



Annual Report
of the
Joint Council of Lincoln:
St Peter in Eastgate
and
St Peter in Carlton
Church

For the year ended 31 December 2022

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Reference Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter in Eastgate with St Margaret is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Charity registration number: 1132605. The parish is part of the Diocese of Lincoln.

St Peter's church is located on Eastgate, Lincoln. and its official correspondence address is:

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For the period 1 January 2022 to 24 April 2023 the following people served as members of the Joint council (JC)¹ and in other Church offices.

<i>Church offices</i>	<i>Joint Council Members</i>
<i>Priest in Charge</i>	Rev. Richard Steel (from 09 January 2022)
<i>Readers</i>	Chris Higham (from October 2022) Ian Hyde
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Ardva Boyes-Brewer Chris Higham - Lay Vice Chair until 09 January 2023 Churchwarden until 20 March 2023 Geoff Stratford
<i>Elected Deanery Synod Representatives</i>	Ardva Boyes-Brewer Graham Wiggett Geoff Stratford (from May 2022)
<i>Elected Joint Council Members</i>	Jayne Besley (co-opted January 2022, elected May 2022) Steven Brewer Hugo Cobham (until May 2022) John Dagnan (from May 2022) Denise Eardley (co-opted January 2022, elected May 2022) Jason Hippisley Rick Lund (from May 2022) Lesley Mann (co-opted - Sept 2022) Gloria Ojo Sarah Rose (until May 2022) Paul Tesha Cate Waby Graham Wiggett Roy Woodford (from May 2022)
<i>Joint Council Secretary</i>	Steven Brewer (until Sept 2022) Lesley Mann (from Sept 2022)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Hugo Cobham (until February 2022) Graham Wiggett (from February 2022)
<i>Electoral Roll Officers</i>	Geoff Stratford (Carlton) Graham Wiggett (Eastgate)

¹ The method of appointment of Joint Council members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (Part 9)

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<i>Other church offices</i>	Not Joint Council Members
Safeguarding Officer	Chris Jenkinson (from March 2022)
Giving Secretary	Hugo Cobham (from February 2022)
Health & Safety Officer	Kevin Mann
Chair of the Mission Partnerships	Sarah Rose

St. Peters Joint Council has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Richard Steel, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

Administration Information

The Lincoln Diocesan Board of Finance acted as Custodian Trustee for the inalienable property of the church (that is the church building).

Bankers - HSBC, 221 High Street, Lincoln, LN2 1AZ.

Independent Examiner - Stephen Quint, 243 Burton Road, Lincoln LN1 3UB.

The day-to-day management of the Church was exercised by:

Priest in Charge, Rev Richard Steel (from 09 January 2022) and Churchwardens; Ardva Boyes-Brewer, Chris Higham, and Geoff Stratford

Structure, Management and Governance:

St Peter in Eastgate and St Peter in Carlton Joint Council is a body corporate which operated under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. St Peter's was in a period of Vacancy throughout 2021. The Diocese then appointed Rev Richard Steel as interim Priest in Charge from January 2022.

Related Trusts:

The Eastgate School Foundation (Charity number 527662), Rev. Richard Steel. Food in School Holidays (FiSH) (Charity number 1158569), Ardva Boyes-Brewer was chair of the trustees of this charity and Cate Waby was also a trustee.

Electoral Rolls

All church members were encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll of St Peter in Eastgate or St Peter in Carlton. The 2022 Electoral Roll numbers were as follows:

Carlton (resident)	20
Carlton (non-resident)	15
Sub Total	35
Eastgate (resident)	40
Eastgate (non-resident)	141
Sub Total	181
Grand Total	216

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Subcommittees

The Joint Council operated the following subcommittees, appointed by, and reporting to, the Joint Council.

Fabric Committee, Finance Committee, Mission Partnerships Committee, Pastoral Care Committee, Safeguarding Committee, St Peter's Carlton Committee, Staff Support Committee, Standing Committee and the Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Group.

[NB in some areas although work continued the Committees did not function so aspects of the work will appear in the general report without detail here]

Fabric

Following on from the Quinquennial Inspection of October 2021, much of the fabric activity was focussed on gaining approvals and funding for repairs identified by the inspection. Faculty approvals were obtained for repairs to the church bell and the valley area of the church roof. Quotes were also obtained for this work, but the economic conditions resulted in significant increases to the costs outline by the church architect. Work started on the specification of work required for repairs and improvements to the organ. Additionally, roof repairs in the vicinity of the organ loft and office roof are scheduled for 2023, with repairs to the flat roof over the toilets and kitchen deferred until 2024. As a consequence of the annual electrical safety check, a new electrical distribution box was required in the kitchen and further electrical work will be required in 2023 to some lighting circuits. Slipped roof slates continue to be a problem and finding reliable roofers was, and still is, challenging. During 2022, the church lawn became infested by Chaffer grubs, resulting in much of the grass disappearing as birds searched for them. Repairs are likely to take a couple of years.

Finance Giving and Fundraising

During 2022 the Finance Sub Committee met six times to develop and monitor the annual budget. It also made recommendations to the Joint Council about banking, the Covenant Pledge (previously the Parish Share), charges for occasional offices (funerals and marriages), etc. The Giving Secretary (a new post introduced in 2022) organised a membership-wide giving review and brought St Peters up to date with a contactless giving option in church. The giving review resulted in a substantial uplift in planned giving which is tremendously encouraging for the development of St Peters' 5-year vision and its additional avenues of ministry. Two other encouragements, through the year, were a £5,000 legacy and a £5,157.70 grant from the Diocese (part of £15m "new money and sustainability funding" from the national church) to help us cope with the rapidly increasing utility bills.

