

St Peter's Church, Oundle

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

Year Ending 31st December 2022

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Section 1:

Vicar's Report for 2022

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Jesus commands us primarily to *do* but rather to *remain*. "Remain in Me," He says. It's right that this report will reflect much extremely valuable activity. However, we must also remember that our primary task is to remain in Jesus. Remaining in Him as we make a priority of seeking His company in prayer. Remaining in Him as we seek to understand and apply His teaching to our lives. Remaining in Him as we seek to be obedient to Him. Remaining in Him as we seek to support one another to be faithful followers. Jesus recipe for healthy Church life is this: remain in Me and I will bring fruit. Fruit that looks like more lives that are more Jesus-like.

In the light of this 2022 was encouragingly a year of new shoots and signs of fruit. Whilst not yet at pre-pandemic levels attendance at Sunday worship has steadily and gently grown in number. Our youngest Sunday group for children is usually busy and thriving on a Sunday. It was encouraging to see that this gentle growth continued into 2023 when Palm Sunday 2023 saw twice as many worshippers as Palm Sunday 2022. As well as returning worshippers there has also been a significant number of new people beginning to worship with us. Our Thursday morning Communion Service has also gently grown over the year as has a monthly 'Hymns of Praise' service on a Tuesday. A very successful 'Messy Christmas' in December has led in 2023 to the establishing of a regular monthly Messy Café Church which is also attracting encouraging numbers.

In reflecting on Sunday attendance patterns we have concluded that where there has been a dip since before the pandemic it's not because people have stopped joining us for worship all together. It's rather than for some worship has become less frequent. Covid interrupted habits which have been slow to reform. So those we formerly saw three times a month we may now see once or twice a month. Therefore a gentle encouragement to those reading this. Joining with others to worship encourages those others. You are missed when you're not there. Let's commit again to joining together very regularly for worship. We learnt afresh during Covid that Church isn't a building – it's people. But we also learnt the preciousness of meeting with others. And when we couldn't meet in person we mourned it. Now we can gather. So let's renew our habit for doing it. During Covid the PCC came to a renewed sense (see below) that God was calling us to be more 'together' as a Church. So our Sundays do reflect the joy, as well as sometimes the challenge, of being a Church family of all ages and many varied preferences and tastes – but gathered together as precisely that: God's family called to love one another.

For St Peter's 2022 was a year of many sad and significant goodbyes. A number of much-loved long standing members of our Church family, 'good and faithful servants,' died. It is always a privilege to lead a funeral service. Doing so when we are able to give thanks for a life that was full of faith in Jesus, and faithfulness to Him, heightens that sense of privilege greatly. Often in 2022 sadness was mixed with the joy as we celebrated long lives faithfully lived and with sure and certain hope of resurrection entrusted people into God's safest of hands.

2022 also saw a goodbye of a different kind. Martha Barnes who had been an excellent Youth Minister moved on to a new job in Manchester. We prayed for God's richest blessing on her as she moved on. She and her ministry are greatly missed. Please continue to pray for God to bring just the right person to this

important post. Thankyou to the many committed volunteers who have enabled us to continue to serve young people in our Church and town.

The PCC spent a valuable morning in June 2022 praying and reflecting and dreaming together. The impetus for this was the final confirmation that we would indeed receive the gift of a refurbished, restored, installed Holdich organ in the Church's west end during 2023. This gift opens up the question of how the north East area of Church might be reordered once the current organ is no longer needed there. So in June the PCC spent a morning walking around the building and prayerfully imagining together. At a previous vision morning (2021) in the depths of Covid and via Zoom the words 'Together' 'Deeper' and 'Generous' emerged from our time of prayer. Out of that day and through 2022 there has been a growing and renewed sense of a call to serve those most in need in our community practically and lovingly. During this time we have been able to become very practically involved in Oundle Food Bank. There are other fledgling ministries developing of serving our community. This included an initiative led by our curate Josh Jackson of practical assistance (flat decoration and furnishing) for people in acute need. As the PCC walked the walls and spaces of St Peter's in June 2022 we began to discuss how the development of the building might serve this calling.

Through 2022 we were reminded again of God's unfailing generosity. We were particularly blessed by a number of a very significant one-off donations through the year and in response to our Autumn thanksgiving campaign. We are so thankful for this generosity that enables all the mission, outreach and activity reflected in this report. An ongoing challenge for the PCC as we prayerfully consider how to use the resources God has given us is how to respond, both in faith and with wisdom, to the balance between generous one-off gifts and pledged income. Were we, in our forward planning, to budget to spend only what we received in pledged income we would need to cut back a lot of what we do. However, in recent years God has faithfully provided in addition to what has been pledged unexpected generous gifts. We are extremely grateful for such generous gifts. We also want to encourage everyone who is able, where possible, to pledge what they can give. It really helps the PCC in budgeting. Almost everything that St Peter's is and does is funded by the generosity of the Church community. So thankyou to all who give.

We give thanks to God for the invaluable work of our Church team. We were so grateful for all Sarah Vogt's commitment and hardwork as our administrator during Covid and into 2022. Andrew Hawkins (our administrator from October), Mark Pearcey (our Facilities Co-ordinator) and Joe Gray (our online administrator and ministry intern) continue provide an excellent and essential support for all that happens at St Peter's. A huge thankyou too to all who volunteer in a myriad of ways (seen and unseen) to the ministry and outreach of St Peter's. In addition I am enormously grateful to Emily Taylor and Siân Fytche who are extremely committed and effective Churchwardens, to Josh Jackson and to Annabel Copeland who has been an outstanding support as Associate Vicar not least during a time of illness for me at the beginning of the year.

God is faithful and good. So we look back with thankfulness and forward with faith.

Section 2:

2.1 Churchwardens Report 2022

During 2022 were finally able to return to meeting together in numerous ways throughout the week without restrictions that had become a way of life for everyone.

Our beautiful church building was throughout the year accessed by many for services ,groups for different ages and external events in addition to people simply coming into the building to wander around .In June as the town celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of our late Queen it was good to be able to welcome so many people from our local community into the church for a variety of activities from tower tours to tea and cake .

All of the things that took place in church during 2022 were only possible through the faithful service of a large team of volunteers – a sincere thank you to all of the St Peters church family for your volunteering service.

During the year we very sadly said goodbye to Martha our youth minister – in the time with us Martha turned our vision for work with young people into a reality leading a dedicated team of volunteers establishing an excellent framework for supporting and encouraging our young people.

Joe Gray embarked upon his second year as a Diocesan Intern during the year taking on a range of responsibilities in church – we continue to pray that Joe will know God's guidance and discernment as he considers the next steps to take.

We were delighted during the year to welcome Andrew Hawkins to the team taking on the role of Administrator and are thankful for the skills and experience he has brought to the team.

For our clergy team 2022 was a challenging year – we give thanks to God for each of them and continue to uphold them in our prayers as they undertake the significant role of leading us as a local church.

Finally thank you to all of you for the help and support we receive in undertaking our roles as Churchwardens.

Emily Taylor and Siân Fytche

2.2 PCC Report

During most of 2022, the PCC was made up of eight elected members, up to five Deanery Synod Representatives, two Churchwardens and up to three Clergy Team members. It was chaired by the incumbent (Rev Canon Stephen Webster and Annabel Copeland – Associate Vicar) and met seven times in 2022 (9 February, 1 March, 29 March, 10 April (extraordinary meeting), 24 May, 14 July and, 24 November).

