prudent to keep two to three months running costs in reserve. For St Peter's this is approximately £7,000-£12,000 (excluding Parish Share).
3. It is also prudent to have funds in reserve to cover future building work, especially in the case of emergency repairs. Consequently, at the end of 2008 we split the remaining General Reserve fund into two elements; a General Reserve and a Fabric Fund.
4. The level of reserve held is reviewed annually

Year End Reserves Status (see Balance Sheet):

1. The Fabric Fund stands at £8,505.
2. The General Reserve stands at £53,714, up from £50,813 in 2022.
3. The Restricted Reserve stands at £32,155, nil in 2022

2. Incoming Resources

Donations and Legacies:

This year has seen a marked increase on last year figures, but this is due to the fundraising for the boiler and does not reflect a general trend in an increase of voluntary giving general purposes. As always we extend our deep appreciation to our parishioners and donors for their continued generosity in these challenging times.

Income from Charitable Activities:

Due to the change in accounting systems, money generated from church hall lettings which further the objectives of the church is now recorded separately to other income achieved through the hire of the hall (see 'Other Trading Activities').

Other Trading Activities:

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AWG Accountants Ltd

Date:

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Parochial Church Council of St Peter's, Filton
Annual Financial Report 2023
Registered Charity 1131957

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on Thursday, 24th January 2024 and signed on its behalf by the Reverend Elizabeth Gregory (PCC Chairperson).

The Revd Elizabeth A Gregory (Rector) 24.01.24.

This year has seen a change of accounting system, so please be aware that there may be a variance within accounting codes, but over-all totals are correct for St Peter's Church, Filton.

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31st December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

General

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

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

Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

St Peter's does not have any funds of this type.

Restricted Funds represent:

- (a) Income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in terms of the trust or bequest, and
- (b) Donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Within St Peter's restricted funds usually relate to specific objects such as our lent box appeal or other specific charitable objects.

The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Designated Funds are funds which have been designated by the PCC for a specific purpose. These can be transferred to Restricted or Unrestricted funds with the agreement of the PCC.

Unrestricted Funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources (Receipts)

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.

In some charitable organisations it is common practice to accrue anticipated amounts such as this as soon as they are believed to be legally entitled, however we have had past instances where expectations have not been met and as the occurrence of such sums is very infrequent we have decided to account for them only on receipt.

Any other income is accounted for when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended (Payments)

Mission grants and donations are accounted for when the decision is agreed by the PCC.

Amounts received for mission or specific objects, such as the annual lent box appeal, are dealt with as restricted funds.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to the year 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis whenever appropriate. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Reserves Policy

At the end of 2008 we proposed a new reserves policy. While this new policy reduced the level of reserve we were accustomed to holding, it was based on Church-of-England guidance and assumptions about the profile of our ongoing expenditure. This new reserves policy has the potential to free up funds for mission work within both the parish and the diocese. The policy is based upon the following:

1. Money should only be kept in reserve for specific reasons. Whilst the Bible clearly indicates that we should not hoard it is also clear that sensible planning for known events and responsibility for others is important.
2. It would therefore be prudent to keep two to three months running costs in reserve. For St Peter's this is approximately £7,000-£12,000 (excluding Parish Share).
3. It is also prudent to have funds in reserve to cover future building work, especially in the case of emergency repairs. Consequently, at the end of 2008 we split the remaining General Reserve fund into two elements; a General Reserve and a Fabric Fund.
4. The level of reserve held is reviewed annually

Year End Reserves Status (see Balance Sheet):

1. The Fabric Fund stands at £8,505.
2. The General Reserve stands at £53,714, up from £50,813 in 2022.
3. The Restricted Reserve stands at £32,155, nil in 2022

2. Incoming Resources

Donations and Legacies:

This year has seen a marked increase on last year figures, but this is due to the fundraising for the boiler and does not reflect a general trend in an increase of voluntary giving general purposes. As always we extend our deep appreciation to our parishioners and donors for their continued generosity in these challenging times.

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ACCOUNTS
ST PETER'S CHURCH
31ST DEC 2022**

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ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

As charity trustees, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's Church Filton has pleasure in presenting the annual report and accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY

- Registered number 1131957
- Parish name: Filton
- St Peter's Church, Gloucester Road North, Filton, Bristol BS34 7BQ
- Independent Financial Examiner: Louise Russell
- Bankers: The Co-operative Bank
- Safeguarding Officers: John Chapman & Anne Duke
- Church Architect: Steve Davis

TRUSTEES

The Revd Elizabeth L A Gregory (Chair)	Chris Gooding (Secretary)
Linda Keeble (Treasurer)	John Chapman (Church Warden)
Thomas Moller (Church Warden)	Amy Atkinson (Deputy Church Warden)
Lindon Wooster (Church Warden Emeritus)	Louise Lyddon (Deanery Synod)
Jenny Connor (Deanery Synod)	Linda Rawlings (Accessibility Advisor)
Alison Chapman	Janet Moller
Claire Eade	Faith Tutton (Parish Administrator)
Anne-Louise Pam (Safeguarding Officer)	Roy Hale
Alisa Starr (PCC Admin Support)	

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Management of the parish is performed by the Rector with the assistance of a number of parishioners who form the Parochial Church Council (PCC). All governance, management, procedures and policies are maintained in accordance with the standard Church of England practice.

APPOINTMENT OF PCC MEMBERS

PCC members are elected for a term of three years at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Candidates for election must be members of the church who following a conversation with the Rector and/or PCC Secretary (regarding the roles and responsibilities of such a position) have been duly proposed and seconded by members of the church, who are themselves registered on the electoral role.

At the end of three years, PCC members may choose to be re-elected for a further term of three years, after which they must step down. PCC members who have served for six years are not eligible for re-election for a period of not less than 12 months. The Rector is a permanent member of the PCC. The PCC Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the PCC. Members of the congregation who have been elected to represent St Peter's at the Deanery Synod are also members of the PCC.

ORGANISATION OF THE PCC

The Rector takes the role of PCC Chairperson and a minimum of four full meetings is held each year, in addition to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

PCC meetings are structured around discussions regarding:

- Vision, mission and values
- Financial, general purposes and Hall
- Health and Safety and well-being, including a particular emphasis on accessibility, inclusivity and safeguarding.

The Standing Committee, made up of the officers of the PCC (Rector, treasurers, secretary and church wardens) convene on an as-needed basis to make urgent decisions on behalf of the full PCC regarding the day to day management of the church.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Peter's is a welcoming Anglican church with its heart in the sacraments and its place in the centre of the community. At St Peter's we are devoted to developing a holy consciousness. We believe that worship is something that can be expressed in everything we do. Our philosophy is deeply rooted in the Holy Scriptures and the sacraments. We provide a place for all, regardless of age, gender, sexuality, race or ability. We offer all members of the church a chance to become part of something greater, to grow their love for God and for one another in our beautiful community.

Our vision is to serve God, by serving individuals, families and the community of Filton. By placing God at the centre of all we do, we come together to grow in our faith and be sent out in our discipleship to create connections and build relationships with all those in the community. We act in and through our relationship with God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and with one another, to seek to make His kingdom known in this place. To enable us to do this as effectively as possible, our priorities are centred around four strands of growth: growing deeper; growing younger; growing in influence; and growing in number. This is detailed more fully in our Vision Plan which is updated biennially and can be viewed on our website.

Our worship is based on the Eucharist in which all are called to participate. We try to be liturgically innovative and spiritually challenging. We aim at musical excellence and try to involve our young people in worship as much as possible. The structure of the services is wide and varied, to cater to as many tastes as possible, including services taken from Common Worship and the Book of Common Prayer.

Pastoral care is a commitment shared by all members of the Christian community. The Rector is assisted in this by the Pastoral Care Team, made up of trained volunteers.

The church aims to be the Spiritual Hub of the Community. We are actively involved in touching the lives of people of all ages and conditions in life, both in religious and non religious contexts. We do not seek to place barriers in people's way, aim to be accessible and approachable to all and hope to encourage people to undertake their own spiritual journey.

The church is carefully organised and run by its PCC with day to day control in the hands of the Standing Committee. There are many aspects of church life that this report emphasises, and we publish our work through the weekly pew sheets, our web site, our social media presence, and through the wider press.

It is the parish's policy to prioritise our payment of parish share, to maintain the church structures in as best a state of repair as we can, to further our presence in the Community to support external charities as need directs, and to make a commitment to the work of the Children's Society and Christian Aid.

Reality of Strategy to date: This strategy has resulted in St Peter's Church enjoying a strong congregation with well-nourished souls. Our Lord calls us to be planters and sowers, not merely gatherers, and this process takes time.

REPORTS

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Revd Elizabeth L A Gregory

2022, I'm glad to say, saw us eliminate the last of the Covid restrictions. One of the greatest joys of doing so was being able to share once again in the common cup at Holy Communion, a sacred and much missed act during the pandemic. It is fair to say that although Covid feels somewhat of a blur now, it really brought into keen focus that which is so often taken for granted in everyday life. So much was learnt through this time and there have been a number of blessings which have come from having to adapt the way the we worshipped, and 'did church' throughout those months. It has been great to continue with those elements which served us so well, and adapt them into the regular offerings of the church.

Finances have continued to remain a challenge and the condemnation of the church boiler towards the end of the year has brought great challenges, particularly as we continue to try and recover from the financial toll borne upon us from the pandemic. We remain very grateful for all donations, and would ask those that don't give regularly or don't yet give by the Parish Giving Scheme, to consider doing so. We have increased the ways of giving to reflect the norms seen in society, obtained grants to improve the ease with which people can donate to the church and have continued to be mindful of ways to fundraise for life, work and mission of the church. This included in 2022 our first 'summer fair' in over 15 years, something which was well received and a wonderful community event.

One of the great joys this past year has been the work of the Coffee Shop. With the Coffee Shop management position in vacancy, a wonderful opportunity arose whereby we were able to employ an individual who has been using the coffee shop since it first opened. It was truly a good news story that we have been able to give that individual an opportunity, when perhaps that wouldn't have been possible elsewhere in the current climate. Beckie has already made a wonderful difference to the Coffee Shop, uniting the volunteers, increasing the opening hours, and ensuring the community offerings are as good, if not better, than they always have been.

The service pattern that was introduced in the aftermath of the pandemic has continued to work well, and has seen an increase in the numbers, especially at our monthly evensong and benediction service. It is at this point that a special mention must be made to our choir and organist, for all their hard work and contribution to worship. The family service continues to be a source of joy for many. Whilst the numbers of young people remain low, we have some regular children who attend, sing in the choir and serve at the altar. Having baptisms as part of this service and inviting the children to stand at the altar as Holy Communion is celebrated has enabled those attending the church with children to feel a welcomed and valued part of the congregation; something which is truly lovely to see. Numbers of occasional offices (weddings, baptisms and funerals) have increased steadily throughout the year, and we had our first post-covid confirmations take place in November. Having the increased technological capabilities, such as live-

streaming and on-screen provisions, has been welcomed by wedding couples and funeral families when using the church for such important times.

Our reach within the community has remained strong and we have been able to continue to assess and speak into those ever changing needs. The financial crisis which hit towards the end of 2022 saw us able to establish the Coffee Shop as a 'Warm Space' for those in need and enter into talks to provide hot meals free of charge on a weekly basis. Contact with schools has continued, with school visits to church happening once more, and links have been forged between St Peter's Mother's Union and the Children's Centre in Filton, increasing our outreach to the young families in the parish. Fellowship groups have continued and adapted, the church hall is being used increasingly by community groups, and I continue to be involved with BBC Radio Bristol religious provisions.

On a personal note, it has been wonderful to welcome towards the end of the year The Revd Rod Cosh and his wife Pam to St Peter's. As a retired priest, Rod brings with him a wealth of experience and has kindly offered to help and serve the community of Filton through St Peter's. He will balance doing so not only with retirement but also with his ministry at St Marys' Henbury. I am sure his presence will be a blessing to us all. Your leadership team at St Peter's have continued to work tirelessly throughout the year, and the support of the church officers and PCC has been invaluable. The collaborative nature of this team, the sense of commitment shown by volunteers and the blessings that we continue to see in our midst, can encourage us all as we face another year where we seek to further and deepen God's Kingdom here in Filton.

With love and prayers, *Revd Lizzie*

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT

John Chapman & Thomas Moller - Church Wardens

Like most parishes in the country, it is fair to say the last year has been a difficult one for the church. Depleted funds have meant that when things have gone wrong or needed repair, considerable thought has had to be given to what we can afford to repair and prioritising those things that are more urgent. Despite this, great progress has been made and we are weathering the storm as well as we can.

Both heating systems in the church and the church hall have been condemned, after considerable service to the church, within weeks of each other. Both now need to be replaced with no prospect of repair. A fundraising scheme is well underway and it is intended to create a designated heating fund going forwards so that money is kept aside for the time when the new systems will need replacing.

One of the other main events taking place over the past year was the Sacristy being broken into, causing considerable damage to the outer door, outer drain pipes as well as money being taken. A police report made suggestions in which we can secure and protect the belongings of the church. The Sacristy door will

be strengthened and the other external doors will also be reinforced. One of the church hall windows was also damaged in this attack and will be replaced imminently. We urge everyone to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity around the church and also to be generous and kind to all those struggling during this 'cost of living crisis.'

The Quinquennial report highlighted a few minor cracks in the 1844 area of the church and the more modern 1960 boiler house and roof that will need to be repaired over the next five years. The report highlighted it is apparent the church is being well cared for and we would like to thank all those who help to support the running of the church. We are particularly grateful for all the coffee shop volunteers who carry out an essential outreach to our friends in the community and for the care they provide for our sacred space during their volunteer work.

Repairs and maintenance have been carried out including: the coffee shop lock being cleaned and oiled; the aisle gates being realigned; the paths in the churchyard having cracks filled in by the council; and Chris Eade repairing the Churchyard gate, which was damaged several years ago and replacing a very rickety handrail at the back of church which now should last for many years to come. Woodworm was found in the pews which has been treated, and we ask for those sitting in the pews to keep a close lookout for any signs of further attack.