Safeguarding

Caring for people is a particularly important part of our Christian life. We believe we are a safe church and take the care and support of everyone very seriously, especially within the post covid context and the increased cost of living.

The Joint Council, in June 2022, agreed to continue to adopt the Diocese Safeguarding policy, and to the best of its knowledge, has taken all reasonable steps to comply with its duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults), and to comply with all relevant updates.

There have been several pastoral concerns that have been supported within our Church family and/or signposted to helping agencies. None of these have needed to be brought to the attention of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and/or the Joint Council.

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The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), Chris Jenkinson, continued to work with the Joint Council and attended the Joint Council meeting in June 2022, where she presented the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. This is a Diocese tool which measures the implication of safeguarding measures within a parish. The Joint Council approved the resultant action plan. The challenge for 2023/24 is to ensure the Parishes reach level 3 on the dashboard.

Safeguarding policies and procedures have been approved by the Joint Council and continue to be reviewed. DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks were all up to date.

Much work has been done to ensure mandatory training has been completed by all those who require it. New workers (paid and volunteers) have only been appointed following the Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance. Risk assessments are in place and there is adequate insurance cover for all Church activities.

The PSO thanked the whole congregation, as well as Joint Council members, for their cooperation and support in taking on board the requirements of safeguarding compliance. While the intention behind the guidance is protective, like a lot of legislation, the minutiae can appear and feel restrictive.

Climate & Ecological Working Group

We re-affirmed our **Terms of Reference** as specified by PCC in April 2021:

'...to make recommendations to the PCC... about how we should respond to the 'climate and ecological emergency'(as expressed in e.g. the resolutions of General Synod, Diocesan Synod, UN etc) ... and to review St Peter's current draft Environment Policy and make recommendations to the PCC about it.'

We proposed the following strapline:

Challenging JC to respond appropriately to the Climate & Ecological Emergency.

The first opportunity to make recommendations to Joint Council came in September 2022, when Joint Council unanimously agreed two proposals, following papers shared in advance to JC members:

- 1 That Joint Council *acknowledges*¹ that *there is a "global climate and ecological emergency; it is a crisis for all God's creation, and a fundamental injustice"*²; and commits our church to do our best to achieve our General Synod's target of "net zero emissions by 2030"³; *because we believe that the gospel calls us to repent; and to witness to God's love by 'loving our neighbour as ourselves' and by exercising care for all that God has created and loves.* Our commitment to the target is NOT 'virtue signalling', to make church appear 'holier than thou' or better than fellow citizens; nor is it in order to earn God's favour by 'salvation by works,' but it is our response to God's love and gift, in obedience in faith.
- 2 The Joint Council requires all the church sub-committees and teams/groups to frame their terms of reference to undertake their work and submit recommendations to Joint Council, consistent with Proposal 1, in order to embed our agreed recognition and commitment into all aspects of our church life.

¹ All footnotes omitted for brevity

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Our next task is to review St Peter's draft environment policy, in the light of JC's agreement, and to recommend its adoption by JC.

We are pleased to hear that one new active couple decided to stay at St Peter's partly because of the display of Christian material on the climate & ecological emergency. We need more volunteers to join the group!

Carlton

During 2022 we continued to enjoy fellowship in our 'gathering' on the first Sunday morning each month in a home in the Parish (average attendance eight people). We invite people: "Bring a thought, a reading, an item of personal news, a prayer or a silence. We listen carefully and lovingly to one another." (1 Cor 14:26) On the third Sunday afternoon each month we have a reflective walk on the quarry / nature reserve, often finishing at Mamma's for coffee, and occasional litter-picking. We've continued our fortnightly in person Rooted Group, and our weekly on-line Rooted group.

A small team (Peter Faulkner, Terry & Ruth Rimen, Tim Kelsey and Mary – a local Methodist) has re-started services at Olsen Court sheltered housing, and has made tentative steps for a service at Bunkers Hill Care Home.

With our limited numbers we remain engaged as best we can in the life of our local community. We have distributed "Holiday Club in a Bag" to families with children who requested it, working with other local churches. This has given us an opportunity to maintain contact with families who used to come to Carlton Family Hour.

For the second year in succession, we worked with the Coop for the Carlton Centre Christmas lights switch-on. On this occasion we had more community engagement by involving the primary school and local dance school and had support from other local churches. We hope that this will grow.

Looking to the future we are encouraged that St Peters has received a significant legacy to support "the outreach work at the Glebe and Carlton Centre". It will be important to explore our strategy for Carlton in a pioneer context but we suggest this is a matter best left for the new incumbent. We are confident that God has purposes for us here, as we seek to share the Good News of God's Kingdom. We look forward to the possibility of further collaboration with local churches, the Coop, the primary school and the local pub. There are 'people of peace' with whom we could work to serve the community: in a renewed residents association; caring for the quarry and nature reserve; promoting facilities for young people; the possibility of supporting a church initiative for young people: the RoadHog Bus project.

St Peter's also had the following ministry teams.