During these meetings, the PCC discussed a wide range of issues reflecting the life, mission and ministry of St Peter's. These have included Online Worship during the pandemic, Finance, Giving, Mission, Repairs to Building, acquisition of the Holdich organ, Development of NE side of Church Building, Green issues and Safeguarding.

As well as discussing practical matters of Church Life, each PCC meeting starts and ends with prayer. The PCC has established committees and project teams to help it with its work and receives regular reports from these groups. The established committees which helped PCC discharge its various duties and responsibilities during 2022 were: -

Standing Committee which is required by law, sets the agenda for PCC meetings and has delegated power to transact certain PCC business in between meetings. Membership in 2022 was made up of the Clergy team, the Churchwardens, the Vice Chair of the PCC, and an elected PCC Member. The Treasurer is entitled to attend.

Treasury Committee exists to support the work of the Treasurer in some of their key tasks: VAT recovery, Gift Aid and Giving, Insurance, Grant applications being amongst them. It also exists to provide scrutiny of the Church's finances and to assist with budget preparation and monitoring. In 2022 it met quarterly in advance of PCC meetings as part of a regular cycle of financial reporting and monitoring.

Lindsey Wallis is thanked for all her hard work on the accounts. Lindsey is a volunteer who is currently acting as St Peter's Finance Administrator.

Membership of PCC

(A) 01/01/22 – 13/05/22 (APCM)

Rev Stephen Webster (Chair), Sian Fytche (Churchwarden), Emily Taylor (Churchwarden), Rev Annabel Copeland (Associate Vicar), Rev Josh Jackson (Assistant Curate)

Deanery Synod: Annabel Copeland, Cynthia Dimmock, Gill Morrison

Elected Members: Mark Elkington, Siân Fytche, Ian Goldsmith, David Gooda, Suzy Higgins, Alan McMurdo, Janet McMurdo (Lay Chair), Sally Saunders, Kim Treverton

(B) 13/05/2022 – 31/12/2022

Rev Stephen Webster (Chair), Siân Fytche (Churchwarden), Rev Annabel Copeland (Associate Vicar), Rev Joshua Jackson (Assistant Curate), Emily Taylor (Churchwarden).

Deanery Synod: Louise Foote, Angela Newell, Emily Taylor, Pam Weatherington

Elected Members: Mark Elkington, Ian Goldsmith, David Gooda, Sally Saunders, Peter Taylor, Kim Treverton, Ben Treverton, Pam Weatherington, Sarah Vogt, Angela Newell, Elizabeth Mace, Louise Foote.

PCC Secretary (until October): Paulina Hunt
Honorary PCC Secretary from October: Andrew Hawkins

2.3 Electoral Roll Report

| Year | TOTAL | Died | Moved Away | Addition |
|--------------------------|-------|------|---------------|----------|
| 2019 (Full review) | 262 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2020 (Covid) | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2021 | 237 | 11 | 21 | 7 |
| 2022 | 243 | 5 | 9 | 20 |
| 2023 | 230 | 17 | 4 | 8 |

Peter Taylor

Section 3

3.1 Safeguarding Report

Annual Safeguarding Report-year ending December 2022

Policies and practice

Liz Mace has been our Safeguarding Officer with Revd Annabel Copeland being the Clergy Lead for Safeguarding.

Until the end of May Martha Barnes continued as the deputy Safeguarding officer.

The clergy and PCCs of the benefice continue to meet the requirement to have due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding continues to be a standing item on every agenda of the PCC meetings.

All safeguarding policies are all in line with the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance and meet statutory requirements whilst remaining relevant to our particular context. Policies have been reviewed when needed to be.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team have introduced a new Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. This is an online tool which allows PSOs to complete an audit of safeguarding policy and practice in the parish. Following the audit, an action plan is automatically generated to assist them in maintaining and improving their safeguarding practices. The benefice has signed up to this and the audits are currently being completed by the PSO. The subsequent action plans will be shared with the PCCs in due course.

Safer recruitment

The online system for DBS clearance is now well established. Our DBS verifiers are Martha Barnes (until end of May 2022) and Sarah Vogt (until end of April 2022) and they have worked hard over this year to update all DBS checks. Post May verifiers were Liz Mace and Annabel Copeland.

As of December 2022 all those working with children or vulnerable adults either have an up to date DBS certificate or are in the process of their DBS being updated

Safeguarding Training

We are continuing to adhere to the new Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework. The focus of this framework is on developing a positive culture of safeguarding within the church, rather than simply focusing on process. It does mean that additional training modules may need to be completed.

All church members who need to have completed the required national C0, C1 and those in leadership are up to date with their C2 Safeguarding training.

Safeguarding concerns and incidents

One safeguarding concern has been raised during the year through the completion of a pink form and after review the case was closed having been dealt with appropriately in accordance with Diocesan Policy. The Safeguarding officer and others have communicated at times about queries and informal issues to continue to keep children and vulnerable adults safe.

It was also agreed with OCYA, in the absence of them being able to recruit a Safeguarding Officer, that for joint church events eg Chattabox- the safeguarding responsibility would be held by either St Peter's or Oundle Baptist Church and OCYA would be informed of which church was covering the event.

Report written by Revd Annabel Copeland, Clergy Safeguarding lead

3.2 Reference and Administrative Details

Reference and Administrative Details

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| Parochial Name | St Peter's, Oundle in the Rural Deanery of Oundle, Diocese of Peterborough |
| Postal Address | North Street, Oundle, PE8 4AL |
| Telephone Number | 01832 275675 |
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| Website | www.oundlestpeters.org.uk |
| Bank | NatWest Bank, 25 Corporation Street, Corby NN17 1NR |
| Investment Bank | CCLA Investment Management Ltd, The CBF Church of England Funds, 80 Cheapside, London, EC2V 6DZ |
| Independent Examiners Staff Receiving Remuneration | Graham Darbourne at Bulley Davey, 6 North Street, Oundle, PE8 4AL |
| Through Parish Share | |
| Vicar | Rev Canon Stephen Webster |
| Associate Vicar | Rev Annabel Copeland |
| Assistant Curate | Rev Joshua Jackson |
| Through Salary | |
| Youth Minister | Vacant position |
| Administrator | Andrew Hawkins |
| Facilities Coordinator | Mark Pearcey |
| Intern/ Online Specialist | Joe Gray |

3.3 Structure, Governance and Management

Legal Status

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. Its governing documents are the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended) and the Church Representation Rules contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 (as amended). It became a registered charity on 12 November 2009 (No. 1132677).

Appointment

Appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Risks which concern this busy and active church include:-

- a) **Safe Usage of the Church Site by all.** Legislative requirements are closely followed, e.g. the Health & Safety Act and Food Hygiene Regulations. There is regular inspection by a specialist fire protection agency, and displays of notices relating to fire, health and safety and first aid. Defects to plant are reported to the Chair of Resources Group, Adrian Christmas and remedied quickly according to the level of risk. Training is given, e.g. in first aid and food hygiene. One-off events are assessed for risk before being run.
- b) **Financial:** Prudent policies for the handling of money are in place. Major expenditure has to be approved by the PCC, which also approves an annual budget and receives quarterly monitoring reports. Cash flow is carefully managed, bills are paid promptly, and investment of any short-term funds carefully placed to ensure maximum return compatible with ready access.
- c) **Reputation:** Equal opportunities legislation is followed in relation to staff appointments, use of voluntary workers, and site lettings. We actively encourage people to come to join our activities and make use of our facilities.