The Triennial inspection has also been carried out by the Co-area Dean Revd David Stephenson who also commented on how well the church is being kept and how it was uplifting to see all the various groups operating from the church. With this in mind, it is important the church continues to be maintained and kept clean so that it may be a worthy place to worship together and celebrate the Eucharist. Please be mindful, regardless of what is happening in the building, it is foremost a church, with the Blessed Sacrament being reserved in the Aumbry, so the space should be treated with the respect that it deserves.

The highlight of the past year was the dedication of the four Riddel post angels given by Eve Parry. Extended thanks are given to her for this and her contribution towards ringing at Filton going back to the 1960s. The angels were dedicated by Revd Lizzie and named: Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel at the High Mass for the First Sunday of Advent. The High Altar looks particularly beautiful and it is wonderful to have them reinstated serving their original purpose.

We finally ask that you continue to pray for Revd Lizzie as she leads our Parish alongside our PCC and to also pray for the church over the next year. Please support the life of the parish in any way you can if that be financially, towards the boiler fund, or if it is time that you can offer to support in the running of the church or simply attending more of the services that are on offer on Sundays and throughout the week.

THE CHOIR

Viv Wilkinson, Musical Director

Church choir rehearses Fridays 7-8.30pm in the church. All are welcome to join, you do not need to be able to read music or be a fine singer. Help is given at rehearsals.

It is wonderful to be able to sing full services again and we look forward to being fully robed when it is warm enough. We are still finding new hymns to sing in our latest Ancient and Modern hymn book, which we are introducing slowly into the services. The family service now has its own Sanctus which is easier to learn and sing. More child friendly and modern hymns are chosen for the family service also.

Autumn Leaves sing a long has now become established once more; it is popular as always. All are welcome, you don't have to sing, just come and enjoy the fellowship and the banter! We have moved venue to the coffee shop 10.30-12 noon first Saturday of the month.

I wrote some new words to the Autumn Leaves song which reflect our philosophy...

At Autumn Leaves we have some songs
We meet our friends and sing along
We have some coffee we have some tea
There are nice biscuits
for you and me

But even more than this, our love we share.
We help our friends and show we care.
And we have a laugh as well 'cause it's good for us
Our Autumn Leaves Sing-a-long.

Viv Wilkinson 07884374448

PASTORAL CARE TEAM (PCT)

Louise Lyddon

We are a small group of church members who work on behalf of Rev Lizzie and the church. The group either ring, visit, or take communion to our ill or housebound church members when necessary.

Your PCT members are Alison Chapman, Janet Moller, Alan Williams, Claire Eade & Louise Lyddon.

YOUTH

The Revd Elizabeth L. A. Gregory

Whilst the number of children seen regularly at church remains relatively low, families are made welcome through the dedicated family service once a month and the strong links with the uniformed organisations.

Our regular children and young people take part in the services and baptism numbers are as they were pre-Covid. Older children also have the opportunity to meet in fellowship at the monthly Youth of God service. At the moment the church is not in a financial position to employ a youth worker so I would encourage you to continue to pray and discern whether there is something you could offer in this area.

Strong links continue to exist between the church and uniformed organisations, and also with the schools in Filton, and it has been wonderful with the help of the Mothers' Union to establish links with the Children's Centre in Filton.

BELLRINGERS

David Haslum, Tower Captain

The bells were rung for Sunday services and practice nights throughout the year.

On April 9th we welcomed a visiting band of retired university graduates from Devon. For the Summer Fayre on Saturday 26th June the tower was open for visits and demonstrations. In September the bells were rung half-muffled to mark the death of the late Queen Elizabeth II. They were also rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

On Saturday 19th November they were rung for the wedding of Tom and Joy Leslie.

However, in November during a maintenance inspection of the bells, the crown staple on the second bell was found to be broken. The clapper assembly was removed and taken to Matthew Higby, a bell hanger in Somerset, who was able to repair it in time for Christmas.

Two quarter peals were rung, one for the Christingle service on Christmas Eve and the other for Evensong and Benediction at Candlemas.

The clock has been inspected and serviced by Smiths' of Derby.
At present, the bells and the clock are in good working order.

Sunday service ringing is for 10am Family Eucharist and practice night is Thursday at 7.30 pm.

MOTHERS' UNION, FILTON BRANCH

Rachel Williamson, Branch Leader 07718 089474

We meet in the coffee shop on the 2nd Thursday of the month 2pm.

Our membership is 18: 16 full members and 2 IMPC members. Our average at meetings is about 8/9.

In January Louise talked about her journey to becoming Deanery Leader with Dolly Mixtures!

February saw our AGM. In March, Daphne talked about Aled Blessings with his book and CD. In April, we held a Taizé service with Horfield in the Lady Chapel. In May, Rachel talked about MU. In June, we attended the Deanery Festival at Horfield and the next day we had an outing to Leaf and Grounded in Dursley for a Cream Tea.

In July our member Daphne held an afternoon tea as a fund raiser at her house. She raised approximately £60. Henbury organised the Deanery lunch which we attended. We also had an AFIA coach from Filton to take families to Weston Super Mare for the day. August saw us celebrate Mary Sumner day with a Eucharist service and a picnic afterwards.

September was our opening Eucharist and Wave of Prayer held in church. October was a joint meeting with Horfield; unfortunately Jacky our MU president was ill and unable to attend, so Rachel talked about MU and the new MU leaflet.

November we held a Remembrance service. In December, Filton Children's Centre asked us if they could come to church and record MU reading the Christmas Story. Rev Lizzie started the proceedings with the Crib on show and also finished the story with a prayer and then we wished everyone a Merry Christmas. We joined the Deanery with the Advent service at Shirehampton, and also had an afternoon of carols Christmas verse/poem and a Christmas card swap.

Our members have been knitting toys and blankets. We supported the church , organising the cake stall at the Christmas fayre raising £123 for church funds.

LADIES' GROUP

Jennifer Deeks

Leaders: Jen Deeks 0117 9041035 & Pam Cook 0117 3823067

Secretaries: Jane Curtis 0117 9699987 & Janet Porter 0117 9696958

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month at 2 pm in the Church Hall. Our aim is to encourage friendship and companionship within the context of the Christian faith and to raise money for charities

Once again we have had a varied programme and our first event of the year was when Mary Naylor had her head shaved to raise money for the charity BUST, also our charity for the year. Mary raised £1540 and our group raised £500 to add to the £1000 we had already given to BUST.

Speakers have included Gill Edwards from Avon Riding Centre; Ian Brailey talking about the work of the Bristol Street Pastors; Imogen McCabe on the very varied work of the Southmead Project; Amy Atkison for the RNLI; and Margaret Marshfield on behalf of BRACE. We also enjoyed a Beetle Drive, a Bingo evening, a cream tea and another pleasant afternoon in the Community garden. We brought the year to a close with our annual Carol Service, led again by David Deeks.

ROSARY GROUP

Linda Rawlings

Our friendly intimate group meet monthly at Mary's. We use the rosary to focus our prayers through fellowship. New members are always welcome.

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Deb Wilkey

We have had a full packed year with lots of activities.

St Peters Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers took part in decorating a flag for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which was then put together with others from the Division and bunting was made and displayed at Elm Park. It was then moved to Patchway school where we took part in a Concorde Division event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with many activities and a sing song to end the day.

Brownies and Rainbows also celebrated in the units where the girls had a deportment lesson, made crowns and had a Royal teddy bear picnic. The Rainbows and Brownies have done a Pig Challenge badge where we made mud packs, made moving pigs, made truffles and had a truffle hunt. The girls have taken part in a Mythical Creature Pheonix badge where they have made bird boxes, dream catchers and made bird chalk pictures. The Brownies made quill pens and also made a quill picture of a Pheonix.

We took 45 Rainbow and Brownies bowling for their end of term treat which was a lot of fun. The Leaders were very competitive! We took 10 Brownies on a pack holiday to Bitton where we did a Harry Potter theme badge and we also held a Thinking Day Activity afternoon after Church parade.

Guides and Rangers spent the summer term between the hall and outside activities which included out door cooking, Foil fencing, Karate. We also went orienteering at Blaise Castle. The theme for guides in the summer was Our Planet and for Rangers Food 4 All – so many activities based on these.

A team of guides took part in the Scout and Guide monopoly run around Bristol; they had a map to find places to gain points. We also attended a large activity camp in Cirencester called Strategy, On the Saturday they completed challenges at bases to earn points. The evenings had a disco and games.

Rangers attended the County Ranger camp at our Activity centre – Briarlands. This was called Campastic with many activities – Bristol City ladies for Football skills and the Navy engagement team for team building, as well as crafts, archery and a disco.

Christmas party for Guides and Rangers was a beach party, complete with Chip butties and Ice Lollies.

DEANERY SYNOD

Louise Lyddon

3 meetings were held in 2022. In February we concentrated on Community Organising; in June we looked at Expressions of Mission as hospitality across the City Deanery; and in October we discussed Youth, Children and Estates ministry.

We also enjoyed a Deanery Parish walk to every church, starting in Filton.

Your Deanery Synod members were John Chapman, Jenny Connor, Linda Keeble and Louise Lyddon.

ONLINE PRESENCE

Faith Tutton, Parish Administrator

Online worship continues to remain vital. There is a whole group of people for whom online worship has become their preferred mode of worship. This group is valued as part of the church community just as much as those who come in person. For this reason, worship throughout 2022 has been “mixed mode”, with a variety of services for both online and in-person worship.

Numbers have remained consistent throughout 2022.

COFFEE SHOP

Interim report, Louise Lyddon

We decided to open the Coffee Shop in February for 3 days a week with Rev Lizzie and the volunteers organising everything. Nic the new manager started in March. She organised a very successful Easter Egg hunt around Filton and the children and parents had to come into the Coffee Shop to pick up their winnings and certificate. In May, Nic decided that the Coffee Shop Manager position was not for her so resigned. We were very fortunate that the position was offered to one of the volunteers Beckie Jones who took up the position in July.

Beckie Jones, Coffee Shop Manager

I became the coffee shop manager in July 2022. At the time we were open Monday - Thursdays, and now we open Fridays too.

We have a steady flow of customers that come in daily as well as new ones who have now become regulars.

We do a raffle every few months, pub quizzes, and we have a lady that comes in on a Wednesday and cuts hair for a donation to the church.

We're hoping to pitch a cake stall at the Filton Festival this year, not only to raise money but also to advertise the coffee shop.

As of February 23rd, we will be serving soup on a Thursday between 12 – 2pm. We are now registered as a Warm Space.

Our volunteers are absolutely amazing and I really couldn't have done what we've achieved without their love, help and support.

BRABAZON BELLES

Amy Atkinson

First Monday of the month 7pm in the Church Hall.

We have found it difficult to get back to our pre-Covid numbers, but have a solid core of ladies who attend regularly and enjoy the activities on offer.

This year we have enjoyed games nights, quizzes, crafts, making Christmas stockings for the food bank, and tea blending. In the coming year we are committed to putting on an even more varied programme of activities to appeal to ladies of all ages in the local area.

OTHER GROUPS

Open House: Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.00am in the Church Hall.

Leaders: Caroline and Richard White, 0117 975 5681

We offer tea, coffee, toast and Richard's home made cakes.

Our group exists for friendship, companionship and a good natter, an antidote to loneliness.

Open House is free to attend, donations appreciated.

Knitting Group: Thursday 5pm in the Coffee Shop

We are a small group of ladies for knitting and natter. It is wonderful being able to get together again after Covid. We have a great friendship and enjoy our coffee and cake. All are welcome to join us - our meetings usually last around 1.5 hours.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Please see additional document 'Accounts 2022'

**Parochial Church Council of St Peter's, Filton
Annual Financial Report 2022**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on Thursday, 16th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by the Reverend Elizabeth Gregory (PCC Chairperson)

The Covid-19 Pandemic continued to have a significant impact on St Peter's income during 2021. Reserves have been reduced as income has decreased and the PCC has reduced expenditure where possible to compensate; we envisage it will take around three years to rebuild reserves in the current climate. More can be read on this matter in the Rector's Report

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2022

St Peter's Church, Filton's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2022

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 £	2021 £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income:					
Planned giving	41,464	-	-	41,464	45,367
Collections, donations & other giving	4,549	529	-	5,078	4,502
Income tax recovered	2,681	-	-	2,681	6,376
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	-	14,199	-	14,199	11,572
Income from other Properties	-	-	-	-	-
Annual Fete/events	4,584	-	-	4,584	2,363
Investment income:					
Interest & dividends	61	-	-	61	9
Income from charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	1,595	-	-	1,595	1,573
Other incoming resources:					
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-
Other	49	-	-	49	-
Total incoming resources	54,983	14,728	-	69,711	71,762
Resources expended					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Mission & Evangelism	(48)	-	-	(48)	(163)
Parish Share	(4,000)	-	-	(4,000)	(48,000)
Clergy expenses	(1,419)	-	-	(1,419)	(1,134)
Church running expenses	(7,483)	(134)	(120)	(7,737)	(6,611)
Churchyard maintenance	(1,925)	-	-	(1,925)	(660)
Cost of raising funds	(1,157)	(4,287)	-	(5,444)	(3,196)
Running costs:					
Support costs	(1,010)	-	-	(1,010)	-
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(13,006)	(2,335)	(2,535)	(17,876)	(16,328)
Other	(4,244)	-	-	(4,244)	(6,039)
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-

Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church, Filton – Registered Charity 1131957
Annual Report 2022

Major expenditure

Repairs to church buildings	-	-	-	-	(11,544)
Repairs to other property	-	(3,572)	-	(3,572)	(4,983)
Capital purchases/additions	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended	(33,292)	(10,328)	(2,655)	(46,275)	(98,658)
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources	21,691	4,400	(2,655)	23,436	(26,896)
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	10,037	(9,955)	(82)	(0)	-
<i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before gains</i>	31,728	(5,555)	(2,737)	23,436	(26,896)
<i>Gains on investment assets</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	31,728	(5,555)	(2,737)	23,436	(26,896)
<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2022</i>	(13,701)	43,274	2,737	32,310	59,206
<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2022</i>	18,027	37,719	(0)	55,746	32,310

**produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5*

Parochial Fees Note

The PCC received parochial fees as detailed below during the year. Part is made up of statutory fees due to the PCC or the DBF, as prepared by the Archbishops' Council under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986. The balance relates to charges as fixed by the PCC, for extras such as bells, flowers and special heating, or paid to visiting ministers, Readers or Non-Stipendiary Ministers as set out in the DBF's Parochial Fees policy

Of these fees only the amount due to the PCC (statutory & non-statutory) is shown above as legally the amount due to the DBF and other ministers (as set out in the DBF policy) should not be treated as PCC income

During the year, the PCC received parochial fees totalling	£3,718.00	
Statutory Fees due to the PCC totalled	£1,595.00	
Statutory Fees due to the DBF totalled	£1,393.00	
Statutory Fees received on behalf of a third party	£830.00	
Non-Statutory Extras due to the PCC totalled	£0.00	
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The PCC also received Deposits for the following year totalling	£0.00	
		Balance owed at year-end (inc. in Creditors)
In total the PCC repaid the following Fees during the year		
Payment to DBF of Statutory Fees	£0.00	£1,449.00
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs	£0.00	
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs	£650.00	
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs	£0.00	£180.00
(This excludes fees for Sunday Services)		

The notes on pages F3 through F12 form part of these accounts.