Music Team

Sunday services were served by a mixture of worship video items and live music video material was either directly obtained from YouTube or modified for St Peter's use; other online resources were also employed. Musicians and singers were drawn together to provide live music on an ad hoc basis for Sunday services. From December live music became available every week. Live organ music for Wednesday communion services was provided on a regular basis and additional music was provided for our Easter and Christmas services. We were saddened to say goodbye in December to Martin Cooper who was for many years a key figure in much of church life but particularly in coordinating the music team.

Sound and Livestream Teams

Sunday services were transmitted live over YouTube. These employed a mixture of preprepared and live material. Broadcast and internal St Peter's sound was coordinated by the appropriate technical teams.

Prayer Ministry Team

A weekly hour-long prayer gathering took place in Church on Wednesday mornings ahead of the Wednesday morning Communion Service. Regular monthly meetings for women (Warrior Women – online) and men (Prayer and Pint) also took place. Prayer featured in the many groups taking place throughout the life of the church and this remains a high priority.

Home groups (Rooted groups)

Our Rooted house groups are a great strength. In 2022, we had 9 groups who worshiped, prayed and studied together, forming deeper bonds and pastoral support to each other. This was approximately 70% of church membership. We encouraged those not in Rooted groups to join, to build church community and to deepen relationships with God and one another.

Children's Ministry Team

Family Hour Toddler Group is a group aimed at children from 0 -5 years and their adult carers (inc. mums, dads, grandparents). and restarted after Covid in October 2021. Throughout 2022, it ran each Tuesday morning 10-11.30 am during term time. By the end of 2022, this group was host to 22 children and their families. It included free play, craft, story, and songs. It was led by Catherine Ross and supported by a team of 5 women who took time to set up and pray together before each session.

Children

St Peter in Eastgate church is fully committed to facilitating high quality children's worship and teaching and we strongly believe that children are part of our church today and can make a worthwhile contribution. During 2022 we moved away from a "Sunday School" model to a more worship-based model. In November the leader of our children's work, Rachael Spencer stepped down and a new leader, Lesley Mann, was appointed.

At present we have all-age worship, but activities within that were varied where appropriate. Changes to our children's work were necessitated by a change in personnel and a decrease in numbers following the pandemic:

- To allow visitors and less regular attenders to benefit from our worship, we began to follow a curriculum which does not build upon previous knowledge (numbers can vary from 3 to 14!)
- Scripture Union materials were used during the first part of the year but subsequently we generated our own Children's Worship materials through a planning team of teachers.
- We developed a team with 4 roles: Planning (4 teachers), Leader, Adult Assistant and Youth Assistant. The latter triad facilitated worship one week per month.

St Peter's Youth (SPY)

Throughout 2022, SPY was led by Ardva Boyes-Brewer, Steve Brewer and supported by Revd Richard Steel. Young people came from both inside and outside of the immediate church family and we explored opportunities to make connections with other churches in the local area to strengthen the support for our youth. SPY met bi-weekly on Sunday evenings to study a message from the bible, to

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share food, games, and fellowship. Additionally, there were outings and other socials throughout the term. SPY members served in church e.g. as readers, sound engineers, and helped with Children's worship.

Carlton Family Hour

With the loss of the venue, the Carlton Family Hour was closed. Nevertheless, contact was maintained with some of the families. See the Carlton section.

Mission Partnerships

As a church family, we continued to grow in our understanding that we are part of God's much bigger picture and we prayed for and celebrated God working in and through our mission partners, locally and further afield.

Members of our church family were actively involved in local groups serving the community together with Christians from other churches within Lincoln, and there have been regular opportunities to meet and pray with other Christians reaching out to the community through groups such as "Transform Lincoln", "Churches Together in Lincoln and District" and "Prayer in Schools".

In 2022, we set aside 10% of the General Fund planned giving income to be available to support our mission partners at home and overseas. The Mission Partnerships Committee (MPC) developed a 2-year rolling programme in which the whole church voted for who our new partners would be. In 2022, following that vote and on MPC recommendations, Joint Council elected to support 6 key charities; 2 local (The Joy Foundation (teaching about Jesus in local schools) and St Peter in Eastgate School); 2 national (University & Colleges Christian Fellowship and Christians Against Poverty); and 2 international (Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF UK) and Anglican International Development (AID)). Additionally, a one-off gift was sent to United For Mission (UFM Worldwide) in support of Kip and Rachel Chelashaw and funds were set aside for appeals and other events.

In 2022 we developed our links with organisations working in this country. We welcomed students to the church family and started to look at how we can best support UCCF and the Christian Unions at Lincoln and Bishop Grosseteste Universities. Through 2022, we held special appeals and events supporting mission partners which all the church family participated in, for example, holding a local "Tearfund Big Quiz", and collecting dried foods and supplies for Barnabas Fund to distribute to Christian communities in areas where they suffer disadvantage.

Office Team

Ardva Boyes-Brewer (Churchwarden) acted as Volunteer Administrator throughout the year. The Joint Council recognised the need to invest in the Administrator role and Jane Hutchinson worked on a self-employed basis from February to August 2022. Additional admin support was subsequently provided by Kevin and Lesley Mann on a temporary part-time voluntary basis. Towards the end of 2022, Marianne McCall was appointed to the role of part-time volunteer administrator.

Seniors & Early Retired

Our senior and early retired members benefitted from a variety of activities each Tuesday: a very special afternoon tea led by Rick and Jane Lund, crafts, a board game session, and a shared lunch each month. The team supporting these activities continued to expand and the attendance numbers continued to rise throughout the year. A retired member of the clergy also led a Bible study each week during term time.