3.4 Objectives and Activities

The primary object of the PCC and the St Peter's Church as a whole, is to worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Our purpose as a Church is that when it comes to God's love all might *know* it, *live* transformed lives in response, and become a people who *give*. God's Love: Know it. Live it. Give it. We seek to proclaim this by our words and through our actions, to the people of our community and to the world beyond. We seek to grow in numbers as a fellowship of believers as more people respond to the good news of Jesus. We seek to grow in faith as together we explore what it is to be Jesus' disciples. This involves: Bible teaching, nurturing, developing new Christians, and equipping all Christians, studying, praying together, enjoying fellowship together and supporting one other. None of these initiatives or activities could happen without the commitment of dedicated volunteers.

It is also PCC policy for the church building to be made available for wider community use.

Section 4

4.1 Mission Support

Mission Support report for APCM 2023

Our main missions are John and Gillian Robinson in Thailand (Crosslinks), Christian Healthcare in Bangladesh (USPG), Discipleship and Evangelism in the Middle East & North African countries through satellite broadcasting (Sat-7). These three receive the largest proportions of the budget and are featured every six months as a focus for prayer in the Sunday services in "Mission of the Month". The weekly church newsletter contains details about the missions and points for prayer. We also give significant portions of the budget to disaster relief & development projects in the Third World (TearFund), & help for the homeless in the UK (Hope into Action). These appear as the "Mission of the month" every twelve months.

The remaining missions are: Christian Aid, Mothers' Union, Chatterbox. These also appear as "Mission of the month" once every twelve months but do not receive financial support from our budget. Money is given from collections and individuals.

During 2022 we arranged two Sunday services with a mission focus. In July we had a service focussing on USPG and a USPG representative preached. In November we had a service focused on the Climate Crisis and the work that Tear Fund is doing to counter the effects of climate change. In the week before this service we engaged the congregation in daily challenges to illustrate these issues.

A Sat 7 team were involved in the New Wine conference at Peterborough showground for two weeks in August. They were hosted in Oundle for these weeks and Emily Taylor helped out on the stand at the conference.

Plans for 2023:

Crosslinks/Robinson family at Sunday Service 2nd July

Sat 7 at Sunday Service 22nd November.

By Peter Taylor
Mission Support Group

4.2 Building and Resources

Building and Resources Report

St Peter's is a Grade 1 listed building most of which dates back to the 13th century, although some sections are slightly older. Because of its historic nature all work must be sensitively carried out, mostly with like for like materials and using traditional methods. Work on the church building therefore tends to be both costly and time consuming. Limited direct income means that we are severely constrained in what we can do and are heavily reliant on grants to achieve much of what we do. We would like to thank The Friends of Oundle Parish Church, The Oundle Feoffees, The Worshipful Company of Grocers and various donors for their generous grants. Without their support much of the essential work to retain the appearance of our beautiful church would not be possible.

During the last year the following work has been undertaken:

Grant and Donor Funded

- Repoint and replace areas of weathered stonework, particularly on the north and east aspects of the church.
- Repair two cracked cast iron rainwater pipes.
- Improve the underfloor ventilation of the North Aisle (to match the South Aisle) and refurbish the flooring in that area.
- Repair the heating system to remedy the cold radiators at the west end of the church. There has been a problem with these radiators for some time and the cause is proving to be very difficult to track down. This remains a work in progress.
- Replace a failed central heating pump.

PCC Funded

- Annual inspection of the church roof, cleaning of all gutters and rainwater hoppers.
- Repairs to various areas of roof.
- Alterations to sections of the church electrical system to ensure they comply with the latest electrical regulations.
- Replacement of failed lighting units.
- Installation of a new CCTV system. The old one had failed and was beyond economic repair.
- New cloud-based IT system to improve security and functionality.
- New telephone system which integrates with IT system and is compatible with upcoming BT system changes.
- Investigation and treatment of some areas of death watch beetle found in the north aisle and high altar.
- Minor day to day building and equipment maintenance.

During the coming year the following work is planned:

Grant Funded

We are exploring (subject to acceptable quotes being obtained and necessary approvals) with The Friends of Oundle Parish Church that they will fund the replacement of the outer, blue painted, doors to the south porch. The doors are in poor condition and have been much repaired in the past.

Installation on a new organ on the balcony below the tower. This is being fully funded by a developer who has been required, as part of a planning consent, to remove an organ from its present location, refurbish it and install it in a Grade 1 listed church. This will allow the removal of the present organ and in the longer term the reordering of the north transept and rooms to the east.

PCC Funded

- Annual inspection of the church roof, cleaning of all gutters and rainwater hoppers.
- Minor day to day building and equipment maintenance.

Other

As with all churches St Peter's is required to have an architect appointed to carry out a five yearly inspection of the church buildings and their immediate surroundings. The purpose of the inspection is to ensure that the church is maintained in a condition such that it is safe and may be enjoyed by future generations. St Peter's also use the architect as a professional advisor on building matters. For the past fifteen years this role has been carried out by John Dodson of Parkinson, Dodson and Associates Ltd. John Dodson is due to retire shortly and we have appointed Caroe Architecture of Cambridge to take over from him. The PCC would like to thank John for all his help and advice over the years. The lovely Lady Chapel and balcony under the tower are just two examples of his great work for us.

We are excited at the prospect of working with Caroe Architecture to develop our long-term plans for the church buildings and their surroundings so that we maximise their mission and community benefit. The work will include the reordering of the northeast corner of the church following removal of the existing organ.

By David Gooda and John Grubb

4.3 Senior Adults

Monday Munch Club has met once a month during term time during term time at Oundle Primary School for a hot lunch time meal. As Covid restrictions have lifted, restrictions on numbers have eased pupils have visited diners to bring entertainment to diners after they have eaten.

Tuesday Club met twice a month throughout the year and continues to be an opportunity for seniors to gather to play scrabble or similar games, jigsaws or just enjoy the company of others, followed by a 'thought for the day' from a member of the clergy team, a hot drink and home-made cake. In the autumn we introduced a monthly Tuesday Club Extra- a similar session to Tuesday club but quieter and tailored to the needs of people with dementia or memory difficulties. We have also run Tuesday Crafts with Pink House Arts - a monthly craft session which gives an opportunity for people to enjoy a variety of crafts led by Caroline and Charlotte from Pink House Arts with the aim of reducing isolation and boosting wellbeing.

In June we had the return of Holiday at Home, a day of activities, food and film celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, was enjoyed by attendees and helpers. Plans are well underway and bookings have started for the 2023 'Trip to Provence'.

Although not strictly a 'seniors' activity' the Thursday @10.30 Holy Communion service followed by refreshments has been a weekly opportunity to meet for worship, fellowship and to enjoy time together. Several members of this congregation have died over the past year, we give thanks for their faith and their lives as part of our church family.

The pattern of monthly Home Communion and pastoral visiting in supported living facilities has been well re-established with occasional pauses in response to local Covid peaks. It was also possible to hold special relaxed Christmas and Easter services with activities at Abbott House which reached a wider number of residents than would normally wish to attend Home Communion.

A monthly printed newsletter has continued to be produced and distributed for those who are 'offline' or unable to access the weekly e-newsletter.