St Peter's Church Filton Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

					2022		2021
Assets				£	£	£	£
	Fixed Assets				0		0
	Current assets						
	Bank Current Account			31,619		1,984	
	Church Hall Bank Account			6,220		2,643	
	Parish Office Account			8,800		3,905	
	Central Board of Finance Deposit Account			7,915		17,854	
	Cash in Hand			2,711		5,980	
					57,265		32,366
	Total Assets				57,265		32,366
Liabilities							
	Creditors - amounts falling due within one year				1,629		(56)
	Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)				58,894		32,310
	Total Net Assets				58,894		32,310
Parish Funds							
	Current Account Funds						
	Accumulated General Balance				18,027		(13,702)
	Designated Funds						
	Other Designated			6,129		280	
	Parish Office			0		2,613	
	Legacies & Donations			26,232		26,232	
					32,361		29,126
	Restricted Funds						
	Other Restricted			0		0	
	Other Restricted - Appeals			0		357	
	Other Restricted - Legacies & Donations			0		2,380	
	Pew Cushion Fund			0		0	
					0		2,737
	Total Current Account Funds				50,388		18,162
	Central Board of Finance Funds (CBF)						
	Designated Funds						
	General Reserves Fund			0		0	
	Fabric Fund			8,505		11,505	
				8,505		11,505	
	Restricted Funds						
	Other Restricted Funds			0		0	
	Building Fund (Ex Vestry Roof)			0		0	
	Legacies Fund			0		0	
				0		0	
	Total CBF Funds				8,505		11,505
	Other Accounts						
	Church Hall				0		2,643
	Total Parish Funds				58,894		32,310

St Peter's Church, Filton - Notes to the financial statements **For the year ended 31st December 2021**

1. Accounting Policies

General

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

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

Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

St Peter's does not have any funds of this type.

Restricted Funds represent:

- (a) Income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in terms of the trust or bequest, and
- (b) Donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Within St Peter's restricted funds usually relate to specific objects such as our lent box appeal or other specific charitable objects.

The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Designated Funds are funds which have been designated by the PCC for a specific purpose. These can be transferred to Restricted or Unrestricted funds with the agreement of the PCC.

Unrestricted Funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received.

In some charitable organizations it is common practice to accrue anticipated amounts such as this as soon as they are believed to be legally entitled, however we have had past instances where expectations have not been met and as the occurrence of such sums is very infrequent we have decided to account for them only on receipt.

Any other income is accounted for when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when the decision is agreed by the PCC.

The diocesan parish share is by far the largest single item of expenditure within St Peter's.

Amounts received for mission or specific objects, such as the annual lent box appeal, are dealt with as restricted funds.

All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to the year 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis whenever appropriate. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Reserves Policy

At the end of 2008 we proposed a new reserves policy. While this new policy reduced the level of reserve we were accustomed to holding, it was based on Church-of-England guidance and assumptions about the profile of our ongoing expenditure. This new reserves policy has the potential to free up funds for mission work within both the parish and the diocese. The policy is based upon the following:

1. Money should only be kept in reserve for specific reasons. Whilst the Bible clearly indicates that we should not hoard it is also clear that sensible planning for known events and responsibility for others is important.
2. It would therefore be prudent to keep two to three months running costs in reserve. For St Peter's this is approximately £7,000-£12,000 (excluding Parish Share).
3. It is also prudent to have funds in reserve to cover future building work, especially in the case of emergency repairs. Consequently, at the end of 2008 we split the remaining General Reserve fund into two elements; a General Reserve and a Fabric Fund.
4. The level of reserve held is reviewed annually

Year End Reserves Status

1. The Fabric Fund stands at £8,505.

2. The General Reserve stands at £50,388, up from £18,163 in 2021 and is a primarily due to minimal payments to the Parish Share following the debilitating effect of the Covid pandemic.
3. Our Legacy Fund is combined with the Fabric Fund as all donations were for non-specific use.

Incoming Resources

	Notes	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 £	2021 £
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income:						
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Collections, donations & other giving		4,549	529	-	5,078	4,502
Income tax recovered		2,681	-	-	2,681	6,376
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds						
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Income from other Properties		-	-	-	-	-
Annual Fete/events		4,584	-	-	4,584	2,363
Investment income:						
Interest & dividends		61	-	-	61	9
Income from charitable activities:						
Parochial fees		1,595	-	-	1,595	1,573
Other incoming resources:						
Insurance claims		-	-	-	-	-
Gain on disposal of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans received		-	-	-	-	-
Other		49	-	-	49	-
Total incoming resources		54,983	14,728	-	69,711	71,762

2a Voluntary Income

- Voluntary giving has not yet recovered to pre pandemic levels. Total Voluntary income (£49,223) in 2022 shows a marked decrease on 2021 (£56,245) and we extend our deep appreciation to our parishioners and donors for their continued generosity in these challenging times.
- Other factors that need to be considered:
 - Gift Aid Reclaim (outside the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)) for 2022 has been adjusted to cover a previous year claim that has not yet been received.

2b Activities for Generating Funds

- The elements in this category for 2022 include the proceeds of our annual Christmas Fayre which raised £2,099 was raised and £581 from the raffle. Our

Summer Fair and Raffle contributed a further £850 and the Rector's Sky Dive £835.

- Various other fundraising activities contributed £465 to our mission.
- There have been no other charitable collections in 2021.

2c Income from Investments

The only investment monies held by St Peter's PCC are those deposited in either the current account or the CBF Church of England Funds (CBF).

Due to the current financial climate, income from investments amounted to only £61 in 2022.

St Peter's does not possess an investment portfolio. The monies we use to run the parish and make our contributions to the diocese in the form of Parish Share are almost totally derived from parishioner giving.

2d Church Activities

- Parochial Fees of £1,595 include sums received throughout the year, principally for marriages and funerals. This was broadly in line with 2021.
- Trading relates to the Coffee Shop activities and Church Hall lettings; this is an area of activity that is showing improvement on 2021 of £2,627 (+23%)

Resources Expended

Resources expended

Charitable activities:

Donations/Grants to charities	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Mission & Evangelism	(48)	-	-	(48)	(163)
Parish Share	(4,000)	-	-	(4,000)	(48,000)
Clergy expenses	(1,419)	-	-	(1,419)	(1,134)
Church running expenses	(7,483)	(134)	(120)	(7,737)	(6,611)
Churchyard maintenance	(1,925)	-	-	(1,925)	(660)
Cost of raising funds	(1,157)	(4,287)	-	(5,444)	(3,196)

Running costs:

Support costs	(1,010)	-	-	(1,010)	-
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(13,006)	(2,335)	(2,535)	(17,876)	(16,328)
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Governance costs

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Major expenditure

Repairs to church buildings	-	-	-	-	(11,544)
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Total resources expended	(33,292)	(10,328)	(2,655)	(46,275)	(98,658)
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- Overall running costs for 2022 were £46,275 a decrease of £52,383 on 2021 and is the result of not paying Parish Share (£44,000) and no payment on significant building repairs (£11,544 in 2021) :
 - All Clergy expenses have been paid.
 - Honoraria and Salaries were £17,876 an increase of £1,548 on 2021.
- Cost of Fund Raising: This relates to the costs for putting on the various fundraising activities e.g. the Christmas Fayre and Summer Fair.

4. Staff Costs

4a. Employees

St Peter's PCC now employs an administrative assistant, parish secretary and coffee shop manager. Cleaner's wages related to the Church Hall Account are shown separately in that account. Non clergy work carried out within the church is either done by professional trades people employed for the task or by volunteers. Throughout the year the church has enjoyed the services of an organist with an occasional stand in, and a part-time youth worker. None of these individuals are considered to be an employee of the church but rather as providers of a service.

4b Payments to PCC Members

Membership of the PCC is voluntary and members do not receive any payments in the normal course of events. However, members of the PCC along with others who incur out of pocket expenses relating to church activities, e.g. Sunday Club, ministry expenses, etc. receive reimbursements which are recorded in the management accounts.

5. Assets

5a Fixed assets

The church possesses no fixed assets which can be held to have any market or balance sheet value.

The church owns office and sound reproduction equipment including desks, chairs, a photocopier, radio microphones etc. All of this equipment has been written off on purchase and has no balance sheet value.

5b Investments

Current assets are primarily the funds deposited in the CBF and the COOP bank current account. The balances at 31st December are shown at the balance sheet on page F2. The opening and closing values of these funds can also be seen on the balance sheet.

As already stated, St Peter's does not possess an investment portfolio as such, the monies we use to run the parish, pay our utility bills and make our contributions to the diocese in the form of Parish Share are almost totally derived from parishioner giving.

6. Debtors

The only debt of any significance outstanding to St Peter's PCC is the current amount of income tax recoverable relating to donations made in the current tax year. It is important to note that these funds are not liquid until the payment is made by HM Revenue and Customs.

7. Liabilities

Current liabilities include amounts falling due within one year. Apart from ongoing payments for utilities, insurance St Peter's currently has no major liabilities.

Parish Share

The share committed by the PCC for 2022 was £36,000 and was approved by the diocese and we are thankful to the Diocese for their understanding for the reasons we could not achieve our commitment in 2022. We do ask everyone to understand how vital Parish Share is to the mission and work of our parish, the diocese, and the wider church. Parish Share provides the diocese with an essential source for the funds needed to employ and train clergy and to help other churches in the Diocese. Please consider this in your prayers regarding stewardship for 2023.

8. Funds

A summary of the Endowment, Restricted and Unrestricted funds is as shown below.

Account Name/Description	Closing Unrestricted	Closing Designated	Closing Restricted	Total
	£19,546	£37,719	-	£57,265
Filton Parochial Church Council (Cash)	£2,008	£23,136	£2,400	£27,544
CCLA (Cash)	£6,410	£1,505	-	£7,915
Cash Held (Cash)	£2,711	-	-	£2,711
Church Hall Account (Cash)	(£190)	£7,490	(£1,080)	£6,220
Parish Office Account (Cash)	£1,657	£7,142	-	£8,800
PCC Filton St Peter's (Cash)	£6,950	(£1,555)	(£1,320)	£4,075

Refer to page F2 for further information.

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

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 and 2, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1992 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - b. to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date:

30th April 2023
Russell

Accounts

The background image is a photograph of the stone tower of St Peter's Church. The tower is made of light-colored stone blocks. At the top is a green copper spire. A round clock face with Roman numerals is mounted on the tower. Below the clock is a small arched window. Further down is a large Gothic-style window with three panes and a decorative tracery above them. At the bottom is a wooden door with two small metal knockers. To the left of the tower, another stone wall with a bright, glowing arched window is visible. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

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ACCOUNTS
ST PETER'S CHURCH
31ST DEC 2021**

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ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

As charity trustees, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's Church Filton has pleasure in presenting the annual report and accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY

- Registered number 1131957
- Parish name: Filton
- St Peter's Church, Gloucester Road North, Filton, Bristol BS34 7BQ
- Independent Financial Examiner: Louise Russell
- Bankers: The Co-operative Bank
- Safeguarding Officers: John Chapman & Anne Duke
- Church Architect: Steve Davis

TRUSTEES

The Revd Elizabeth L A Gregory (Chair)	Chris Gooding (Secretary)
Linda Keeble (Treasurer)	John Chapman (Church Warden)
Thomas Moller (Church Warden)	Amy Atkinson (Deputy Church Warden)
Lindon Wooster (Church Warden Emeritus)	Louise Lyddon (Deanery Synod)
Jenny Connor (Deanery Synod)	Linda Rawlings
Anne Duke	Janet Moller
Alison Chapman	Faith Tutton
Anne-Louise Pam	Roy Hale
Claire Eade	Alisa Starr (PCC admin support)

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Management of the parish is performed by the Rector with the assistance of a number of parishioners who form the Parochial Church Council (PCC). All governance, management, procedures and policies are maintained in accordance with the standard Church of England practice.

APPOINTMENT OF PCC MEMBERS

PCC members are elected for a term of three years at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Candidates for election must be members of the church who following a conversation with the Rector and/or PCC Secretary (regarding the roles and responsibilities of such a position) have been duly proposed and seconded by members of the church, who are themselves registered on the electoral role.

At the end of three years, PCC members may choose to be re-elected for a further term of three years, after which they must step down. PCC members who have served for six years are not eligible for re-election for a period of not less than 12 months. The Rector is a permanent member of the PCC. The PCC Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the PCC. Members of the congregation who have been elected to represent St Peter's at the Deanery Synod are also members of the PCC.

ORGANISATION OF THE PCC

The Rector takes the role of PCC Chairperson and a minimum of four full meetings is held each year, in addition to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

PCC meetings are structured around discussions regarding:

- Vision, mission and values
- Financial, general purposes and Hall
- Health and Safety and well-being, including a particular emphasis on accessibility, inclusivity and safeguarding.