Risk Assessments

The Joint Council continued to develop its bank of risk assessments to identify all risks associated with its mission and ministry. Procedures were then put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church. Mitigation for the impact of the COVID pandemic for our congregations has been paramount. We have followed and implemented all the advice provided by the Church of England.

Financial Risk

The changing nature of church attendance inevitably saw changes to both our income and expenditure. Although our General Fund income was lower than in 2021 so, too, was our General Fund expenditure. We continued to have a significant level of tithing and regular giving, thanks to the generous hearts of our members, and the early effects of the Autumn giving review further reduced the risk of St Peters ending the year with a deficit (more expenditure than income). However, the building work identified by the Quinquennial Inspection (Oct 2021) required the Joint Council to allocate some of the church's general reserves to a specific Quinquennial Fund. However, due to various delays at various levels, the building work scheduled for 2022 didn't get underway as previously planned and the Quinquennial Fund will be drawn on as and when the work commences.

The very large legacy given to support "the outreach work at the Glebe and Carlton Centre, Lincoln" was finally received in February 2022 and immediately transferred to an interest earning deposit account. In July 2022, it was moved again, into a higher interest CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. Joint Council discussed other investment options but recognised that what we do with this very generous gift in the short to medium term was dependent upon the longer-term plans for the outreach work that it is was given to support.

In 2022, the 'Parish Share' was replaced by the 'Covenant Pledge'. The former was an amount worked out by the Diocese using complex formulae, while the latter is an amount worked out and 'pledged' by the parishes. This new way of working coincided with the Diocese's Time To Change Together (TTCT) initiative and, together, sought to provide the stipendiary manpower for the new Deanery structure (Deanery Partnerships and Local Mission Partnerships). In 2022, the Joint Council committed, and paid, more than half of its total income in the Covenant Pledge, and also committed to increase this by 5% in 2023 (and again in 2024 and 2025, if we are able to do so).

Throughout 2022, investments were only made in low risk funds approved for charity use. All assets were insured and the levels of insurance were reviewed by the Finance Committee and the Joint Council.

Compliance with Law and Regulation

The Joint Council and Safeguarding Committee oversaw the church's compliance of statutory requirements. Church inspections helped to identify possible risks and a plan of action to remedy these was put in place. We aimed for all procedures to be reviewed on an annual basis and formally reported to the Joint Council.

During 2022 we commenced a complete review of our internal policies and governance procedures. Progress was made, particularly with regard to safeguarding structures, but more work was recognised as necessary to ensure that we are building healthy, safe structures.

Objectives and Activities

The general functions of the Joint Council are as stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956.

The Three Values of St Peter's remain:

- *Gathering* around God's word to build together an authentic Christian community,
- *Growing* as lifelong disciples of God's Son, Jesus Christ and
- *Going* out in the power of God's Spirit to share the Gospel in word and action.

Richard's brief was more than to simply provide stability in the interim period. A major element was to facilitate the church in considering exactly how God was calling St Peter's to serve in 2022 and in the coming years. We began a process on examining the 'vision' of the church. The Joint Council set out a procedure to consider our priorities and aspirations. The congregations were invited to give their views of who we were and who we wish to become by God's grace. A series of meetings, presentations, feedback, and analysis sought to hone the vision into a manageable form.

We recognised the diversity within our midst, but also the basis of our unity. We saw that we do not all have to have the same individual call, but we have one God, with one faith and want to be one Church. Within this we acknowledged that there may be various expressions of who we are and how we manifest God at work within us.

Alongside our own deliberations 'Resourcing Sustainable Church' increasingly referred to as the 'Time for Change Together' project continued and we needed to consider our role within the emerging model. By the end of 2022 it was anticipated that a 'Local Ministry Partnership', largely based on the existing deanery will see us working much more closely with other churches throughout the Lincoln area.

That developing vision, throughout 2022 helped to shape our thinking about the future. The covid years were difficult. Most churches experienced the turmoil of people adopting new habits, exploring new ways of living and discovering new opportunities. Membership of churches proved to be fluid during this period with people moving between congregations, some are still in flux. With all the other accompanying changes in the previous year St Peter's was impacted more than most by this process and there was a sense of grief over those who had been a part of our fellowship but were no longer. Some returned to us during 2022, and others joined us, in some cases from elsewhere. However, it would be remiss not to record the sense of loss for people and ministries which are no longer part of who we are.

In retrospect we saw ourselves much changed during 2022. Our confidence and sense of purpose grew. It was remarked that we became welcoming and open, we consciously tried to listen and respond and where necessary, change to become healthier. At our core we are the same Bible-based church who want to worship our Lord and make Him known to others, but how we do that is evolving.

In 2022 we provided the following public benefits

- Held regular public worship with a 10.30am Sunday service and 11am Wednesday Communion Service. Other Services associated with the major festivals were also conducted. Sunday services were broadcast live for the benefit of those who could not attend in person, these were available afterwards for those for whom viewing at an alternative time was more convenient.