**By Louise Foote
Lay Chaplain**

4.4 Youth Work

Youth Work Report 2022 by Annabel Copeland

We continue to be a church that places a high priority on the outreach to, and discipleship of, young people within the church and the town.

We started this year with a wonderful Youth Minister, Martha Barnes, leading this work very well. Sadly in May Martha felt it right to move on to other pastures - her ministry amongst our young people was very significant and she is sorely missed. All credit to Martha for the work she did in building up a fantastic and capable team of volunteers which has meant that most of the youth ministry has been able to continue to flourish in the latter half of the year. This is achieved through various regular groups:

Breathe- this is a small group of young people who meet during the main Sunday service to build friendships and discuss the meaning and application of Bible passages. I am very grateful to Louisa and Ian Baker who head up this group and continue to care for the young people..

West Porch Café- This runs on a Tuesday afternoon from 3.15 to 5.45 as a 'drop-in' style of youth group and continues to thrive and grow with new people coming most weeks. There is a growing sense of friendship between young people from different schools and a deeper trust which has enabled young people to open up to some of the leaders about more personal issues at times. Each week there is the opportunity to play games, chat to friends and have some snacks provided by our wonderful Church family. Special activities take place on specific afternoons throughout the year and this year we have built a partnership with NAYC (Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs) which has allowed us to have two 'activity sessions' per term from an outside leader using equipment that we would otherwise not be able to utilise - Sumo Wrestling Suits, Human Hungry Hippos and Archery seemed to be very popular. It has been encouraging to see young people begin to ask questions about faith in this informal setting which seeks to be an outreach and launch-pad for young people to engage with the Christian faith. Also a number of our regular West Porch Cafe attendees were involved in Chattabox Plus this year enabling us to build stronger relationships with them in a more faith-based environment. It is also very pleasing to see that a number of our own Church family Young People come along to West Porch Cafe, where their presence provides a very real indication to other Young People that Christians are welcoming and friendly. I am ever grateful to the fantastic leadership team led in the first half of the year by Martha and in the second half by Dave Harding. Pam Weatherington & Sally Hopkins are very capably supported by Charles Ogden and Kieran Ansell (both of whom are ex WPC Young People) and Alex Baker who was volunteering as part of her DofE award. This team show huge commitment, care and passion for the young people, thank you.

The Way- this meets on a Wednesday evening 5.30-7pm for young people in Year 7-9. There is a group of very committed young people and a team of leaders who meet to enjoy a meal together, play some games and focus on an aspect of how to live as a Christian. Much of the year was spent exploring questions about faith that the young people were asking, with a different topic being chosen each week. When Martha left, Joe Gray took over leading this group and alongside another great team of volunteers the group continues to thrive. It was fantastic to see 3 members of the group, together with Rauri, get confirmed in March at a special service held in St Peter's with Bishop Donald.

Coffee and Christ- this group meet on a Monday 5-6pm in The Coffee Tavern for young people in Year 10-13. Although small in number this group has an important place in supporting our young people in their faith journey. The group spend time discussing topics that are relevant to the young people as well as building friendships together. A big thank you to Sally Saunders and Sally Jackson who lead this group and it has been encouraging to see the young people growing in confidence and faith.

Chattabox Plus- much to the excitement of the young people Chattabox+ was back to camping this year, even though we had to reduce the number of Young People because of the small number of adult leaders who were willing to commit to the week. Chattabox+ comes under the OCYA umbrella, and as such leaders come from the various Churches in Oundle. Martin Hills (Baptist Minister) assumed overall responsibility for the camp, with a team of adult volunteers who were able to commit to a full-on week of activities at the Oundle Primary School. The Young People that attended had a fantastic time helping with Chattabox in the mornings, and then having their own timetable of activities for the afternoons and evenings. The evening theme for the week, 'Being Connected', was led by Souster Youth, with wonderful worship music from our 'on-camp' worship band led by Sally Hopkins. The rest of the time on camp focused on friendships and fun with a variety of brilliant afternoon activities and late evening activities organised by the very gifted leadership team. A special thanks goes to Dave Harding and Susie V-P for being willing, at relatively short notice, to lead Chattabox+ in the absence of Martha, plus Lin Harding, Lindsay Hipwell, Lucy Fytch and Sally Hopkins from St Peters (plus 5 from OBC) -your hard work and commitment was amazing and meant many young people went away from the week really blessed.

Other Events - during the year volunteers have run various social events for our young people. The ever-present concern about Covid limited what was possible, but it was decided to go-ahead and hold an Easter Sleepover in church. This was something the young people had been asking for and finally their request came true! A lot of fun was had by all and even included a few hours of sleep!

Christmas Film Night- another great time to build friendships and enjoy time together-Thank you to Dave Harding for organising this and Pam Weatherington for providing a seemingly endless supply of mouth-watering pizzas!

Snack and Chat- two of our young people were keen to create a place for the young people who attended Chattabox+ to continue to explore questions about life and faith, and to continue to build a bridge for those young people who wouldn't normally come to church. From an initial discussion with Annabel, a new event was started in November on the third Sunday of the month from 6-7pm. This is planned and led by young people for young people and includes games, food and discussion around a chosen topic with some input from a Christian perspective.

Prince William School and Souster- for the first half of the year Martha continued to regularly run a lunch club at Prince William, be involved in weekly mentoring of young people and help lead Collective Worship and RE lessons. Sadly since Martha left we have been unable to resource this connection. However Annabel did work with Souster to host a Moving Up day at Oundle Primary school for Year 6 pupils and visit Prince William a few lunch times in the Autumn term to support the work of Souster.

Some of our youth work volunteers also regularly attend the monthly youthwork training led by Souster which is of a high standard and hugely valued.

Youth Minister Update- the PCC agreed once Martha had left that we wanted to continue to fund a Youth Minister post at St Peters in partnership with Souster. To date (April 2023) we have had two rounds of advertising with no suitable applicants. We continue to pray and seek the best way forward and plan to advertise again soon.

Finally all that remains is for me to express a big thank you to all the volunteers who enable the youth work at St Peter's to continue to flourish-you are an amazing team who bring many gifts to bless our young people. Your care and concern is commendable and so appreciated.

If having read this anyone else would like to bless the wonderful young people we have at St Peter's and in our town by getting involved in any of these activities then please speak to Annabel.

4.5 Children and Families

Children and Families Ministry Report 2022 by Annabel Copeland Kids Church

Kids Church groups have continued during the year. I am very grateful to a fantastic team of volunteers who so willingly serve our children in leading sessions to enable them to grow in faith. There are four Sunday groups- Breathe for young people in years 7-9, Launchpad (a new name) for children in years 3-6, Powerpack for children in Years reception to Year 2 and God Tots for pre-school children. The groups

meet twice a month and so on the other two Sundays there is an All-In service and Praise Party-this is an opportunity for the children to worship together, to explore more creative ways to prayer and explore the Bible as well as giving an opportunity for some of our older children to be involved in planning and leading sessions. During the year we have seen a steady growth in numbers of families returning to church and our under 7's age group has grown significantly. In the Autumn we moved the toddler area from the South Transcept into the main body of the church which was well received by parents who felt they were now included in the service. God's Tots session was also suspended due to most of the children in this age group moving to Powerpack and therefore the group wasn't needed.

As always I am so grateful to the many volunteers who make our Kids Church sessions a great place for our children to be and a place where they can discovered more about how to know Jesus, live in his love and give God's love away to others.