The Standing Committee, made up of the officers of the PCC (Rector, treasurers, secretary and church wardens) convene on an as-needed basis to make urgent decisions on behalf of the full PCC regarding the day to day management of the church.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Peter's is a welcoming Anglican church with its heart in the sacraments and its place in the centre of the community. At St Peter's we are devoted to developing a holy consciousness. We believe that worship is something that can be expressed in everything we do. Our philosophy is deeply rooted in the Holy Scriptures and the sacraments. We provide a place for all, regardless of age, gender, sexuality, race or ability. We offer all members of the church a chance to become part of something greater, to grow their love for God and for one another in our beautiful community.

Our vision is to serve God, by serving individuals, families and the community of Filton. By placing God at the centre of all we do, we come together to grow in our faith and be sent out in our discipleship to create connections and build relationships with all those in the community. We act in and through our relationship with God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and with one another, to seek to make His kingdom known in this place. To enable us to do this as effectively as possible, our priorities are centred around four strands of growth: growing deeper; growing younger; growing in influence; and growing in number. This is detailed more fully in our Vision Plan which is updated biennially and can be viewed on our website.

Our worship is based on the Eucharist in which all are called to participate. We try to be liturgically innovative and spiritually challenging. We aim at musical excellence and try to involve our young people in worship as much as possible. The structure of the services is wide and varied, to cater to as many tastes as possible, including services taken from Common Worship and the Book of Common Prayer.

Pastoral care is a commitment shared by all members of the Christian community. The Rector is assisted in this by the Pastoral Care Team, made up of trained volunteers.

The church aims to be the Spiritual Hub of the Community. We are actively involved in touching the lives of people of all ages and conditions in life, both in religious and non religious contexts. We do not seek to place barriers in people's way, aim to be accessible and approachable to all and hope to encourage people to undertake their own spiritual journey.

The church is carefully organised and run by its PCC with day to day control in the hands of the Standing Committee. There are many aspects of church life that this report emphasises, and we publish our work through the weekly pew sheets, our web site, our social media presence, and through the wider press.

It is the parish's policy to prioritise our payment of parish share, to maintain the church structures in as best a state of repair as we can, to further our presence in the Community to support external charities as need directs, and to make a commitment to the work of the Children's Society and Christian Aid.

Reality of Strategy to date: This strategy has resulted in St Peter's Church enjoying a strong congregation with well-nourished souls. Our Lord calls us to be planters and sowers, not merely gatherers, and this process takes time.

REPORTS

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Revd Elizabeth L A Gregory

2021 started much as 2020 finished, in terms of Covid restrictions. It would be fair to say that this was not expected, or welcomed. No-one imagined at the start of the lockdowns in March 2020 that we would still not be back to normal in church a year later.

Thankfully, however, the measures that we developed and put in place through 2020 stood us in good stead to weather these continued challenges in the best way we were able. Online worship continued, broadcast from the church building itself. Church governance was unaffected. Fellowship groups and Christian teaching continued uninterrupted.

As we had throughout 2020, we continued to ensure we followed all government guidelines and Church of England recommendations to keep the community as safe as possible through the ongoing pandemic. Leading the church through this difficult time has been greatly eased by the willingness of all to look out for and care for one another by continuing to wear face masks, even when this has been non-essential. Your cooperation with this remains greatly appreciated.

Financially the pandemic has taken a great toll. Linda, our treasurer, has done a fantastic job of keeping on top of this and has expanded further upon our current situation in her report. As you will see, we are facing unprecedented financial challenges over the next few years. This is no different to a number of other churches, and it's due to your continued support that we are still in a viable position as a charity. It will however come as no surprise that we will likely continue to struggle for at least another three years and so would urge you to consider whether there is more that you could do to help us in this regard, be that switching to the Parish Giving Scheme, increasing your giving, or arranging to leave a legacy in your will. Whilst numbers in church have returned to a good level, many of our worshippers are now online. This, added to the fact that a collection can no longer be taken in church services - Covid precautions - means that our weekly collections are well down. If you are joining us online, please bear this in mind and consider how you may still donate regularly.

As with any challenge in life, as a Christian community, it is for us to walk forward with faith and confidence in our Lord. We have sought to do this and prayerfully discern our role in this post-pandemic era. The new service structure - that was implemented in September - is working well, and the addition of a family service once a month has been a particular blessing. The new structure, as well as incorporating all elements of previous worship at St Peter's, is also more sustainable and manageable for the many volunteers that enable them to take place.

Our work in the community continues, and it has been a joy to reopen the Coffee Shop. We hope to build on this throughout 2022. We bid a sad farewell to our Coffee Shop manager Rachael, and we offer our

thanks for all she has done in the Coffee Shop during her time with us. We look forward to welcoming a new Coffee Shop manager in the Spring of 2022.

Through the medium of the internet and increased in-person events, our reach within the community has continued to grow, and new and creative ways of being church in response to a world with ever-changing needs has become more fully established within the life and work of St Peter's. Contact with schools has continued; in-person fellowship groups have resumed; and I continue to contribute regularly to the BBC *Thought for the Day* team.

As always, I wish to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year, especially as we have continued to navigate the challenges faced by this pandemic. The support from the church officers and the PCC have been invaluable, and I feel that a collaborative sense of leadership has been established as the predominant culture of St Peter's. This is a wonderful basis for us to continue to grow and seek to further and deepen God's kingdom in this place.

With love and prayers, *Revd Lizzie*

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT

John Chapman & Thomas Moller - Church Wardens

The past year has been a very busy one for the church with many projects being undertaken. Many of these are often performed without most people even realising, in order to maintain the smooth day to day running of the Parish. The church still requires a fair amount of work, and some of this work is restricted by depleted funds which have arisen mainly from the Coronavirus pandemic and its subsequent restrictions and lockdowns. As we look towards our Quinquennial inspection, great thought and consideration still needs to be had with how we fund and maintain our beautiful, Medieval, Victorian and 20th Century church.

Fabric report and work completed

Most recently the main ceiling lights in the nave and baptistry of the church have been replaced for the first time since 1992. This will provide more illumination and, in the long term, will help to save the church a considerable sum of money with their increased efficiency. The lights in the Church Hall have also been upgraded to LED and the diffusers have been updated in order to provide a much brighter and friendly atmosphere. Faulty bulbs and switches have also been changed in both the church and the hall as required.

The main church boiler from the 1980s and the church hall boiler from the 1990s have been serviced. The main church boiler continues to provide us with warmth, which it has done for the last 40 years. With the heater now well past its expected lifetime, serious plans need to be made in order to consider how we

will warm our church in the coming years in line with global incentives for green and environmentally friendly sources.

In the church hall, the radiators have been flushed for the first time in many years and inhibitor added into the system. A new water box was required after it was found that the water in the system was becoming trapped, due to a blocked pipe. This now means that when the heating is on, the church hall warms up a lot quicker than it did. The time has been set in the hall to provide a comfortable warm space for all users in the colder months. Both ageing systems are now being treated with more care and attention and we remind both parishioners and users of the hall to inform us of any heating issues across both the church and the church hall.

The church roof is in need of repair with a few leaks starting to appear in several places across the church. The church roofer has been contacted and work is in hand to address these issues to ensure the church is in a safe and dry condition. Work to the tower has now been completed, and heartfelt thanks is given to the funds which were raised to maintain one of the oldest portions of the church. The rest of the structure of the church will be inspected at the Quinquennial report this year, which will give us a good understanding as to what needs to be done to maintain our church in the short- and long-term period.

The front riddel posts at the High Altar have been reinstated after being in storage for several years along with all of their original fittings. In what is just past the 60th anniversary of the enlargement of the church, it is wonderful to see the high altar back to how the parishioners of Filton envisioned their church to be all those years ago. Plans are still in place to finish the high altar to the original specification which will hopefully take place over the coming year.

The wooden noticeboard at the bottom of the churchyard, which was in a poor state of repair for many years, has been replaced by a new metal noticeboard and the board at the entrance to the car park has been repaired with Perspex being fitted and the structure of the board being strengthened and painted. It is a joy to demonstrate how we are an outward reaching parish and are trying to reach all across our community.

After a small electrical fire in the church hall, the gentlemen's toilet window and extractor fan, which were damaged, have now been replaced. Other minor work is still required in the hall as funds permit. Over the past year, health and safety audits have been conducted and they will continue to be done over this coming year. We remind everyone with any H&S concerns to contact us directly.

Other work which has been undertaken includes: the rebuilding of the churchyard wall following a partial collapse in December 2020; painting of the churchyard and church hall gates; coating of the external churchyard doors; painting white lines leading onto steps; loose floorboards being screwed back down; the church hall stage curtains being made operational again; pew cushions being added; fire extinguishers being serviced; the organ being serviced; and the 1955 choir vestry clock, given by Stanley Heath, being repaired.

Heartfelt thanks are given to Revd Lizzie, Faith and the PCC for all the hard work and administration which goes on behind the scenes. Special thanks are also given to David and Mary Haslum for their continued support to the Parish of Filton, and for their invaluable knowledge which has hugely aided the work done on the church and has supported the work of the Church Wardens and the rest of the church. Thanks are also given to Nick Moller for all the tasks which he has diligently supported the Church Wardens in performing. The majority of the work which has been done wouldn't have been possible without the support of countless people, so our extended thanks go to all the volunteers, both past and present, who have, who are, and who will support the faithful work of God's church in this place.

THE CHOIR

Viv Wilkinson, Musical Director

Being able to continue singing during the church services has been wonderful, and also humbling for those of us who are able. It was a blessing indeed to return to full services for our Nine Lessons and Carols, and also for Midnight Mass.

Although the choir began singing without masks (as this was the guidance), once the congregation were allowed to sing, but with masks, we thought it more fitting to do the same. We try to protect the vulnerable and make people feel as safe as possible. It also seemed unbalanced to be mask-less when others were masked.

Autumn Leaves sing-a-long has not been able to restart yet, but it will resume when it is again possible. I am planning to have a sing-a-long celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, possibly on Saturday 4th June.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM (PCT)

Louise Lyddon

We are a small group of church members who work on behalf of Revd Lizzie and the church. Your PCT members are Alison Chapman, Louise Lyddon, Janet Moller, Rachel Williamson, and Lindon Wooster, This team either ring, visit, or take communion to our ill or housebound church members when necessary. In 2021, Zoom get-togethers with Revd Lizzie have been held, when we pray, and discuss members' needs.

YOUTH

The Revd Elizabeth L. A. Gregory

Financial implications have meant that we have been unable to appoint a Youth Worker over the past year. We hope that this will change by the end of 2022, if we are able to source a grant.

However, our commitment to our young people continues to remain paramount. For this reason, 2021 saw the replacement of a Parish Eucharist with a family service once a month. The idea behind this was to help families and young people realise that they are an important part of the community and the church family. It has been wonderful for one of our regular young people to take part in leading the worship as it enables others to see and realise their place within the liturgy. Mindful of Jesus' command in Matthew 19.14 - "*Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs*" - this service feels particularly important, and has so far been well received.

As part of the new service structure, Youth of God has continued on the first Sunday of the month, at 5pm at the Rectory, and provides an opportunity for KS3 and 4 to engage in conversations regarding what's important to them.

BELLRINGERS

David Haslum, Tower Captain

Given the problems this past year with Covid, social distancing and ringing in a confined space whilst wearing a mask, it might be considered remarkable that the bells have been rung at all. It might also be possible to understand some people's concern about ringing, standing so close to each other. However, the bells have been rung for the Sunday Eucharist throughout the year when restrictions have permitted, and even half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. They have been rung with the windows open in rain, shine or bitter winds. More recently, Thursday night practices have been resumed.

The bells are in good working order. The church clock has been serviced by Smith's of Derby.

MOTHERS' UNION, FILTON BRANCH

Rachel Williamson, Branch Leader 07718 089474

St Peter's Filton branch of Mothers' Union continues to be part of the Bristol West Deanery of the Diocese. Theme for 2021: Continuing to Build Hope and Confidence.

Sadly, due to the ongoing Covid pandemic restrictions, we were unable to meet face-to-face as a group until the end of 2021. However, during the darker months at the beginning of 2021 we continued to support our membership through phone calls and kerbside visits ensuring that all were as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Even our Diocesan outreach projects were at a halt, though MU members continued to knit and create in readiness for the time when we would return to some kind of normality.

We were able to have a couple of bring your own “picnic” meetings in the summer, following strict social distancing measures. It was good for those of us who felt able, just to get together and chat, and I believe that we all benefitted from that positive, albeit distanced, social contact.

We continued to meet together as the restrictions eased and were privileged to host the Deanery West Advent service, officiated by Revd Lizzie. We were very excited to have the Diocesan President Aurea Hart and the incoming DP Jacky Fredrickson at the service. This was followed by a shared tea in the hall.

With subscriptions due for the new year, and our new theme of Transformation Now, we see a significant loss to our membership where the continued lockdown has taken its toll on some of our more vulnerable members. We continue to look to the future but we are mindful that there continues to be anxieties as we start to mix again. We are hopeful to have more times of fellowship with Horfield Branch of MU through 2022. We are all living with hope, and with prayer.

MU meets at 2pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

LADIES' GROUP

Jennifer Deeks

Our early meetings for the year had to be abandoned and we once again kept in touch by phone over the winter, and in the summer met in small groups in members' gardens, until August when the whole group met in Filton Community Garden.

We resumed meetings in September, welcoming back old members and were pleased to welcome three new members. At our meetings we have enjoyed a variety of speakers, including Andrew Marker taking us on another world tour in slides; Mary Naylor entertaining us with her trip to Finnish Lapland; and Adrian from East Bristol Auctions talking about his work and also giving some estimates for items brought in by our members. Both our annual Beetle Drive and Carol Service were much enjoyed, the latter this year led by David Deeks.

Looking ahead to 2022 we have a full programme planned. Ladies' Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month at 2pm in the Church Hall. For more information contact secretaries Jane Curtis, 0117 969 9987 or Janet Porter, 0117 969 6958.