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- In addition to formal services, regular Rooted Groups meetings took place at various times of the day and days of the week.
- Weddings (1)
- Funerals (8)
- Christian education through school assemblies and school visits, Sunday school, and term time youth group SPY which met fortnightly.
- Foundation Governors for our linked church school, St. Peter in Eastgate (Controlled) Infants School: Margaret Ford also visited the school on a regular basis to assist in acts of worship. Revd. Richard Steel and Cathy Dagnam were appointed as Foundation Governors in 2022.
- Promoted the whole mission of the church through the provision of activities for senior citizens and others.
- Provided a caring and safe environment for parents with pre-school children at our time-term Family Hour group.
- Continued pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

2022: A year of reestablishment and revisioning

The appointment of Rev Richard Steel as Interim Priest-in Charge from January 2022 was to enable the busy life of the Church to be re-established and to facilitate the consideration of the present and future vision of the church ahead of the appointment of a permanent new vicar, expected to take up their position in the Autumn of 2023.

From the very beginning the confidence gained from having a regular ordained leader and teacher was evident. Richard had already supported St Peter's during the latter period of 2021 when we were in vacancy. Although Richard was able to take on many of the services and other formal work of the church once in post, he was assisted by Rev Peter Faulkner and Rev David Lomas, retired clergy within the congregation. Long term Readers Ian Hyde and Chris Higham, (the latter relicensed in October) were also able to provide support.

Behind the scenes

Biblically the church is the people, though for many the church is the building and at St Peter's we have a building we can take much pride and pleasure in. It is also our responsibility and needs constant maintenance. Behind the scenes much discussion and investigation took place about the bell, the organ, the roof etc. 2022 did not see any major works begin but plans were progressed towards work that will be seen in the coming years. Enabling this work in a safe, efficient, and financially responsible way takes considerable planning.

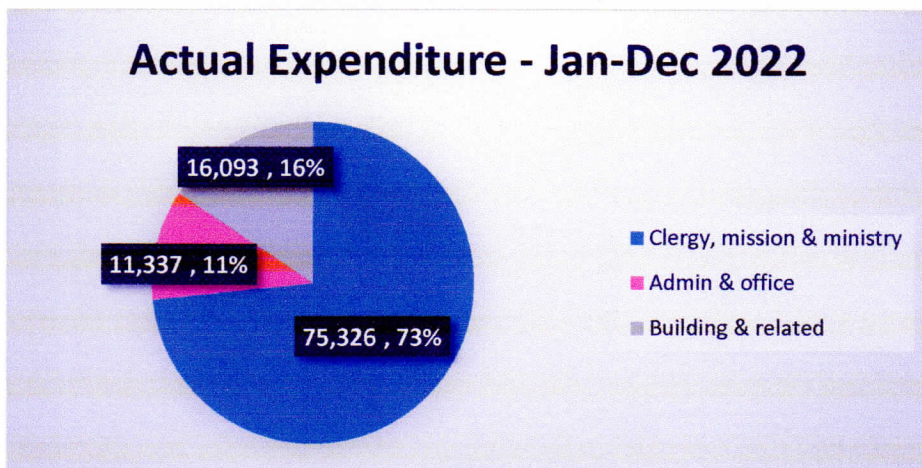
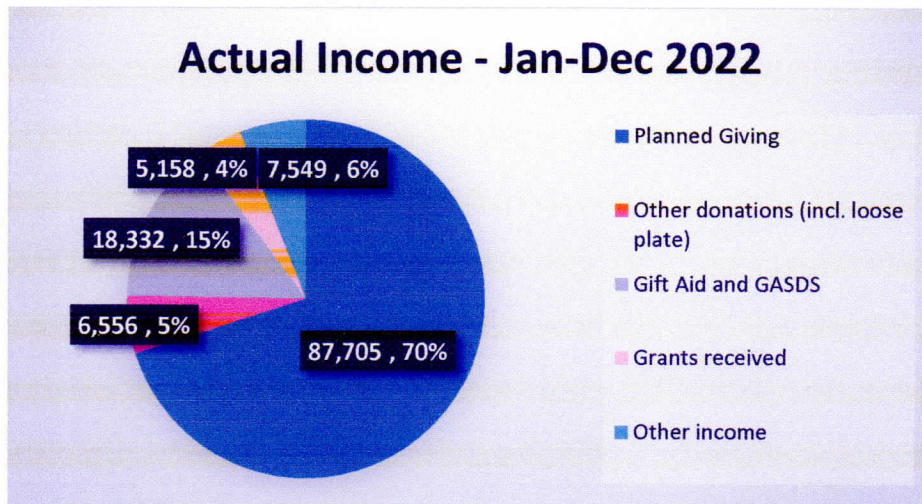
The Joint Council has spent much time trying to think about issues in a joined-up way, with common themes running through our thinking whatever the issue; themes such as cost-effectiveness, the Climate Emergency, transparency, communication and governance and compliance.

Some of these latter issues go largely unseen but are vital for the healthy administration and relationships within our church. Considerable time and effort was put into reviewing and revising policies. This work is ongoing, it is unspectacular, often arduous and draining. It is not without reason that our God gives some the gift of administration and service. In 2022, many others stepped into other acts of service filling the rotas as we increasingly opened and returned to the life of a busy church. For all who have done this we are thankful to God.

Agency Transfers

The Joint Council acted as a financial agent, in respect of funeral and marriage fees, for Revd. Richard Steel, Revd. Peter Faulkner, Mr Geoff Anderson (organist), Mrs Denise Eardley (verger), Mr Roy Woodford (acting verger) and the Diocese of Lincoln. Throughout the year, donations given to a number of different charities (Barnabas Fund, MAF, Marie Curie, Nomad Trust, Royal British Legion and Tear Fund) were also treated as Agency Transfers.