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots is a weekly session run on a Wednesday afternoon for pre-school children and their parents and carers.

We meet in the Community Room at Oundle Primary School and continue to see a steady growth in numbers and depth of friendship. Each week there is a chance for the children to play and parents to chat followed by a snack and Bible story, prayer and singing time. I want to give a huge thank you to the team of volunteers from St Peters who faithfully serve each week and have offered pastoral support to many parents through timely conversations. I have also been encouraged to begin to see families from Tiny Tots come along to church and discover more about faith in Jesus. We are also blessed each week to be joined by young people from Oundle School who play a vital role helping run Tiny Tots.

Chattabox

It was a delight this summer to be able to run Chattabox in person and a huge thank you to all those volunteers, adults and young people, who made this possible and especially to Sian who led it all so well. The sessions were thoroughly enjoyed with lots of fun and discovery about Jesus happening. Our theme was Watt-a-Lott Castle which provided an opportunity to explore Bible stories about Kings and Queens through stories, singing, prayers, craft, games and discussion. Alongside this we looked at the Armour of God and how this can help us to follow Jesus.

Schools Ministry

Each week a member of the clergy team has delivered a Collective Worship assembly in both Oundle Primary and Glapthorn schools. We also hosted a Carol Service, Leavers service and Harvest service for each school. We also had a special service for the Oundle Primary School Reception class during which we presented them each with a Bible as they start their journey through the school. Our pastoral support at both schools has continued throughout the year and Annabel has replaced Stephen as a Governor at Oundle Primary school. During the year both Trevor Frewin and Lesley Gooda stepped down from being a Governor but it is wonderful that Lesley has continued to be linked with the school in a new role supporting the Governing Body in listening to children's views on a variety of topics. Ben Treverton changed his role on the Governing Body and alongside being the other Foundation Governor to replace Trevor, he is now Chair of the Governing Body. Annabel is part of the Church Group at Glapthorn looking at church school ethos.

Other Events

At Christmas we were able through generous donations to our Friends in Need fund to give a Christmas Meal hamper to 12 families in Oundle who otherwise may not have had a Christmas dinner this year.

We had also ran a one-day Chattabox Easter Holiday Club for the first time which was very well received and was combined with a short Easter Service for families.

At Christmas we ran a trial Messy Café Church Christmas service which was very well attended and there seems to be a high level of interest in this type of service becoming a regular event.

In summary can I thank everyone who is involved in serving and blessing our children and families, without your commitment none of what has been achieved this year would have been possible.

If reading what has been going on has excited you and you'd like to join the team then please do contact me and we can have a chat about possibly getting involved.

Report by Annabel Copeland

Section 5

Report on PCC Financial Activities (Treasurer's Report)

This report is on the 2022 financial year and is based on the examined accounts as issued at the APCM.

It was a year when we can again thank God for His faithfulness to us. Ultimately everything we have comes from God (and when we give it comes from what He has given us). He is the one who has more than provided for all our needs. 2022 has seen us heading out of the global pandemic and things starting to return to normal with the Church building open for the whole year.

During a normal week when the Church is open it costs circa £5,155 per week to cover the on-going expenses that enable us to be St Peter's Church. This number continues to rise every year as a result of inflation and other cost pressures.

We rely solely on generous giving to allow us to continue as we receive no funding from the Church of England or the state. We encourage everyone who feels part of the St Peter's community to give, as they feel able, to enable us to continue as a Church.

Giving

St Peter's relies on the generosity of our Church community to fund all its activities. Total income for the Church during 2022 was £467,108. This is £224,778 more than income for 2021 (£242,330), largely as a result of the 2022 income having been bolstered by a large grant of £126,000 for refurbishment of the Holdich organ and some significant one-off donations during the year.

Of the 2022 total income of £467,108, £154,451 was planned giving, £77,893 were one-off donations and £147,478 were grants. We recovered tax under the Government's Gift Aid scheme of £51,407.

Planned giving for 2022 was slightly less (£5,426) than 2021, with some positive signs following the thanksgiving campaign. Planned giving does not cover all of St Peter's expenses and we continue to rely on one-off donations to 'close the gap' with our planned expenditure.

We continue to be grateful for the generosity of the members of the St Peter's Church community. We ask, where possible, that those giving do so through the Parish Giving Scheme that has now been in operation successfully for the last three years and relieves our Giving Officer of much administrative work. This planned giving enables St Peter's to be more confident in its decisions about using funds to grow the Church and serve God and the community.

During any year there will be members of our Church Family who move away, are unable to give as much or in some cases, sadly, pass-on. The underlying decline is on average £7,000 per annum.

There are two further funding challenges. First, our Youth Minister role relies on circa £16,200 per year of seed-funding to make up the difference between on-going pledged giving and the cost of the role's salary. We would love for this role to be fully funded from on-going pledged giving and need to recognise that the seed-fund is limited. Currently the Youth Minister role is unfilled and the unspent monies are being retained to build up the seed fund. Second, a review of our spending on the Church building has highlighted that too often we react to problems, rather than having a programme of planned maintenance and taking action quickly when problems are discovered. We expect that carrying out more planned maintenance will, over time, both reduce the number of problems and reduce the intensity of problems.

when discovered. A planned maintenance programme has been costed at £17,500 per year (up from £16,400 previously). Of this we now spend £14,200 per year (up from £9,600 previously). This leaves a gap of £3,300 (down from £6,800). We will always, where possible, use grants to fund one-off pieces of maintenance work. The planned maintenance programme does not include the replacement of significant assets, for example the CCTV system that needed replacing recently when it failed. These require separate funding.

We are very grateful for one off donations and grants that supplement our income; and are also very fortunate to be supported by the Friends of St Peter's Church Charitable Trust for help in maintaining our beautiful church building. In addition to anonymous donations from individuals we received grants of £1,500 from the Worshipful Company of Grocers that will be used to pay for heating and stonework repairs and £1,900 from FEOFFEES.

During 2022 a Holdich pipe organ was donated to the church. The organ is currently undergoing refurbishment and the cost of the organ, refurbishment and installation has been donated to the church in full at a figure of £126,000 including VAT. There will be some charges relating to the fitting of this organ which might be in the region of £10,000. These charges will be funded by the church from the existing organ fund.

Spend

2022 spend of £301,373 was £40,457 more than 2021 spend of £260,916. In 2022 we carried out £41,305 of capital projects compared to £17,989 in 2021. Excluding capital projects, 2022 spend was £17,141 more than 2021 spend largely as a result of the Church being open for the full year and inflationary increases in wages and maintenance.

The largest item of spend is the Diocesan Parish Share (£128,728 in 2022) being our contribution to the Stipends, Housing and Training both of the current clergy, and of future clergy (ordinands in training) in the Diocese and their Pension and National Insurance costs. Oundle is a 'two-clergy' benefice with the roles of Vicar and Associate Vicar supporting the benefice.

During 2022, in addition to £41,305 of capital projects, we spent a further £10,609 on the care, maintenance and development of our church building. This expenditure covers everything from fixing the windows to keeping the heating working.

Other major spend areas for the Church include non-Clergy salaries at £47,586, mission giving at £20,256 and utility payments at £8,632.