ROSARY GROUP

Linda Rawlings

Our small prayerful group are delighted to meet again on a monthly basis (2nd Thursday of the month). We would invite anyone who enjoys the traditional prayer method to join us. More details available from Linda Rawlings via email lmrawlings53@gmail.com

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Deb Wilkey

Guides and Rangers started to meet face to face in April 2021 and spent the summer and autumn term outside on a fortnightly basis, which was good for everyone's mental health and well-being. The outside activities included outdoor cooking, a fencing session, karate, tennis, as well as playing lots of games and completing guide and ranger badge work. An interesting night in groups on a penny hike - as you reach a corner, toss a coin to decide which way to go!

For February 2021 we joined the Virtual South West Region Thinking Day celebrations and visited guiding centres around the world with Bollywood dancing among other activities.

When indoors, we had a ready steady cook with a bonfire theme; the rangers held a murder mystery evening; we made bird citrus feeders; had a Tai Chi session; and held a STEM night where the girls made bridges with chocolate bars.

We celebrated Burns Night and Chinese New Year. Laura also held a Tuesday Brew night where we talked about listening to others and supporting others.

The rangers had decided to write and produce a panto for the guides at Christmas, so everyone joined in with costume and prop making. Due to not being able to have a lot of people in the hall to watch, this was filmed and shown at our 'virtual camp' we held before Christmas. Over this weekend we held a Forest School activity and a quiz night.

Over the past 12 months, the Rainbows and Brownies did a lot of joint activities. We worked on a Great Region badge where they walked the alphabet, found out about different trees, walked to the highest

point in Filton, created a picture using nature, became a master navigator with a compass, and drew a map of the area.

We also did a Mythical Creatures Dragon Challenge badge where we put together, decorated, and flew kites, protected a dragon's egg for the evening, made treasure, had a dragon boat race, acted out a dragon story, and played lots of dragon games.

We celebrated the Queen's Birthday by decorating cakes, made birthday cards, sent them to the Queen, and played games.

We have done a Mythical Creatures Basilisk Badge, where we have made clay model snakes and painted them, made paper plate snakes, Hama bead snakes, snakes on skewers, and made some snake bread. We had fun with snake games including a worm dance and a human Hungry Hippos game.

The Rainbows are working on a Theme badge - know myself, and the Brownies are working on a First Aid badge.

We have just celebrated World Thinking Day where we have visited the five world centres. We went to Mexico and decorated a biscuit with a colourful skull and did a Mexican wave. We played guess the chocolate and did some yodelling in Switzerland. We went to Africa, made a woven coaster, and learnt some French. In London we decorated a union flag and sang London Bridge is falling down, and in India we did Mendhi hand decorations.

DEANERY SYNOD

Louise Lyddon

St Peter's representatives at the Deanery Synod are Revd Lizzie Gregory, John Chapman, Jenny Connor, Louise Lyddon and Linda Keeble.

The first meeting in February on Zoom was Archdeacon Neil Warwick and "Transforming Church. Together." We were also introduced to our interim co-area Deans, Revd Lizzie Kesteven and Revd David Stephenson.

In June, via Zoom, we discussed the "Living in Love and Faith" initiative, exploring together the Church of England's six pastoral principles and how these provide a framework for discussion of difficult issues: prejudice, fear, silence, hypocrisy, ignorance, and power.

Our September meeting was in person and on Zoom. We were shown around Hazelnut Community Farm, which is behind Eden Grove Church, Horfield, and given a talk about the work done here. We had

a talk by Clare Fussell, Diocesan Environmental Advisor. Clare explained her role within the Diocese and how we all needed to work together in order to look at our churches and what could be done to reduce our footprints and work towards the carbon neutral aims over the coming years. She said the initiatives were all spirit led and exciting. Clare asked us to: complete the footprint survey; appoint an 'Eco-champion' in each parish; and look out for the Eco Church Award scheme.

Our November meeting was held here at St Peter's Filton. Archdeacon Neil updated us on "Transforming Church. Together."

ONLINE PRESENCE

Faith Tutton, Parish Administrator

Online worship continues to remain vital. There is a whole group of people for whom online worship has become their preferred mode of worship. This group is valued as part of the church community just as much as those who come in person. For this reason, worship throughout 2021 has been "mixed mode", with a variety of services for both online and in-person worship.

Numbers have remained consistent throughout 2021.

COFFEE SHOP

Rachael Tomlins, Coffee Shop Manager

The Coffee Shop had been closed for most of 2020 due to Covid, and it has taken a lot of effort to keep it open and functioning throughout 2021 so that this valuable community hub is not lost.

Aside from the physical elements of clearing and decluttering, the place had suffered from being unused for a long time. Damp had set in, so this meant that everything had to be deep cleaned, some stock and sundry items had to be discarded, and unfortunately the sofa was not salvageable, so this had to be replaced. Thankfully a new one was gifted from a local resident. Slowly the Coffee Shop was coming back to life.

Once the Coffee Shop was reopened on 12th May 2021, albeit at reduced hours, the aim for me was to make people feel comfortable and welcome, so they could relax and switch off from the Covid narrative while they were here. Everyone had their own level of comfort and many of the Coffee Shop visitors had already "bubbled up" into their usual social groups. Others preferred a bit more space, so tables could be rearranged, and seats were available outside on the warmer days. The goal was to make everyone feel welcome, safe and comfortable.

So many people have missed this community meeting place and the amazing response of the public, and the volunteers on the reopening, has demonstrated just how badly it is needed in the Filton community.

Highlights for me have been meeting new people from the church and the wider community, a school visit from a group of very well behaved 5 year olds, and the satisfaction of seeing people enjoy themselves in the Coffee Shop.

My personal thanks goes to the group of fantastic volunteers and cake bakers, as without them this would simply not be possible.

TEA WITH THE VICAR

The Revd Elizabeth L A Gregory

This is a new online fellowship group which was begun as the first lockdown began. It offers an opportunity for people to get together on line (and via the phoneline) to chat over a virtual cup of tea (or coffee!). It was set up to help people stay connected with one another, but has continued and is a lovely way of joining together in fellowship.

BRABAZON BELLES

Amy Atkinson

Following our return to in-person meetings post-Covid, the number of ladies regularly attending meetings has unfortunately declined. As a committee, we are looking at ways to attract new members to enjoy our varied programme of activities.

In October we enjoyed a talk from former Bristol Flyers basketball team captain, Daniel Edozie, on overcoming adversity and staying motivated. In November we enjoyed Christmas crafts, making Christmas decorations and delicious Christmas puddings. Our annual quiz night in December was a great success and is always a highlight of our programmes.

Brabazon Belles meet in the Church Hall on the first Monday of the month, from 7pm.

OTHER GROUPS

Open House: Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.30am in the Church Hall.

Leaders: Caroline and Richard White, 0117 975 5681

Covid restrictions meant Open House was unable to meet until 10th August. In spite of the long lay-off, all our regulars came back to us from the start; it seems we were sorely missed. Richard's retirement from work has made the addition of home baking to the attractions possible. Our numbers have grown and we have also hosted some Coffee Shop customers while it was temporarily closed.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Please see additional document 'Accounts 2021'

**Parochial Church Council of St Peter's, Filton
Annual Financial Report 2021**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on Tuesday 25th January 2022 and signed on its behalf by the Reverend Elizabeth Gregory (PCC Chairperson)

The Covid-19 Pandemic continued to have a significant impact on St Peter's income during 2021. Reserves have been reduced as income has decreased and the PCC has reduced expenditure where possible to compensate; we envisage it will take around three years to rebuild reserves in the current climate. More can be read on this matter in the Rector's Report.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2021

St Peter's Church, Filton's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 £	2020 £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income:					
Planned giving	45,367	-	-	45,367	40,630
Collections, donations & other giving	2,069	635	1,799	4,503	20,617
Income tax recovered	6,376	-	-	6,376	8,836
Legacies	-	-	-	-	1,000
Activities for generating funds					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	-	5,188	-	5,188	4,221
Income from other Properties	-	-	-	-	-
Annual Fete/events	1,948	415	-	2,363	3,318
Investment income:					
Interest & dividends	9	-	-	9	75
Income from charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	1,573	-	-	1,573	2,307
Other incoming resources:					
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-
Other	3,333	2,693	357	6,383	2,846
Total incoming resources	60,675	8,931	2,156	71,762	83,850
Resources expended					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	-	-	-	-	(200)
Mission & Evangelism	(163)	-	-	(163)	(59)
Parish Share	(48,000)	-	-	(48,000)	(48,000)
Clergy expenses	(1,134)	-	-	(1,134)	(710)
Church running expenses	(6,511)	(100)	-	(6,611)	(8,668)
Churchyard maintenance	(660)	-	-	(660)	(630)
Cost of raising funds	(184)	(3,011)	-	(3,195)	(5,939)
Running costs:					
Support costs	-	-	-	-	(60)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(13,288)	(90)	(2,950)	(16,328)	(14,975)
Other	(5,939)	-	(100)	(6,039)	(4,156)
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-

Other income includes the coffee shop.

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Major expenditure

Repairs to church buildings	-	-	(11,544)	(11,544)	(13,690)
Repairs to other property	-	(4,983)	-	(4,983)	-
Capital purchases/additions	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended	(75,879)	(8,184)	(14,594)	(98,657)	(97,087)
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources	(15,204)	747	(12,438)	(26,895)	(13,237)
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	3,307	8,071	(11,378)	-	-
<i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before gains</i>	(11,897)	8,818	(23,816)	(26,895)	(13,237)
<i>Gains on investment assets</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	(11,897)	8,818	(23,816)	(26,895)	(13,237)
<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2021</i>	(1,804)	34,456	26,553	59,205	72,442
<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2021</i>	(13,701)	43,274	2,737	32,310	59,205

**produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5*

Parochial Fees Note

The PCC received parochial fees as detailed below during the year. Part is made up of statutory fees due to the PCC or the DBF, as prepared by the Archbishops' Council under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986. The balance relates to charges as fixed by the PCC, for extras such as bells, flowers and special heating, or paid to visiting ministers, Readers or Non-Stipendiary Ministers as set out in the DBF's Parochial Fees policy

Of these fees only the amount due to the PCC (statutory & non-statutory) is shown above as legally the amount due to the DBF and other ministers (as set out in the DBF policy) should not be treated as PCC income

During the year, the PCC received parochial fees totalling	£3,638.00
Statutory Fees due to the PCC totalled	£1,573.00
Statutory Fees due to the DBF totalled	£1,575.00
Statutory Fees received on behalf of a third party	£490.00
Non-Statutory Extras due to the PCC totalled	£0.00
Non-Statutory Extras due to a third party totalled	£0.00
The PCC also received Deposits for the following year totalling	£0.00

Balance owed at year-end (inc. in Creditors)

In total the PCC repaid the following Fees during the year		
Payment to DBF of Statutory Fees	£1,519.00	£56.00
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs	£0.00	
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs	£490.00	
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs	£0.00	£0.00
(This excludes fees for Sunday Services)		

The notes on pages F3 through F12 form part of these accounts.

St Peter's Church Filton Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021

	2021		2020	
Assets	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets		0		0
Current assets				
Bank Current Account	1,984		27,331	
Church Hall Bank Account	2,643		8,290	
Parish Office Account	3,905		0	
Central Board of Finance Deposit Account	17,854		17,845	
Cash in Hand	5,980		5,739	
		32,366		59,205
Total Assets		32,366		59,205
Liabilities				
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year		(56)		0
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		32,310		59,205
Total Net Assets		32,310		59,205
Parish Funds				
Current Account Funds				
Accumulated General Balance		(13,702)		(9,020)
Designated Funds				
Other Designated	280		383	
Parish Office	2,613		0	
Legacies & Donations	26,232		25,782	
		29,126		26,166
Restricted Funds				
Other Restricted	0		6,739	
Other Restricted - Appeals	357		0	
Other Restricted - Legacies & Donations	2,380		5,330	
Pew Cushion Fund	0		3,855	
		2,737		15,924
Total Current Account Funds		18,162		33,070
Central Board of Finance Funds (CBF)				
Designated Funds				
General Reserves Fund	0		7,216	
Fabric Fund	11,505		0	
	11,505		7,216	
Restricted Funds				
Other Restricted Funds	0		0	
Building Fund (Ex Vestry Roof)	0		6,000	
Legacies Fund	0		4,629	
	0		10,629	
Total CBF Funds		11,505		17,845
Other Accounts				
Church Hall		2,643		8,290
Total Parish Funds		32,310		59,205

St Peter's Church, Filton - Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31st December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

General

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

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

Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

St Peter's does not have any funds of this type.

Restricted Funds represent:

- (a) Income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in terms of the trust or bequest, and
- (b) Donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Within St Peter's restricted funds usually relate to specific objects such as our lent box appeal or other specific charitable objects.

The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Designated Funds are funds which have been designated by the PCC for a specific purpose. These can be transferred to Restricted or Unrestricted funds with the agreement of the PCC.

Unrestricted Funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received.

In some charitable organizations it is common practice to accrue anticipated amounts such as this as soon as they are believed to be legally entitled, however we have had past instances where expectations have not been met and as the occurrence of such sums is very infrequent we have decided to account for them only on receipt.

Any other income is accounted for when it is receivable.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when the decision is agreed by the PCC.

The diocesan parish share is by far the largest single item of expenditure within St Peter's.

Amounts received for mission or specific objects, such as the annual lent box appeal, are dealt with as restricted funds.

All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s. 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to the year 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis whenever appropriate. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Reserves Policy

At the end of 2008 we proposed a new reserves policy. While this new policy reduced the level of reserve we were accustomed to holding, it was based on Church-of-England guidance and assumptions about the profile of our ongoing expenditure. This new reserves policy has the potential to free up funds for mission work within both the parish and the diocese. The policy is based upon the following:

1. Money should only be kept in reserve for specific reasons. Whilst the Bible clearly indicates that we should not hoard it is also clear that sensible planning for known events and responsibility for others is important.
2. It would therefore be prudent to keep two to three months running costs in reserve. For St Peter's this is approximately £7,000-£12,000 (excluding Parish Share).
3. It is also prudent to have funds in reserve to cover future building work, especially in the case of emergency repairs. Consequently, at the end of 2008 we split the remaining General Reserve fund into two elements; a General Reserve and a Fabric Fund.
4. The level of reserve held is reviewed annually

Year End Reserves Status

1. The Fabric Fund stands at £11,505.

2. The General Reserve stands at £18,162, down from £33,070 in 2020 and is a direct effect of the Covid-19 pandemic
3. Our Legacy Fund is combined with the Fabric Fund as all donations were for non-specific use.