2022 Income and Expenditure 'at a glance'.



The parish of St Peter in Eastgate, Financial Information

**Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Peter in Eastgate
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Peter in Eastgate for the year ended 31 December 2022 as set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:



Name: Stephen Quint

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy, membership number 14873.

Address: 243 Burton Road, Lincoln, LN1 3UB

Date: 6 May 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies		117,751	5,000	645	—	123,395	923,693
Income from charitable activities		1,114	—	—	—	1,114	1,890
Other trading activities		3,370	—	—	—	3,370	283
Investments		2,086	—	7,728	—	9,814	1,253
Other income		979	105	360	—	1,443	6,455
Total income	1	125,299	5,105	8,732	—	139,136	933,574
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds		425	—	—	—	425	—
Expenditure on charitable activities		102,130	8,073	530	—	110,732	212,479
Other expenditure		200	117	285	—	602	481
Total expenditure	2	102,755	8,190	815	—	111,760	212,960
Gains / losses on investment assets	3	(3,170)	—	—	—	(3,170)	2,327
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		19,374	(3,085)	7,918	—	24,206	722,941
Transfers							
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Gross transfers between funds – in		7,000	53,447	—	—	60,447	55,408
Gross transfers between funds – out		(47,370)	(13,000)	(78)	—	(60,447)	(55,408)
Other recognised gains / losses							
Net movement in funds		(20,996)	37,362	7,840	—	24,206	722,941
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		170,220	30,538	779,781	—	980,540	257,599
Total funds carried forward		149,225	67,900	787,621	—	1,004,746	980,540
Represented by the following Funds							
	12						
Unrestricted							
General fund		149,225	—	—	—	149,225	170,220
Designated							
Boiler replacement		—	3,000	—	—	3,000	—
IT replacement		—	2,000	—	—	2,000	—
Legacy - MAS		—	—	—	—	—	1,000
Mission		—	21,679	—	—	21,679	12,625
Organ and works		—	1,000	—	—	1,000	—
Quinquennial		—	36,971	—	—	36,971	13,663
Vicar's discretionary		—	3,250	—	—	3,250	3,250
Restricted							
FiSH Project		—	—	3,246	—	3,246	3,246
Legacy - Carlton		—	—	783,763	—	783,763	776,035
Organ and works		—	—	250	—	250	—
Vicar's discretionary		—	—	362	—	362	500

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Balance Sheet detailed

Notes		As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets			
	3201: BlackRock Bond Fund	8,027	10,104
	3202: BlackRock Equity Fund	30,210	31,303
	Total Fixed assets	38,237	41,407
Current assets			
	3101: HSBC Current (xxxx5525)	24,618	12,111
	3102: HSBC Deposit (xxxx2849)	97,921	31,455
	3103: HSBC Deposit (xxxx8900)	5,386	57,961
	3104: HSBC Deposit (xxxx5162)	14,432	15,001
	3105: CCLA CBF CofE dep. acct.	786,280	2,531
	3106: CCLA COIF Charities dep. acct.	32,372	31,977
5	Z05: Accounts Receivable	677	776,675
6	Z051: Gift Aid & GASDS Receivable	6,301	11,452
7	Z053: Accounts Receivable (LDTBF)	144	—
8	Z054: Gifts Receivable	2,056	—
9	Z055: Prepayments & Income Accruals	723	973
	Total Current assets	970,909	940,137
Liabilities			
10	6699: Agency collections	244	178
11	Z04: Accounts Payable	4,156	541
	Z041: Accruals	—	285
	Total Liabilities	4,400	1,004
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	1,004,746	980,540
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	27,377	720,614
	Z01: Starting balances	980,540	257,599
	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	(3,170)	2,327
	Total Reserves	1,004,746	980,540

Approved by the Joint Council on

24 April 2023

and signed on its behalf by the Revd. Richard
John Steel (Joint Council Chair)



Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	149,225	170,220
Designated	67,900	30,538
Restricted	787,621	779,781
Endowment	—	—
Total	1,004,746	980,540

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Accounting Policies for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Basis of preparation

The Joint Council (JC) is a public benefit entity within the meaning of the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS 102)). The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of JCs, and with the Regulations' 'true and fair view' provisions.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The JC becomes legally entitled to the benefit of use of the resources; 2. and inflow of economic benefit is probable; 3. the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Fundraising costs	Funds raised from events and trading activities (e.g. a fete, a garden party or sale of books and magazines) are reported gross in the SOFA – i.e. before the deduction of any costs from the gross proceeds.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are included in the SOFA when any preconditions preventing their use by the JC have been met. For collections and planned giving this is when the funds are received.
Gift Aid Tax claims etc. on cash donations	Gift Aid and other tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate.
Gifts in kind	<p>Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their fair value at the time of gift, if feasible, or else at the amount actually realised from their disposal.</p> <p>Gifts in kind for sale to fund the JC are included in the accounts at their estimated fair value at the date of gift, if feasible, or else recognised when sold by the charity.</p> <p>Gifts in kind for the JC's own use are included in the SOFA as incoming resources at their fair value when receivable, and expensed as and when consumed in use. Gifts of fixed assets, if material, are fully recognised as income, at their fair value, in the year of acquisition and also written off completely, as expenditure, in the same financial year.</p>
Donated services and facilities	These are included in income (and at the same time in resources expended) at the estimated fair value to the JC of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' Annual Report.
Rental income	Rental income from the letting of the church is recognised when the rental is due.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probably and quantifiable.
Governance costs	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and costs of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made externally and there are no preconditions still to be met for entitlement to the grant that remain within the control of the JC.
Support costs (if allocated across more than one heading)	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are not capitalised and depreciated in the accounts but written off completely in the year of acquisition. While the assets may have an ongoing value to the JC they are likely to have little realisable or economic value to the JC in future periods. This policy has been adopted to better reflect the actual usage of funds each year and the amount of liquid funds available to the PCC at the end of each accounting period.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or whose value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included in the accounts at the trustees' best estimate of market value.
Trading stocks	These are valued at the lower of cost (or gift value) or year end fair value.
Short-term deposits	Include cash held on deposit either with CCLA Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Funds