Reserves and Funds

The current reserves stand at £20,812 for buildings and £57,862 for general reserves. The level of buildings reserve is set based on a historical view of replacement costs. The general reserves level is set at three months of running costs. The PCC plan to review our reserves policy during 2023 based on guidance from the Charities Commission.

The General Fund has risen from £146,559 in 2021 to £191,407 in 2022. This increase in the general fund was largely a result of a number of generous donations during the year.

Of the £191,407 it should be noted that £44,034 is our tangible fixed assets such as organ, AV equipment, boiler, etc., £36,167 is our working capital and £24,332 is seed funding for our Youth Minister. The remaining £86,874 is in surplus and the PCC is currently prayerfully considering its potential uses.

Governance

The PCC sets financial policies for the Church. The Treasury team operates within the financial policies set by the PCC and consists of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer/Giving Officer and the Finance Co-ordinator. This voluntary team reports to the Treasury Committee which consists of one member of the Clergy and two lay members. It is this committee's responsibility to scrutinise the detail of the Treasury team's work. The Treasurer updates every PCC meeting with a summary accounts position. Annual accounts are independently examined.

I continue to thank God for the support of all who have helped me in my role as Treasurer and to trust God that through the generosity of all who give He will provide all that we need to do the things He has called us to as St Peter's continues to seek to be a community of worship, mission, outreach and service to our town and the world beyond.

By Mark Elkington (Treasurer)

Section 6

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oundle St Peter's Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of Oundle St Peter's Parochial Church Council, charity number 1132677, for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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


Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, subject to not having seen the Trustees Report, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Graham Darbourne FCA
TC Group
6 North Street
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Date 14-07-2023

Section 7

Financial Report (Yearly Accounts)

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE FINANCIAL REPORT

Section 8

Report on Deanery Matters: an annual review of business

Oundle Deanery Synod has met three times during 2022. In March we welcomed Archdeacon Alison Booker, who is the new Archdeacon on Oundle and acting Rural Dean. There was a discussion on the deanery vision. In June 2022 we had discussions around the encouragements and ongoing challenges in our churches, twelve months after the re-opening of our churches post COVID. In October, we welcomed, and had a very engaging presentation, from the Diocesan Gen2 team. By the end of 2022, three Benefices (Kings Cliffe Benefice, the Seven Churches Benefice and Barnwell Benefice) were all in vacancy. It is hoped that an appointment to be Vicar of Kings Cliffe Benefice, with Rural Dean of Oundle Deanery, will take place in early 2023. We continue to be very grateful for the energetic and engaging leadership provided by Archdeacon Alison during this time.

By Emily Taylor
Lay Chair, Oundle Deanery

Section 9

The Friends of Oundle Parish Church 2016
Registered Charity No.1168165

Report of the Trustees for the calendar year 1st January 2022 ---- 31st December 2022

Objective of the charity:

The Friends were formed in 1983 to help maintain the Church of St. Peter in Oundle and restore it where necessary. Until then this task fell solely upon the Parochial Church Council supported by members of the congregation. Donations, sale of electricity produced by the solar panels and fund-raising are the principal income sources of the charity, supplemented by income from COIF investments and the annual Income Tax refund for donations qualifying for Gift Aid.

The objective of the charity as stated in the Constitution is as follows: "To promote for the benefit the public, including the widest access and use especially for the inhabitants the parish of Oundle in the county of Northamptonshire, the permanent preservation and enhancement of Oundle Parish Church as a building of architectural and historical interest."

Activities and Achievements:

We are pleased to report that the annual submission of our Accounts and Trustee Report for last year to the Charity Commission was accepted without query.

The year it has been good to get back to near normal following the COVID pandemic and the vast majority of planned works have been undertaken.

Trustees met to consider the annual Jazz evening, courtesy of Oundle School Jazz Orchestra and this was held in January, in a revised (and very successful) format. The nett income from this event was almost £2,500. The Chair has also made enquiries of the GUS Band with a view to securing a performance in the forthcoming year.

A considerable amount of work has been undertaken in the Church and the following have been supported from Friend's funds (£6383.08):

- Essential improvements to underfloor heating and ventilation. These were required to stabilise the wooden floor in the north aisle and prevent it lifting
- Repairs to stonework and roof drainage pipes as recommended by the architect in the last Quinquennial Inspection report.

Support for a number of projects have been requested. Trustees look forward to reporting these ventures in their next Annual Report.

During the year Mrs Jenny Ray was welcomed as a new Trustee.

Donations by Bankers Order accounted for £795. A Tax Rebate (Gift Aid reclaim) provided additional income of £316.43, income from the solar panels was £3985.44,, sundry donations £550

Interest on the COIF account amounted to £1954.31. Year-end accounts and balance sheet are available from the Chairman, Ian Goldsmith (ian.goldsmith@myepst.co.uk) .

Officers:

Chairman: Ian Goldsmith

Secretary: David Webb.

Treasurer: Neil Underwood

Independent Reviewer: Bulley Davey

Trustees:

Mr. I. Goldsmith, Mr N Underwood, Ms. J. Turton, Mr. D. Gooda, Mr H. Cartwright, Mr. D. Webb, Mrs. C Pathtak, Ms. J. Pearson . Mrs. J Ray

Acknowledgements:

Trustees wish to thank all associated with our ventures and notably Oundle Bookshop for the sale of tickets to our events.

The Friends also thank St Peters Church staff for the continued support of all fundraising events at the church.

Ian Goldsmith, Chairman

The Friends of Oundle Parish Church 2016

ST PETER'S CHURCH: OUNDLE PCC ACCOUNTS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ending 31 December 2022

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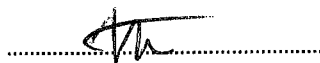
| | Note | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | TOTAL 2022 £ | FUNDS 2021 £ |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | | |
| Voluntary Income | 3(a) | 290,294 | 158,186 | - | 448,480 | 230,586 |
| Fund generating activities | 3(b) | 3,986 | - | - | 3,986 | 3,426 |
| Income from investments | 3(c) | 2,171 | - | 423 | 2,594 | 472 |
| Church activities | 3(d) | 10,465 | 1,583 | - | 12,048 | 7,846 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | | 306,916 | 159,769 | 423 | 467,108 | 242,330 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | | |
| Church activities: Grants/Donations | 4(a) | 20,256 | - | - | 20,256 | 23,354 |
| Church activities: Relating directly to Church work | 4(b) | 233,229 | 47,823 | - | 281,052 | 237,562 |
| Costs of generating voluntary income | 4(c) | 65 | - | - | 65 | - |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | | 253,550 | 47,823 | - | 301,373 | 260,916 |
| NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES | | 53,366 | 111,946 | 423 | 165,735 | (18,586) |
| Revaluation reserve | | | | | | |
| Fixed assets | 5(a) | - | - | - | - | (840) |
| Gains / (Losses) on fair value revaluation | | | | | | |
| Investments | 5(b) | 89 | - | (1,708) | (1,619) | 2,070 |
| | | 89 | - | (1,708) | (1,619) | 1,230 |
| Fund Transfers | | - | - | - | - | - |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | 53,455 | 111,946 | (1,285) | 164,116 | (17,356) |
| BALANCES B/FWD 1ST JANUARY | | 234,998 | 37,083 | 17,911 | 289,992 | 307,348 |
| BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER | | 288,453 | 149,029 | 16,626 | 454,108 | 289,992 |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | TOTAL 2022 £ | FUNDS 2021 £ |
|-----------------------------------|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Tangible | 5(a) | 44,034 | 21,000 | - | 65,034 | 49,042 |
| Investment | 5(b) | 1,106 | - | 12,866 | 13,972 | 15,591 |
| | | <u>45,140</u> | <u>21,000</u> | <u>12,866</u> | <u>79,006</u> | <u>64,633</u> |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Stock | 6(a) | 54 | - | - | 54 | 130 |
| Debtors | 6(b) | 17,133 | 2,101 | - | 19,234 | 7,338 |
| Short term deposits | | 149,259 | 12,100 | 3,197 | 164,556 | 142,492 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 102,244 | 140,352 | 563 | 243,159 | 96,767 |
| | | <u>268,690</u> | <u>154,553</u> | <u>3,760</u> | <u>427,003</u> | <u>246,727</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Creditors falling due in one year | 7 | (25,377) | (26,524) | - | (51,901) | (21,368) |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 243,313 | 128,029 | 3,760 | 375,102 | 225,359 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | | <u>288,453</u> | <u>149,029</u> | <u>16,626</u> | <u>454,108</u> | <u>289,992</u> |
| PARISH FUNDS | 11 | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | | 288,453 | - | - | 288,453 | 234,998 |
| Restricted | | - | 149,029 | - | 149,029 | 37,083 |
| Endowment | | - | - | 16,626 | 16,626 | 17,911 |
| TOTAL | | <u>288,453</u> | <u>149,029</u> | <u>16,626</u> | <u>454,108</u> | <u>289,992</u> |