Incoming Resources

St Peter's Church, Filton's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	General fund	Designated fund	Restricted fund	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income:					
Planned giving	45,367	-	-	45,367	40,630
Collections, donations & other giving	2,069	635	1,799	4,503	20,617
Income tax recovered	6,376	-	-	6,376	8,836
Legacies	-	-	-	-	1,000
Activities for generating funds					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	-	5,188	-	5,188	4,221
Income from other Properties	-	-	-	-	-
Annual Fete/events	1,948	415	-	2,363	3,318
Investment income:					
Interest & dividends	9	-	-	9	75
Income from charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	1,573	-	-	1,573	2,307
Other incoming resources:					
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-
Other	3,333	2,693	357	6,383	2,846
Total incoming resources	60,675	8,931	2,156	71,762	83,850

2a Voluntary Income

- The pandemic resulted in a continued decline in voluntary giving. Total Voluntary income (£52,246) in 2021 resulted in a decrease of £14,837 (-20%) However, planned giving at £45,367 shows an increase of £4,737 (+11%) and we extend our deep appreciation to our parishioners and donors.
- Other factors that need to be considered:

- Gift Aid Reclaim (outside the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)) for 2021 has not been estimated as there have been delays contacting HMRC to recover this.
- Following the Covid-19 guidelines for church services there has been no opportunity to take retiring collections for special causes.

2b Activities for Generating Funds

- The elements in this category for 2021 include the proceeds of our annual Christmas Fayre which raised £1,948 and includes £445 from the raffle. Our grateful thanks are sent to all involved.
- Other fundraising continued to be seriously curtailed during the year; the online monthly quiz night has been a success and donations have been included in Collections and donations.
- There have been no other charitable collections in 2021.

2c Income from Investments

The only investment monies held by St Peter's PCC are those deposited in either the current account or the CBF Church of England Funds (CBF).

Due to the current financial climate, income from investments amounted to only £9 in 2021.

St Peter's does not possess an investment portfolio. The monies we use to run the parish and make our contributions to the diocese in the form of Parish Share are almost totally derived from parishioner giving.

2d Church Activities

- Parochial Fees of £1,573 include sums received throughout the year, principally for marriages and funerals. This was a decrease of £734 on 2020.
- Trading relates to the magazine and bookstall and Coffee Shop activities and now includes Church Hall lettings; this was significantly curtailed in 2021 but shows an increase on 2020 of £967 (+23%)

Resources Expended

Resources expended

Charitable activities:

Donations/Grants to charities	-	-	-	-	(200)
Mission & Evangelism	(163)	-	-	(163)	(59)
Parish Share	(48,000)	-	-	(48,000)	(48,000)
Clergy expenses	(1,134)	-	-	(1,134)	(710)
Church running expenses	(6,511)	(100)	-	(6,611)	(8,668)
Churchyard maintenance	(660)	-	-	(660)	(630)
Cost of raising funds	(184)	(3,011)	-	(3,195)	(5,939)

Running costs:

Support costs	-	-	-	-	(60)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(13,288)	(90)	(2,950)	(16,328)	(14,975)
Other	(5,939)	-	(100)	(6,039)	(4,156)

Governance costs

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Major expenditure

Repairs to church buildings	-	-	(11,544)	(11,544)	(13,690)
Repairs to other property	-	(4,983)	-	(4,983)	-
Capital purchases/additions	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-

Total resources expended	(75,879)	(8,184)	(14,594)	(98,657)	(97,087)
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- Missionary and charitable giving in 2021 totalled £163 excluding Parish Share.
 - There has been no other charitable or mission giving in 2021.
- Overall running costs for 2021 were £98,657 an increase of £1,570 (+1.6%) on 2020:
 - The increase primarily relates the reintroduction of Coffee Shop activities and work on the church hall fabric (including repairs to the heating system)
 - All Clergy expenses have been paid.
 - We made the £48,000 donation in relation to Parish Share matching the level of 2020
 - Honoraria and Salaries were £16,328, an increase of £1,353, and includes £2,950 to the coffee shop manager which was funded from a specific donation.
- Cost of Fund Raising: This relates to the costs for putting on the various fundraising activities eg Christmas Fayre etc

4. Staff Costs

4a. Employees

St Peter's PCC now employs an administrative assistant, and parish secretary. Cleaner's wages related to the Church Hall Account are shown separately in that account. Non clergy work carried out within the church is either done by professional trades people employed for the task or by volunteers. Throughout the year the church has enjoyed the services of an organist with an occasional stand in, and a part-time youth worker. None of these individuals are considered to be an employee of the church but rather as providers of a service.

4b Payments to PCC Members

Membership of the PCC is voluntary and members do not receive any payments in the normal course of events. However, members of the PCC along with others who incur out of pocket expenses relating to church activities, e.g. Sunday Club, ministry expenses, etc. receive reimbursements which are recorded in the management accounts.

5. Assets

5a Fixed assets

The church possesses no fixed assets which can be held to have any market or balance sheet value.

The church owns office and sound reproduction equipment including desks, chairs, a photocopier, radio microphones etc. All of this equipment has been written off on purchase and has no balance sheet value.

5b Investments

Current assets are primarily the funds deposited in the CBF and the COOP bank current account. The balances at 31st December are shown at the balance sheet on page F2. The opening and closing values of these funds can also be seen on the balance sheet.

As already stated, St Peter's does not possess an investment portfolio as such, the monies we use to run the parish, pay our utility bills and make our contributions to the diocese in the form of Parish Share are almost totally derived from parishioner giving.

6. Debtors

The only debt of any significance outstanding to St Peter's PCC is the current amount of income tax recoverable relating to donations made in the current tax year. It is important to note that these funds are not liquid until the payment is made by HM Revenue and Customs.

7. Liabilities

Current liabilities include amounts falling due within one year. Apart from ongoing payments for utilities, insurance St Peter's currently has no major liabilities.

Parish Share

For 2021, the PCC committed to a figure of £48,000, which has been paid.

The share committed by the PCC for 2022 is £36,000 and has been approved by the diocese. We do ask everyone to understand how vital Parish Share is to the mission and work of our parish, the diocese, and the wider church. Parish Share provides the diocese with an essential source for the funds needed to employ and train clergy and to help other churches in the Diocese. Please consider this in your prayers regarding stewardship for 2022.

8. Funds

A summary of the Endowment, Restricted and Unrestricted funds is as shown below.

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Account Name/Description				Closing Unrestricted	Closing Designated	Closing Restricted	Total
				(£13,646)	£43,275	£2,737	£32,366
Filton Parochial Church Council (Cash)				(£26,848)	£26,232	£2,600	£1,984
CCLA (Cash)				£6,349	£11,505	-	£17,854
Cash Held (Cash)				£5,700	£280	-	£5,980
Church Hall Account (Cash)				-	£2,643	-	£2,643
Parish Office Account (Cash)				£1,154	£2,613	£137	£3,905

Refer to page F2 for further information.

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

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 and 2, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1992 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - b. to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date:

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention: 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and b. to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Accounts

The background image is a photograph of the stone tower of St Peter's Church. The tower is made of light-colored stone blocks and features a large, ornate Gothic-style window with multiple panes and tracery. Above this window is a smaller, narrow arched window. A round clock face with Roman numerals is mounted on the tower's facade. At the top of the tower is a tall, green-patina metal spire. To the left of the main tower, another stone wall with a bright, glowing arched window is visible. The sky is a clear, pale blue. A semi-transparent dark rectangle is overlaid on the upper portion of the image, containing the title text in white.

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ACCOUNTS
ST PETER'S CHURCH
31ST DEC 2020**

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ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

As charity trustees, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's Church Filton has pleasure in presenting the annual report and accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY

- Registered number 1131957
- Parish name: Filton
- St Peter's Church, Gloucester Road North, Filton, Bristol BS34 7BQ
- Independent Financial Examiner: Louise Russell
- Bankers: The Co-operative Bank
- Safeguarding Officers: John Chapman & Anne Duke
- Church Architect: Steve Davis

TRUSTEES

The Revd Elizabeth L A Gregory (Chair)	Linda Keeble (Secretary)
Claire Eade (Treasurer)	John Chapman (Church Warden)
Thomas Moller (Church Warden)	Amy Atkinson (Deputy Church Warden)
Lindon Wooster (Church Warden Emeritus)	Louise Lyddon (Deanery Synod)
Jenny Connor (Deanery Synod)	Linda Rawlings
Anne Duke	Jenny Connor
Alison Chapman	Faith Tutton
Christ Leslie	Tom Leslie
Janet Moller	

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Management of the parish is performed by the Rector with the assistance of a number of parishioners who form the Parochial Church Council (PCC). All governance, management, procedures and policies are maintained in accordance with the standard Church of England practice.

APPOINTMENT OF PCC MEMBERS

PCC members are elected for a term of three years at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Candidates for election must be members of the church who following a conversation with the Rector and/or PCC Secretary (regarding the roles and responsibilities of such a position) have been duly proposed and seconded by members of the church, who are themselves registered on the electoral role.

At the end of three years, PCC members may choose to be re-elected for a further term of three years, after which they must step down. PCC members who have served for six years are not eligible for re-election for a period of not less than 12 months. The Rector is a permanent member of the PCC. The PCC Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the PCC. Members of the congregation who have been elected to represent St Peter's at the Deanery Synod are also members of the PCC.

ORGANISATION OF THE PCC

The Rector takes the role of PCC Chairperson and a minimum of four full meetings is held each year.

In addition to the full PCC there are a number of sub-committees with the objective of making recommendations on specific aspects of church life. These sub-committees are made up from members of the PCC, meet as required, and are:

- *Standing Committee*: covers general management and consists of the Rector, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer.
- *Finance, General Purposes*: oversees finance and general issues of the Church and Church Hall and is chaired by the Rector or another member of the Subcommittee. Membership includes the treasurer, churchwarden and others.
- *Mission, Ministry & Youth*: oversees mission, education and worship and is chaired by Rector or another member of the subcommittee. Membership includes the Rector, a churchwarden and others.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our mission is to serve God in the community of Filton by proclaiming the Christian faith in Filton and to worship God: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We aim to draw all people to the love and fellowship of the Christian faith by teaching, sustaining and nurturing the worshipping community, and by outreaching beyond the parish into the wider world. The factors we consider critical to the success of the strategy are: prayer; worship for all stages of spiritual development; pastoral care; nurturing vocations and encouraging lay ministry, being the spiritual hub of the community; using publicity and providing an organisational structure which will support these aims; and managing our resources effectively.

Within the context of daily life of the parish, personal prayer is heavily emphasised and this is enhanced by: regular teaching and practice; prayer and meditation; recitation of Daily Offices by the clergy, open to all; and additional reflective worship during Advent & Lent, all of which enhances our spiritual journey .

Our worship is based on the Eucharist in which all are called to participate. We try to be liturgically innovative and spiritually challenging. We aim at musical excellence and try to involve our young people in worship as much as possible. In addition, in recent years we have identified particular times when a special service is appropriate, for example: Bereavement services; St. Francis' Day; Christingle Service; Animal Blessing Service; Washing of Feet Service. In addition to the traditional Common Worship services, we also provide a range of more meditative and contemplative services such as Taizé, Healing, Benediction and seasonally appropriate alternatives.

Pastoral care is a commitment shared by all members of the Christian community. The Rector is assisted in this by the Pastoral Care Team, made up of trained volunteers. Much visiting is done within the community, especially at times of crisis or special need.

The church aims to be the Spiritual Hub of the Community. We are actively involved in touching the lives of people of all ages and conditions in life, both in religious and non religious contexts. We do not seek to place barriers in people's way, aim to be accessible and approachable to all and hope to encourage people to undertake their own spiritual journey.

The church is carefully organised and run by its PCC with day to day control in the hands of the Standing Committee. There are many aspects of church life that this report emphasises, and we publish our work through the weekly pew sheets, our web site, our social media presence, and through the wider press.

It is the parish's policy to prioritise our payment of parish share, to maintain the church structures in as best a state of repair as we can, to further our presence in the Community to support external charities as need directs, and to make a commitment to the work of the Children's Society and Christian Aid.

Reality of Strategy to date: This strategy has resulted in St Peter's Church enjoying a strong congregation with well-nourished souls. Our Lord calls us to be planters and sowers, not merely gatherers, and this process takes time.

REPORTS

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Revd Elizabeth L A Gregory

2020 was without doubt the most challenging year the church has faced, probably since the second world war. The emergence of the Covid19 pandemic, saw the church closed for the majority of the year, and when opened was only done so with numerous restrictions in place.

Until March and the first national lockdown the church had progressed as had been hoped with advances being made in line with our Vision Plan. However on the 23rd March church as we knew it stopped, and as Bishop Viv stated, it began to be irrevocably changed by this new 'Pandemic era' in which we find ourselves and which will continue for some time to come. For the first time in living memory, even priests were not able to enter their churches. In person worship ceased in accordance with the law and all church activities stopped with immediate effect.

Despite the sudden emergence of the virus and the almost immediate closure of churches, we as a church adapted in a creative and wonderful way to the challenges ahead. Necessary risk assessments, policies and procedures were constructed, implemented and continually updated to ensure we were acting in accordance with Government restrictions at the same time as meeting our legal obligations. As you will see from this APCM Report and the additional document (*The Covid19 Pandemic & St Peter's Church: A Review*) whilst we faced severe limitations, worship was taken online and made accessible for those without the internet through the telephone line, fellowship groups were created, deepening faith courses were run, telephone chains were established and individual church groups took responsibility for keeping in touch with and trying to ensure people were supported.