Unrestricted funds	These represent the remaining income funds of the JC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the JC, including amounts designated by the JC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and that are therefore not included in its 'free reserves' as detailed below.
Designated funds	These are <i>unrestricted funds</i> that have been 'set aside', by the JC, for specific purposes, but which may be 'un-designated' by a subsequent decision of the JC.
Restricted funds	These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.
Endowment funds	These are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Other

Reserves	The JC has adopted a reserves policy to maintain a minimum balance of free reserves equating to three months of expenditure.
VAT	The JC is not registered for VAT.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2022	Total 2021
Note 1 – Total income						
Donations and legacies						
Planned giving	87,705	—	—	—	87,705	116,252
Loose Plate	5,366	—	—	—	5,366	2,631
Contactless	80	—	—	—	80	—
Other donations	1,109	—	250	—	1,359	6,266
Gift Aid and GASDS	18,332	—	—	—	18,332	19,328
Legacies	—	5,000	—	—	5,000	777,035
Grants received	5,158	—	395	—	5,552	—
Donations and legacies Totals	117,751	5,000	645	—	123,395	923,693
Income from charitable activities						
Statutory fees - marriages	392	—	—	—	392	1,204
Statutory fees - funerals	722	—	—	—	722	686
Income from charitable activities Totals	1,114	—	—	—	1,114	1,890
Other trading activities						
Church lettings	3,370	—	—	—	3,370	200
Books	—	—	—	—	—	83
Other trading activities Totals	3,370	—	—	—	3,370	283
Investments						
Interest	1,047	—	7,728	—	8,774	351
Dividends	1,039	—	—	—	1,039	902
Investments Totals	2,086	—	7,728	—	9,814	1,253
Other income						
Misc. income	979	105	360	—	1,443	6,455
Other income Totals	979	105	360	—	1,443	6,455
Income Grand totals	125,299	5,105	8,732	—	139,136	933,574

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2022	Total 2021
Note 2 – Total expenditure						
Raising funds						
1701 - Stewardship costs	425	—	—	—	425	—
Raising funds Totals	425	—	—	—	425	—
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Mission giving	—	6,303	—	—	6,303	—
Vicar's discretionary	—	78	60	—	138	—
Covenant Pledge	65,000	—	—	—	65,000	74,831
Salaries and payroll expenses	4,313	—	—	—	4,313	81,888
Clergy expenses	1,284	—	—	—	1,284	521
Ministry training	—	—	—	—	—	5,528
Mission & evang. exps.	600	—	—	—	600	198
Insurance	5,071	—	—	—	5,071	4,919
Copyright licences	1,154	—	—	—	1,154	286
Build. rep. & maint.	4,945	—	—	—	4,945	2,848
Grounds maint.	579	—	—	—	579	630
Cleaning	1,487	—	—	—	1,487	1,018
Organ rep. & maint.	—	—	—	—	—	695
Audio visual	205	—	—	—	205	340
Tel. & broadband	1,472	—	—	—	1,472	3,013
Stationery	117	—	—	—	117	205
Photocopier	3,152	—	—	—	3,152	1,562
Refreshments & sundries	1,269	—	—	—	1,269	19
Office IT	1,269	—	—	—	1,269	850
General ministry exps.	626	—	—	—	626	149
Children's ministry	194	—	—	—	194	229
Youth/SPY ministry	130	—	360	—	490	86
Seniors' ministry	—	—	—	—	—	18
Bank Charges	28	—	—	—	28	92
Office exps.	29	—	—	—	29	156
Publicity exps.	31	—	110	—	141	72
Health & Safety	12	—	—	—	12	558
Professional Fees	—	—	—	—	—	16,842
Electricity	2,732	—	—	—	2,732	1,772
Gas	6,277	—	—	—	6,277	1,925
Water	61	—	—	—	61	285
Books	95	—	—	—	95	108
Maj. rep. & maint.	—	1,692	—	—	1,692	10,837
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	102,130	8,073	530	—	110,732	212,479
Other expenditure						
9901 - Misc. expenditure	200	117	285	—	602	481
Other expenditure Totals	200	117	285	—	602	481
Expenditure Grand totals	102,755	8,190	815	—	111,760	212,960