We hereby approve the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022


M Elkington (Treasurer)



Date:

18th May 2023

Rev'd Canon S Webster



Date:

18th May 2023

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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 AND RESERVES

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.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the 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. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separated investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

The unrestricted funds are general funds which are used for purposes defined by the PCC :-

GENERAL FUND

The Fund's aim is to contain at least three months running costs of the church, with the PCC allocating any surplus.

BUILDING FUND

This contains monies reserved by the PCC to cover specific future projects related to the upkeep of infrastructure, including monies allocated for Quinquennial repair costs.

PARVIS ROOF

This contains monies designated for the Parvis Roof repairs.

ORGAN FUND

This contains monies being donated specifically to be spent on the organ.

QUINQUENNIAL FUND

This contains monies earmarked for quinquennial repair cycle expenditure.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross. The PCC is not registered for VAT, however the equivalent to the cost of VAT is reclaimable as a grant under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme for qualifying costs related to the fabric of the building.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over. The parish share is accounted for when due. 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.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated as follows:

| | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Audio/CCTV | Straight line over 5 years |
| Projector | Straight line over 5 years |
| Lighting | Straight line over 10 years |
| Boiler | Straight line over 10 years |
| Church Assets | Straight line over 50 years |

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December 2022.

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

2 ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

- (i) The Oundle Church Clock Fund: Chairman of Trustees, Revd Canon Stephen Webster, Sian Fytche, Trustee
(ii) The Friends of Oundle Parish Church: Chairman of Trustees, Ian Goldsmith
(iii) William Walcot's Foundation: Chairman of Trustees, Revd Canon Stephen Webster, Sian Fytche, Trustee

3 INCOMING RESOURCES

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | TOTAL 2022 £ | FUNDS 2021 £ |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| (a) Voluntary Income | | | | | |
| Planned giving: | | | | | |
| Gift Aid donations | 136,596 | 60 | - | 136,656 | 135,485 |
| Other | 17,795 | - | - | 17,795 | 24,392 |
| Sundry donations: | | | | | |
| Grants | 14,073 | 133,405 | - | 147,478 | 17,319 |
| Gift Aid donations | 22,608 | 363 | - | 22,971 | 2,292 |
| Cash collections | 1,851 | - | - | 1,851 | 1,054 |
| Thanksgiving Campaign | 24,770 | 1,800 | - | 26,570 | 1,200 |
| Legacies | - | - | - | - | - |
| Youth Minister Seed Funding | 15,400 | - | - | 15,400 | 5,100 |
| Other giving | 6,396 | 21,956 | - | 28,352 | 6,635 |
| Tax recoverable | 50,805 | 602 | - | 51,407 | 37,109 |
| | <u>290,294</u> | <u>158,186</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>448,480</u> | <u>230,586</u> |
| (b) Fund generating activities | | | | | |
| Feed in Tariff income | 3,986 | - | - | 3,986 | 3,426 |
| | <u>3,986</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>3,986</u> | <u>3,426</u> |
| (c) Income from investments | <u>2,171</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>423</u> | <u>2,594</u> | <u>472</u> |
| | <u>2,171</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>423</u> | <u>2,594</u> | <u>472</u> |
| (d) From operating activities | | | | | |
| Bookstall | 326 | - | - | 326 | 86 |
| Lettings | 4,989 | - | - | 4,989 | 1,738 |
| Munch Club meals | - | 1,583 | - | 1,583 | 60 |
| Fees for weddings/funerals | 5,150 | - | - | 5,150 | 5,962 |
| | <u>10,465</u> | <u>1,583</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>12,048</u> | <u>7,846</u> |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | <u>306,916</u> | <u>159,769</u> | <u>423</u> | <u>467,108</u> | <u>242,330</u> |

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

| 4 | RESOURCES EXPENDED | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | TOTAL 2022 £ | TOTAL 2021 £ |
|-----|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) | Grants/Donations(see note 9) | | | | | |
| | Missionary and charitable giving | | | | | |
| | Church overseas - missionary societies | 14,600 | - | - | 14,600 | 17,320 |
| | Other | 5,656 | - | - | 5,656 | 6,034 |
| | | <u>20,256</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>20,256</u> | <u>23,354</u> |
| (b) | Relating directly to church work | | | | | |
| | Ministry Expenditure | | | | | |
| | Diocesan parish share | 128,728 | - | - | 128,728 | 128,728 |
| | Clergy expenses | 869 | - | - | 869 | 1,072 |
| | Training | 220 | - | - | 220 | 498 |
| | Church Expenditure | | | | | |
| | Maintenance and minor repairs | 6,614 | 2,042 | - | 8,656 | 6,430 |
| | Quinquennial | 1,688 | 20,000 | - | 21,688 | 2,620 |
| | Building ministry projects | - | 19,617 | - | 19,617 | 15,369 |
| | Building cleaning and sanitation | 1,953 | - | - | 1,953 | - |
| | Holdich Organ Project | 1,800 | - | - | 1,800 | - |
| | Utilities | 7,877 | 755 | - | 8,632 | 7,692 |
| | Worship | 4,584 | 79 | - | 4,663 | 4,631 |
| | Outreach | 2,220 | 4,397 | - | 6,617 | 1,998 |
| | Pastoral | 100 | - | - | 100 | 66 |
| | Youth (including salaries) | 13,728 | 933 | - | 14,661 | 29,817 |
| | VAT reclaimable under LPWS | 12,573 | - | - | 12,573 | 3,420 |
| | Depreciation | 5,008 | - | - | 5,008 | 5,227 |
| | Management & Administration | | | | | |
| | Insurance | 5,402 | - | - | 5,402 | 5,287 |
| | Parish Office | 5,196 | - | - | 5,196 | 3,156 |
| | Other admin costs | 406 | - | - | 406 | 371 |
| | Staff costs: Salaries and pensions | 34,263 | - | - | 34,263 | 21,180 |
| | | <u>233,229</u> | <u>47,823</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>281,052</u> | <u>237,562</u> |
| (c) | Fund-raising costs | | | | | |
| | Costs of fundraising campaigns and events | 65 | - | - | 65 | - |
| | | <u>65</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>65</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | <u>253,550</u> | <u>47,823</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>301,373</u> | <u>260,916</u> |