St Peters has always had a great sense of fellowship, and the only way this has been able to continue has been by us all working together as individuals, living out our Christian calling. This task would have been impossible, with me acting alone, but between each and every member of the church community, we have sought to do as much as we possibly could within the extremely difficult circumstances. My heartfelt thanks goes to each and every one of you, for the spirit of friendship, support and love that you have offered one another throughout this time.

As you will see the year has caused difficulties for us financially, something that will take us a good few years to recover from. Having said that I am extremely grateful for the continued financial support people have given, especially at such difficult times.

It would be easy to focus on all the negative effects of the pandemic throughout 2020, especially on the trauma that has been experienced and on what we have not been able to do, but I feel to do so would not do justice to the faith that we hold and the hope that we share in Jesus Christ. As always amidst suffering, God's love can be found and that has certainly been the case over 2020.

Through the medium of the internet, our church family has grown, our reach within the community has vastly improved and we have found new and creative ways of being church, in response to a world that is ever changing and needs the good news of the gospel now more than ever. In addition to this, it has been a privilege to have been invited to join the BBC Radio Bristol Thought for the Day team, something which now continues monthly and which I see as a welcome opportunity to reach even more people in Filton and the surrounding areas.

I want to thank you all for your support throughout the year. We could not have done all the things that we have done without your help and support. These have been extraordinary circumstances and we responded as well as we could. The grace and understanding with which this has been met has been greatly appreciated as I and the PCC have tried to navigate this unknown path in the best way we could. The decisions we have had to take have not been easy. We have, and will continue to act with the main objective of keeping you all as safe as is possible, whilst trying to minister to the changing needs of the community.

We will all have been irrevocably changed by the pandemic, and will need to treat one another with understanding, respect and compassion as the world once again opens up. I have no doubt that we will do this, and that we will be able to find our way out of lockdown, holding on to the blessings of the year and reinstating that which enables us to minister and make known God's love in the best way possible.

With love and prayers, *Revd Lizzie*

THE CHOIR

Viv Wilkinson, Musical Director

Suddenly having to stop on Ash Wednesday 2020 was a shock to us all, but thanks to modern technology we have managed to rise and shine in a new and accessible way.

Music cannot be silenced as it is within our very being - like the beating of our hearts. When we cannot sing aloud, collectively, we find other means to continue music worship. Singing songs of praise, hymns and psalms, sends our prayers doubly through word and music.

The book of Psalms are songs; angels sing; and Paul exhorts us to do so. It glorifies God, raises our spirits, witnesses and much more. 'Singing has such a unique way of bringing your heart, soul, mind, and strength together to focus entirely and completely on God.'

In May, organists were permitted to enter churches to maintain their instruments and avoid them falling into expensive disrepair. I took this opportunity to begin recording hymns, sending this out to the choir, and whoever could manage sent me back a recording of their part. Then, through several music software programmes I reassembled them into a complete hymn to be used in the Sunday services.

In October, in smaller numbers, we were allowed to rehearse, and sing in church with all the necessary precautions. We managed four rehearsals and three church services before Covid once again made it necessary to stop. Then we went back to online recording. We also made a few videos and a CD.

During this time we have made sure to keep in touch with those without internet by phone and garden gate visits.

The RSCM has provided major services online for us to rehearse and take part in. These were duplicated and recorded copies made and delivered to those without internet access.

Autumn Leaves sing-a-long has not been able to continue, but will resume when it is again possible.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM (PCT)

Louise Lyddon

We are a small group of church members who work on behalf of Revd Lizzie and the church. We visit church members and care homes for a chat or to give communion. We call and chat to members on the phone, or we email members to see how they are. During lockdown we have also phoned members who do not have computers so to keep in touch and inform them what is happening at St Peter's.

YOUTH

It was very sad to say goodbye to our Youth Worker, Debs Williams due to new work commitments this year. Debs had been with us for over 10 years and had done a wonderful job with our young people over the years.

Debs was due to leave the week the country went into lockdown and so we were unable to say a proper goodbye. For the entirety of the first lockdown, Revd Lizzie ran 3 groups for children per week online. These included Tiny Tots, Tuesday Club (in place of Sunday Club) and Youth of God. These were very well received and reached children throughout the community, and from further afield.

Creative ways of engaging the children in worship were sustained throughout these groups, and additional family events were put on. Our Easter Scavenger hunt reached over 2'500 people, and our Christingle Trail reached over 3000 people, with the service online reaching over 500 people.

Youth of God has continued through the entirety of the year, and provides a much needed monthly space for our young adults to have a safe space to discuss issues concerning them, find some light relief, and enjoy one another company.

Towards the end of 2020 the advert for a replacement Youth Worker was advertised but drew no applicants. This will be taken forward again next year.

BELLRINGERS

David Haslum, Tower Captain

The bells have been checked and appear to be in good order. Due to Covid restrictions, only three members of the same family have rung the bells for the 10am Sunday Eucharist when the church has been open. A recording of the 6 bells is played before the service. Since the last report, the tower has been repointed and the Church clock serviced.

MOTHERS' UNION, FILTON BRANCH

Rachel Williamson, Branch Leader

St Peter's Filton branch of Mothers' Union continues to be part of the Bristol West Deanery of the Diocese. We started the year with full enthusiasm to deliver a varied programme that supported the theme for the year. However, with the hasty emergence of the worldwide pandemic of Covid19, we were quickly placed in lockdown. This saw all meetings halted.

As a committee we divided responsibilities amongst ourselves to maintain contact and support with our members by phone, text or email. As lockdown lifted we were able to meet once in August for a coffee morning on the Rectory lawn which was a great comfort, bringing joy and excitement to us all.

The second lockdown came very quickly and again we maintained remote contact. We also have out a gift of hope to all our members which was some bulbs to plant in the compost and pot given. During this time we have also been establishing Zoom links with our members, and also joining in prayer and services with the Horfield Branch.

We have maintain a mix of full members and indoor members totalling 24. We continue to look to the future to a time when lockdown lifts and we can meet again. We are hopeful as we move forward to have more times of fellowship with the Horfield Branch.

We are all living with hope. We are all living with prayer. Many thanks to those involved who made the stresses and anxieties easier to bear.

LADIES' GROUP

Jennifer Deeks

We currently have members from within the church community and also the wider community, and at the start of the year were glad to welcome new and returning members, friends and visitors to our meetings. The meetings were, of course, curtailed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Before that we enjoyed the friendship and support of the group as a whole in the meetings we did hold. These included a speaker from BUST, the Breast Cancer Unit Support Trust, which is our current charity; an interesting talk "Behind the curtain at the Bristol Hippodrome" and our annual meal out which was once again voted a success.

Once we were no longer able to meet in the church hall, we have kept in touch by phone and, when allowed by the rules and the weather, we have met in gardens of members for coffee, cake and conversation. There were also socially distanced doorstep meetings and walks to keep in touch.

Plans for 2021 are in abeyance, but the phone calls continue, and garden meetings should restart soon.

ROSARY GROUP

Linda Rawlings

Our small group have been unable to meet in person over the past year. We have continued with our personal devotions in our homes. We are looking forward to meeting and praying together, once the restrictions are lifted.

CHRISTIAN AID

Melanie Reed

No collections were taken in 2020 due to Covid restrictions. We had planned to hold a couple of fundraising coffee mornings last summer but these couldn't go ahead either. Christian Aid week in May was of course advertised nationally so that there was an opportunity to donate online. Sadly the local Christian Aid office in Stoke Gifford has had to close since, due to the events of the past year, they have had to streamline the organisation.

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Deb Wilkey

Well, who would have thought that we would be holding our unit meetings via Zoom for the last twelve months! we have, and surprisingly we have achieved a lot.

Brownies were supposed to be going on a pack holiday, which was cancelled, so we did a virtual pack holiday with a Harry Potter theme. They dressed up, make wands, did magic spells, two acts of kindness, cooked a family dinner and washed up. They made tents, either inside or outside, and we made smores, had a campfire and sang camp songs. We worked on an Aviation badge where we made rockets and looked at different things that could fly.

We have done a Jobs badge where we had a visit from a local vet and the Filton police, and the brownies did job adverts and told us what they would like to do when they grow up. We had a dancing challenge and a Disco Dance lady join us and teach us some moves!

Rainbows and Brownies worked on the Beautiful Cities Challenge badge. They visited Paris where they did a bin bag fashion show, a visit to London where we designed our own London bus and sang the national anthem. Then off to Vienna where we made flags. In Rome we made pasta pictures and they made a pizza of their choice. In Budapest we decorated cakes with a tulip theme, and in Prague we make a robot out of recycled materials and had a bridge quiz.

For Remembrance Day the Rainbows drew a field of poppies and the Brownies made poppy wreaths. We stood on our doorsteps in our uniforms to observe the two-minute silence.

For Children in Need we did an Act Your Age badge - a 5-year old Rainbow learned 5 different football skills; a 7-year old Brownie did 7 different stretches, and an 8-year old Brownie wrote Children In Need in 8 different languages!

For Christmas we did The Greatest Showman activity badge, making melted snowmen biscuits, snowflakes, a Santa and a snowman. We had a Christmas party with games and dancing and had a visit from one of Santa's elves.

Guides and Rangers have also been very busy. We did have one socially distanced meeting last July at the park to see the Guides and present all the badges they had achieved.

We have had many visits from outside organisations: a forensic evening talking about fingerprints; disco dance and laughing yoga to help the girls with the emotional strain of lockdown; a beauty therapy night for the Rangers; and a pet show for the Guides complete with dogs, cats, chickens and goats!

We held a virtual camp where the girls made dens or slept in tents. We also attended the County Virtual Camp and joined over 200 other members from the County for a weekend of activities.

Along with the Guide programme, completing work towards their awards, we are also completing the Amey engineering challenge. Many have completed their Mixology, Confectioner and Photography badges. We have even enrolled girls on Zoom.

Escape rooms have been challenging and good for teamwork. The Guides have taken it in turns to present a quiz each week.

The Guide Unit was 65 years old in 2020, and we had planned a party, so we celebrated by sending out challenges to compete instead.

All our Uniformed Organisations joined together for a VE day celebration, and regional virtual World Thinking Day weekend with over 6,000 members. We also did a St Peter's Thinking Day event where we played games, made sombrero hats, decorated friendship sticks and made friendship bracelets.

As you can see, we have had a lot of fun despite the lockdown, but we are all looking forward to seeing each other face to face once more.

DEANERY SYNOD

Louise Lyddon

St Peter's representatives at the Deanery Synod are John Chapman, Jenny Connor, Louise Lyddon and Lindon Wooster.

Our February meeting was about the challenge of our times and to declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency. We also discussed the Christian response to the climate crisis.

During our July meeting, held by Zoom, Bishop Viv spoke with her reflections on the current situation and how things might change in the future. She also asked these questions:

- What have we lost that needs to remain lost?
- What has been lost in the last few months that we must regain in the months ahead?
- What have we gained that we need to keep?
- What has been gained which was fine for the season but can now be lost?
- What could we have gained, but haven't, or haven't yet?

During our September meeting, Archdeacon Neil Warwick thanked Rod Symons, Area Dean, for his service over the last six years.

The November meeting focused on how churches were preparing for Advent and Christmas during lockdown. We discussed Transforming Churches Together, and we talked about the upcoming announcement of the new Area Dean, due to be announced in January 2021.

ONLINE PRESENCE

Faith Tutton, Parish Administrator

In a year when so much has had to be carried out online, it was decided useful to analyse our reach in the virtual world. Our online presence over the past year has been measured using three factors: our Google trends; our website traffic; and our Facebook presence.

Looking firstly at Google, unsurprisingly the amount of people asking for directions to the church has gone down considerably (84 in December 2019 compared with 28 in December 2020). The amount of visitors to our website has stayed roughly the same, averaging around 115 per month.

In 2020, the total unique visitors to our website was just over 2,000, roughly the same as it had been in 2019, however our site sessions increased by 15% to 4,487. The majority of visitors to the website came directly, followed by the number of those who had found it via Google. However, there has been a large increase in visitors who have come to the site via our Facebook page; almost double from the previous year. Our website traffic peaked in April and November 2020, which ties in, unsurprisingly, with the two lockdowns last year.

Our Facebook traffic has been the most interesting set of analytics. In January and February 2020, the average amount of people who reacted to any of our posts was negligible - around 3 or 4, with a small peak in February to 7. By March, during the first lockdown, these reactions had climbed to an average of 69, and in April (Easter), they hit 234 per post. They stayed at an average of around 40 reactions per post for the remainder of the year until Remembrance Sunday and Christmas, when they spiked again - the second lockdown. This period of 6 weeks also saw the greatest number of people clicking on the link to our website. Our page followers increased from 357 in January to 511 in December. Our main visitors came directly to the home page, but from March onwards, there was also a small proportion of visitors coming via the St Peter's website. Looking at the trends, it is obvious that our Facebook interactions have grown hugely since we started to stream our services.

Taking an overview of the year by streaming worship online, services on average reached approximately 6'000 people per month. In general, our Facebook posts reached an average of 10'000 people per month, peaking in April 2020 with 27'797 and worship reaching 19'285 in that month alone. The number of people that interacted with worship by either liking, watching or commenting averaged just under 2000 people per month. This has shown itself to be a wonderful resource for mission and evangelism, and has remained so through and in-between lockdowns. It shows that the streamed services have been very well received.

COFFEE SHOP

In January, we very sadly said goodbye to our wonderful Coffee Shop Manager, Angela Thompson as she lost her battle with Pancreatic Cancer. Before she died, Angela helped with the appointment of our New Manager and provided funds for a years employment.

Rachael was settling in well, getting to know all the volunteers and then the Coffee Shop was forced to shut due to the Pandemic. Unfortunately the Coffee Shop has not been able to open since, as plans being put in place for an October opening, were scuppered by the second lockdown.

As a place of hospitality, the Coffee Shop is covered by further restrictions which must be met in order to open. It is hoped that with the easing of lockdown in May 2021, we can re-open and get back to being a hub of the community once again.

TEA WITH THE VICAR

The Revd Elizabeth L A Gregory

This is a new online fellowship group which was begun as the first lockdown began. It offers an opportunity for people to get together on line (and via the phonenumber) to chat over a virtual cup of tea (or coffee!). It was set up to help people stay connected with one another, but has continued and is a lovely way of joining together in fellowship.