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2022	Total 2021
Note 3 – Gains / losses on investment assets						
Other Gains / losses						
Black Rock investments	(3,170)	—	—	—	(3,170)	2,327
Other Gains / losses Totals	(3,170)	—	—	—	(3,170)	2,237
Note 4 – Fund Transfers						
General Fund to Quinquennial Fund	(25,000)	25,000	—	—	—	—
General Fund to Mission Partnerships Fund	(15,357)	15,357	—	—	—	—
Vicar's Discretionary (Res) to Vicar's Disc (Des)		78	(78)	—	—	—
General Fund to close two minor Funds	(13)	13	—	—	—	—
Fund Transfers Totals	(40,370)	40,448	(78)	—	—	—
Note 5 – Accounts Receivable						
Cash received via late expenses submission	120	—	—	—	120	—
Refund of overpaid expenses	34	—	—	—	34	—
Cash from December events / activities	72	—	—	—	72	—
Income for December funeral	106	—	—	—	106	—
Black Rock December dividends & interest	345	—	—	—	345	—
Accounts Receivable Totals	677	—	—	—	677	776,675
Note 6 – Gift Aid & GASDS Receivable						
Gift Aid receivable	5,212	—	—	—	5,212	—
GASDS receivable	1,089	—	—	—	1,089	—
Gift Aid & GASDS Receivable Totals	6,301	—	—	—	6,301	11,452
Note 7 – Accounts Receivable (LDTBF)						
December funeral	144	—	—	—	144	—
Accounts Receivable (LDTBF) Totals	144	—	—	—	144	—
Note 8 – Gifts Receivable						
December cash / cheque gifts	1,978	—	—	—	1,978	—
December 'SumUp' gifts	78	—	—	—	78	—
Gifts Receivable Totals	2,056	—	—	—	2,056	—
Note 9 – Prepayments & Income Accruals						
CCLI – Jan-Oct 2023	710	—	—	—	710	—
Wave (Anglian Water) – Jan 2023	13	—	—	—	13	—
Prepayments & Income Accruals Totals	723	—	—	—	723	973

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2022	Total 2021
Note 10 – Agency Collections						
Funerals & marriages	—	—	(22)	—	(22)	—
MAF jar	—	—	(42)	—	(42)	—
Tear Fund	—	—	(161)	—	(161)	—
Royal British Legion	—	—	(20)	—	(20)	—
Agency Collections Totals	—	—	(245)	—	(245)	(178)
Note 11 – Accounts Payable						
Clergy & volunteer expenses	(1,090)	—	—	—	(1,090)	—
DM Hay (Advent candle ring)	(34)	—	—	—	(34)	—
Digitech (photocopier / printer service contract)	(55)	—	—	—	(55)	—
Tear Fund (Big Quiz Night income)	(155)	—	—	—	(155)	—
Concordant Systems Ltd (ChurchBuilder hosting)	(45)	—	—	—	(45)	—
Riding Lights Theatre Company (Nearly the Goat)	(220)	—	—	—	(220)	—
Funeral payments	(136)	—	—	—	(136)	—
Refund unspent Transformation Fund grant	—	—	(65)	—	(65)	—
Wave (Anglian Water)	(40)	—	—	—	(40)	—
UFM Worldwide (Mission Fund allocation)	—	(500)	—	—	(500)	—
HSBC (bank charges)	(9)	—	—	—	(9)	—
Southern Electric (electricity)	(413)	—	—	—	(413)	—
SSE (gas)	(1,391)	—	—	—	(1,391)	—
SumUp (December charges)	(1)	—	—	—	(1)	—
Accounts Payable Totals	(3,589)	(500)	(65)	—	(4,154)	(541)

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Fund Name	Fund Type	Fund Balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund Balances carried forward	Note 12 - Outline of Fund Movements
Boiler Replacement	Designated	0	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	
FiSH	Restricted	3,246	0	0	0	0	3,246	
General	Unrestricted	170,220	125,299	-102,755	-40,370	-3,170	149,224	
IT Replacement	Designated	0	2,000	0	0	0	2,000	
Legacy (Carlton)	Restricted	776,035	7,728	0	0	0	783,763	
Legacy (MAS)	Designated	1,000	0	0	-1,000	0	0	
Misc. Trading Funds	Designated	0	105	-117	13	0	1	
Mission	Designated	12,625		-6,303	15,357	0	21,679	
Organ an Works	Designated	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	
Organ Works	Restricted	0	250	0	0	0	250	
Quinquennial	Designated	13,663	0	-1,692	25,000	0	36,971	
Vicar's Discretionary	Designated	3,250	0	0	0	0	3,250	
Vicar's Discretionary	Restricted	500	0	-138	0	0	362	
		980,539	138,382	-111,005	-0	-3,170	1,004,745	
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Glossary of Terms used throughout the finance pages of the Annual Report

CBF	CBF Church of England Deposit Fund (CCLA)	Balance Sheet
CCLA	Churches, Charities and Local Authorities	Balance Sheet
CCLI	Christian Copyright Licensing International Ltd	Note 9
COIF	COIF Charities Deposit Fund (CCLA)	Balance Sheet
FISH	Food in School Holidays	SOFA
GASDS	Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	Balance Sheet Notes 1 and 6
HSBC	Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	Balance Sheet
LDTBF	Lincoln Diocese Trust and Board of Finance Ltd	Balance Sheet Note 7
MAF	Mission Aviation Fellowship	Note 10
SORP	Statement of Recommended Practice	Policies
SSE	SSE Energy Supply Ltd (formerly Scottish and Southern Energy)	Note 11
UFM	UFM Worldwide (formerly Unevangelised Fields Mission)	Note 11
VAT	Value Added Tax	Policies