BRABAZON BELLES

Only two meetings were able to take place this year, both of which were well attended by women in the local community.

OTHER GROUPS

Time to Grieve, Games Group, Open House, Knitting Group, St Peter's in the Pub: Due to the Pandemic, these have not been held. Much needed contact has still been maintained between the members of the group which is greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Please see additional document 'Accounts 2020'

Parochial Church Council of St Peter's, Filton Annual Financial Report 2020

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on Tuesday, 20th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by the Reverend Elizabeth Gregory (PCC Chairperson)

The Covid-19 Pandemic has had a significant impact on St Peter's income during 2020. Reserves have been reduced as income has decreased and the PCC has reduced expenditure where possible to compensate; we envisage it will take around three years to rebuild reserves in the current climate. More can be read on this matter in the Rector's COVID19 Report.

We bring to your attention that the Church Hall fundraising activity has been brought under PCC control during 2020 and both income and expenditure is included as a Designated fund.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2020

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2020 £	2019 £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income:					
Planned giving	40,630	-	-	40,630	51,660
Collections, donations & other giving	3,894	223	16,500	20,617	10,631
Income tax recovered	8,836	-	-	8,836	20,201
Legacies	-	1,000	-	1,000	36,577
Activities for generating funds					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	19	4,202	-	4,221	173
Income from other Properties	-	-	-	-	-
Annual Fete/events	3,305	13	-	3,318	5,036
Investment income:					
Interest & dividends	75	-	-	75	133
Income from charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	2,307	-	-	2,307	1,811
Other incoming resources:					
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-
Other	2,846	-	-	2,846	14,757
Total incoming resources	61,912	5,438	16,500	83,850	140,979

Other income includes the coffee shop.

Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church, Filton – Registered Charity 1131957
Annual Report 2020

Resources expended

Charitable activities:

Donations/Grants to charities	(200)	-	-	(200)	(2,200)
Mission & Evangelism	(59)	-	-	(59)	(1,050)
Parish Share	(48,000)	-	-	(48,000)	(66,000)
Clergy expenses	(710)	-	-	(710)	(2,139)
Church running expenses	(6,710)	(298)	(1,661)	(8,669)	(11,419)
Churchyard maintenance	(630)	-	-	(630)	(1,110)
Cost of raising funds	(914)	(5,024)	-	(5,938)	(2,848)

Running costs:

Support costs	(60)	-	-	(60)	(1,075)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(14,805)	-	(170)	(14,975)	(18,509)
Other	(4,156)	-	-	(4,156)	(4,912)

Governance costs

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Major expenditure

Repairs to church buildings	-	-	(13,690)	(13,690)	(1,209)
Repairs to other property	-	-	-	-	-
Capital purchases/additions	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-

Total resources expended	(76,244)	(5,322)	(15,521)	(97,087)	(112,471)
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Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources	(14,333)	116	979	(13,238)	28,508
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<i>Transfers between funds</i>	118	37	(155)	0	-
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<i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before gains</i>	(14,214)	153	824	(13,238)	28,508
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<i>Gains on investment assets</i>	-	-	-	-	-
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<i>Net movement in funds</i>	(14,214)	153	824	(13,238)	28,508
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<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2020</i>	12,410	34,303	25,729	72,442	43,934
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<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2020</i>	(1,804)	34,456	26,553	59,205	72,442
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The notes on pages F3 through F12 form part of these accounts.

St Peter's Church Filton Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020

	2020		2019	
Assets	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets		0		0
Current assets				
Bank Current Account	27,331		49,015	
Church Hall Bank Account	8,290		9,112	
Central Board of Finance Deposit Account	17,845		17,769	
Cash in Hand	5,739		0	
	<u>59,205</u>		<u>75,897</u>	
Total Assets		59,205		75,897
Liabilities				
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year		0		-3,455
		<u>59,205</u>		<u>72,442</u>
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)				
		59,205		72,442
Parish Funds				
Current Account Funds				
Accumulated General Balance		(9,020)		5,269
Designated Funds				
Fabric Fund Designated	383		355	
Choir Fund	0		280	
Legacies & Donations	25,782		24,560	
	<u>26,166</u>		<u>25,195</u>	
Restricted Funds				
Other Restricted	6,739		11,151	
Other Restricted - Appeals	0		90	
Other Restricted - Legacies & Donations	5,330		0	
Pew Cushion Fund	3,855		3,855	
	<u>15,924</u>		<u>15,096</u>	
Total Current Account Funds		33,070		45,560
Central Board of Finance Funds (CBF)				
Designated Funds				
General Reserves Fund	7,216		7,140	
General Fund	0		0	
	<u>7,216</u>		<u>7,140</u>	
Restricted Funds				
Other Restricted Funds	0		0	
Building Fund (Ex Vestry Roof)	6,000		6,000	
Legacies Fund	4,629		4,629	
	<u>10,629</u>		<u>10,629</u>	
Total CBF Funds		17,845		17,769
Other Accounts				
Church Hall		8,290		9,112
		<u>59,205</u>		<u>72,442</u>
Total Parish Funds				

St Peter's Church, Filton - Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31st December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

General

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

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

Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

St Peter's does not have any funds of this type.

Restricted Funds represent:

- (a) Income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in terms of the trust or bequest, and
- (b) Donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Within St Peter's restricted funds usually relate to specific objects such as our lent box appeal or other specific charitable objects.

The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Designated Funds are funds which have been designated by the PCC for a specific purpose. These can be transferred to Restricted or Unrestricted funds with the agreement of the PCC.

Unrestricted Funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received.

In some charitable organizations it is common practice to accrue anticipated amounts such as this as soon as they are believed to be legally entitled, however we have had past instances where expectations have not been met and as the occurrence of such sums is very infrequent we have decided to account for them only on receipt.

Any other income is accounted for when it is receivable.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when the decision is agreed by the PCC.

The diocesan parish share is by far the largest single item of expenditure within St Peter's.

Amounts received for mission or specific objects, such as the annual lent box appeal, are dealt with as restricted funds.

All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to the year 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis whenever appropriate. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Reserves Policy

At the end of 2008 we proposed a new reserves policy. While this new policy reduced the level of reserve we were accustomed to holding, it was based on Church-of-England guidance and assumptions about the profile of our ongoing expenditure. This new reserves policy has the potential to free up funds for mission work within both the parish and the diocese. The policy is based upon the following:

1. Money should only be kept in reserve for specific reasons. Whilst the Bible clearly indicates that we should not hoard it is also clear that sensible planning for known events and responsibility for others is important.
2. It would therefore be prudent to keep two to three months running costs in reserve. For St Peter's this is approximately £7,000-£10,000 (excluding Parish Share).
3. It is also prudent to have funds in reserve to cover future building work, especially in the case of emergency repairs. Consequently, at the end of 2008 we split the remaining General Reserve fund into two elements; a General Reserve and a Building Fund.
4. The level of reserve held is reviewed annually

Year End Reserves Status

1. The Building Fund stands at £6,000.

2. The General Reserve stands at £7,216 as we now divert interest received within the CBF account into general use.
3. Our Legacy Fund in the CBF is currently £4,629.

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2a Voluntary Income

- Despite the pandemic Total Voluntary income (£61,247) in 2020 has only decreased by £1,073 (-1.7%) and we extend our deep appreciation to our parishioners and donors.
- Other factors that need to be considered:
 - Gift Aid Reclaim (outside the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)) for 2020 has been estimated at £2,700. The larger figure (£20,201) shown in 2019 included back payments for previous years.
 - Following the Covid-19 guidelines for church serves there has been no opportunity to take retiring collections for special causes.

2b Activities for Generating Funds

- The elements in this category for 2020 include the proceeds of our annual Christmas Fayre which raised £2,607 and the raffle raised £790 which was up by £106 (-3.2%) from the 2019 figure. Our grateful thanks are sent to all involved.
- Other fundraising has been seriously curtailed during the year; the online monthly quiz night has been a success and donations have been included in Collections and donations.
- The various groups which meet and raise funds, which includes the Games Group, Knitting Group, Autumn Leaves were unable to meet for most of the year but raised a total of £138 at the start of the year.
- There have been no other charitable collections in 2020.

2c Income from Investments

The only investment monies held by St Peter's PCC are those deposited in either the current account or the CBF Church of England Funds (CBF).

Due to the current financial climate, income from investments amounted to only £75 in 2020.

St Peter's does not possess an investment portfolio. The monies we use to run the parish and make our contributions to the diocese in the form of Parish Share are almost totally derived from parishioner giving.

2d Church Activities

- Parochial Fees of £2,307 include sums received throughout the year, principally for marriages and funerals. This was an increase of £496 on 2019.
- Trading relates to the magazine and bookstall and Coffee Shop activities and now includes Church Hall lettings; this was significantly curtailed in 2020
 - the coffee shop raised £2,032 in the short time it was open at the start of the year.
 - cards made for sale in the coffee shop raised £66
 - the church hall invoiced £4,202 for rental activity

Resources Expended

Resources expended

Charitable activities:

Donations/Grants to charities	(200)	-	-	(200)	(2,200)
Mission & Evangelism	(59)	-	-	(59)	(1,050)
Parish Share	(48,000)	-	-	(48,000)	(66,000)
Clergy expenses	(710)	-	-	(710)	(2,139)
Church running expenses	(6,710)	(298)	(1,661)	(8,669)	(11,419)
Churchyard maintenance	(630)	-	-	(630)	(1,110)
Cost of raising funds	(914)	(5,024)	-	(5,938)	(2,848)

Running costs:

Support costs	(60)	-	-	(60)	(1,075)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(14,805)	-	(170)	(14,975)	(18,509)
Other	(4,156)	-	-	(4,156)	(4,912)

Governance costs

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Major expenditure

Repairs to church buildings	-	-	(13,690)	(13,690)	(1,209)
Repairs to other property	-	-	-	-	-
Capital purchases/additions	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-

Total resources expended	(76,244)	(5,322)	(15,521)	(97,087)	(112,471)
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- Missionary and charitable giving in 2020 totalled £59 excluding Parish Share.
 - There has been no other charitable or mission giving in 2020.
- Overall running costs for 2020 were £96,828 a decrease of £12,393 (11.3%) from £109,221 in 2019:
 - The decrease primarily relates to curtailed services and spend relating to the Covid-19 pandemic
 - All Clergy expenses have been paid.
 - We made the £48,000 donation in relation to Parish Share a reduction of £18,000 on 2019
 - Honoraria and Salaries were £14,975, an decrease of £3,534, this is partially due to the resignation of the Youth Worker who was not replaced during the pandemic.
 - A Coffee Shop manager has been recruited but she has not worked during the pandemic; funds are available for this post thanks to a donation that is included in the Restricted fund.
- Running and maintenance costs at £22,989 is an increase of £9,251 (£13,798 – 2019) This includes the cost of £13,690 for the tower repointing for which a donation of £11,000 was received.
- Trading costs were £538. Trading costs primarily include the Coffee Shop.
- Cost of Fund Raising: This category is for the year (The cost of Church Hall expenditure £5024 has been included here). This relates to the costs for putting on the various fundraising activities eg Christmas Fayre etc

4. Staff Costs

4a. Employees

St Peter's PCC now employs an administrative assistant, parish secretary and pastoral assistant. Cleaner's wages related to the Church Hall Account are shown separately in that account. Non clergy work carried out within the church is either done by professional trades people employed for the task or by volunteers. Throughout the year the church has enjoyed the services of an organist with an occasional stand in, and a part-time youth worker. None of these individuals are considered to be an employee of the church but rather as providers of a service.

4b Payments to PCC Members

Membership of the PCC is voluntary and members do not receive any payments in the normal course of events. However, members of the PCC along with others who incur out of pocket expenses relating to church activities, e.g. Sunday Club, ministry expenses, etc. receive reimbursements which are recorded in the management accounts.

5. Assets

5a Fixed assets

The church possesses no fixed assets which can be held to have any market or balance sheet value.

The church owns office and sound reproduction equipment including desks, chairs, a photocopier, radio microphones etc. All of this equipment has been written off on purchase and has no balance sheet value.

5b Investments

Current assets are primarily the funds deposited in the CBF and the COOP bank current account. The balances at 31st December are shown at the balance sheet on page F2. The opening and closing values of these funds can also be seen on the balance sheet.

As already stated, St Peter's does not possess an investment portfolio as such, the monies we use to run the parish, pay our utility bills and make our contributions to the diocese in the form of Parish Share are almost totally derived from parishioner giving.

6. Debtors

The only debt of any significance outstanding to St Peter's PCC is the current amount of income tax recoverable relating to donations made in the current tax year. It is important to note that these funds are not liquid until the payment is made by HM Revenue and Customs.

7. Liabilities

Current liabilities include amounts falling due within one year. Apart from ongoing payments for utilities, insurance St Peter's currently has no major liabilities.

Parish Share

For 2020, the PCC committed to a figure of £67,320, of which has been paid in agreement with Bristol Diocese and is solely due to the income reduction during to the pandemic..

The share committed by the PCC for 2021 is £48,000. We do ask everyone to understand how vital Parish Share is to the mission and work of our parish, the diocese and the wider church. Parish Share provides the Diocese with an essential source for

the funds needed to employ and train clergy and to help other churches in the Diocese. Please consider this in your prayers regarding stewardship for 2021.

8. Funds

A summary of the Endowment, Restricted and Unrestricted funds is as shown below.

Account Name/Description	Closing Unrestricted	Closing Designated	Closing Restricted	Total
	(£1,804)	£34,455	£26,553	£59,205
Filton Parochial Church Council (Cash)	(£14,759)	£26,166	£15,924	£27,331
CCLA (Cash)	£7,216	-	£10,629	£17,845
Cash Held (Cash)	£5,739	-	-	£5,739
Church Hall Account (Cash)	-	£8,290	-	£8,290

Refer to page F2 for further information.

The Revd Elizabeth A Gregory (Rector)
29/04/2021

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

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 1 and 2, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1992 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - b. to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

L. Russell

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29th April 2021