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(a) FIXED ASSETS

| Tangible | CHURCH ASSETS £ | AUDIO £ | IT £ | LIGHTING £ | BOILER £ | PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT £ | TOTAL £ |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------|---------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Cost/Valuation | | | | | | | |
| At cost/valuation at 1 January 2022 | 44,160 | 46,821 | 1,124 | 48,750 | 35,767 | | 176,622 |
| Additions | | | | | | 21,000 | 21,000 |
| Revaluation in year | - | - | - | - | - | | - |
| At 1 January and 31 December 2022 | 44,160 | 46,821 | 1,124 | 48,750 | 35,767 | 21,000 | 197,622 |
| Depreciation | | | | | | | |
| At 1 January 2022 | 1,000 | 44,670 | 969 | 48,750 | 32,191 | - | 127,580 |
| Charge for the year | 200 | 1,077 | 155 | - | 3,576 | - | 5,008 |
| At 31 December 2022 | 1,200 | 45,747 | 1,124 | 48,750 | 35,767 | - | 132,588 |
| Net Book Value | | | | | | | |
| At Jan 1st 2022 | 43,160 | 2,151 | 155 | - | 3,576 | - | 49,042 |
| At Dec 31st 2022 | 42,960 | 1,074 | - | - | - | 21,000 | 65,034 |

The church assets were revalued during 2017 in accordance with transition to SORP FRS 102 (note 13).

The last full revaluation of church assets took place on the 4 February 2022 by Ian Goldsmith of Goldsmiths Auctioneers. The valuables were valued at £34,160.

The valuation was based upon the fair value which could be reasonably expected to be received under normal market conditions. The valuation required research of items sold at auction and insurance values.

The revaluation in 2017 resulted in a fair value adjustment to the revaluation reserve of £40,087.

The revaluation in 2018 resulted in a reduction of £2,587.

The revaluation in 2019 resulted in an increase of £7,500. There was no change to values at 31 December 2020.

The revaluation in 2021 resulted in a decrease of £840. An informal valuation at 31/12/22 valued the assets at the same value as at 31/12/21.

(b)

| Investments | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | TOTAL £ |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Market value 1 January 2022 | 1,017 | - | 14,574 | 15,591 |
| Revaluation gain/(loss) | 89 | - | (1,708) | (1,619) |
| Market value at 31 December 2022 | 1,106 | - | 12,866 | 13,972 |
| Holdings at 31 December 2022 | | | | |
| | Fund | £ | £ | £ |
| | Opening value | Movement | | Value at 31/12/22 |
| 417 New Ord Shares in NatWest Group | General | 1,017 | 89 | 1,106 |
| Chancel: 428 Income units in CBF Investment Fund | Chancel | 10,010 | (1,173) | 8,837 |
| Jesus Church: 195.15 Income units in CBF Investment Fund | Jesus Church | 4,564 | (535) | 4,029 |
| | | 15,591 | (1,619) | 13,972 |

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CURRENT ASSETS

(a)

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Total 2022 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Stocks | | | | | |
| Communion supplies, cups | 54 | - | - | 54 | 130 |
| | 54 | - | - | 54 | 130 |

(b)

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|---|--------|-------|
| Debtors | | | | | |
| Income tax recoverable | 6,060 | 201 | - | 6,261 | 3,999 |
| Other debtors and prepayments | 11,073 | 1,900 | - | 12,973 | 3,339 |
| | 17,133 | 2,101 | - | 19,234 | 7,338 |

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LIABILITIES

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|---|--------|--------|
| Creditors falling due within one year | | | | | |
| Accruals and Deferred Income | 9,580 | 1,145 | - | 10,725 | 7,055 |
| Other creditors and accruals | 15,797 | 25,379 | - | 41,176 | 14,313 |
| | 25,377 | 26,524 | - | 51,901 | 21,368 |

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| 8 | GRANTS RECEIVABLE | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Total 2022 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Listed Places of Worship Grant Claims | 12,573 | - | - | 12,573 | 3,420 |
| | Worshipful Company of Grocers | - | 1,500 | - | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| | Worshipful Company of Grocers - Dame Margaret Slaney Fund | - | - | - | - | 5,000 |
| | Feeoffees | - | 1,900 | - | 1,900 | 1,900 |
| | Feeoffees for Munch Club | - | 750 | - | 750 | 750 |
| | Waitrose Community Matters for Munch Club | - | - | - | - | 124 |
| | Historic England COVID-19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Response Fund | - | - | - | - | 2,125 |
| | Diocese of Peterborough | 1,500 | 3,255 | - | 4,755 | 2,500 |
| | Holdich Organ Grant | - | 126,000 | - | 126,000 | - |
| | | 14,073 | 133,405 | - | 147,478 | 17,319 |

9 **MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE GIVING**

UK and overseas. This is reviewed by the Missions Group who recommend any changes to the PCC.

| | Unrestricted 2022 £ | Restricted 2022 £ | Total 2022 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| CHURCH OVERSEAS | | | | |
| Missionary Societies | | | | |
| CMS | - | - | - | 812 |
| Crosslinks | 4,860 | - | 4,860 | 5,280 |
| SAT7 | 4,060 | - | 4,060 | 4,415 |
| Tearfund | 1,620 | - | 1,620 | 1,760 |
| South America Mission Society - FEISA | - | - | - | 648 |
| United Society | 4,060 | - | 4,060 | 4,405 |
| | 14,600 | - | 14,600 | 17,320 |
| Other | | | | |
| Historic Churches Preservation Trust | 50 | - | 50 | 50 |
| Langley House Trust | - | - | - | 648 |
| Hope into Action | 1,620 | - | 1,620 | 1,760 |
| FIT to friends of St Peter's Church | 3,986 | - | 3,986 | 3,426 |
| Robinsons Bangkok | - | - | - | 150 |
| | 5,656 | - | 5,656 | 6,034 |
| TOTAL | 20,256 | - | 20,256 | 23,354 |

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10 CBF DEPOSIT FUNDS

| | GENERAL £ | BUILDINGS £ | ORGAN £ |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| OPENING BALANCE | 93,443 | 29,563 | 16,593 |
| Interest | 1,479 | 349 | 215 |
| From / (To) Current Account | 25,000 | (3,483) | (1,800) |
| CLOSING BALANCE | 119,922 | 26,429 | 15,008 |

| | Endowment CHANCEL £ |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| OPENING BALANCE | 2,893 |
| Dividends | 264 |
| Interest | 40 |
| CLOSING BALANCE | 3,197 |

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11 ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

| | Balance at 1 January 2022 | Incoming resources | Resources expended | Transfers | Revaluation gains/losses | Balance at 31 December 2022 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | | £ | £ |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | | |
| Designated funds: | | | | | | |
| Building Fund | 20,463 | 349 | - | - | - | 20,812 |
| General reserve | 56,383 | 1,479 | - | - | - | 57,862 |
| Quinquennial reserve | - | - | - | 8,364 | - | 8,364 |
| Organ Fund | 11,593 | 215 | (1,800) | - | - | 10,008 |
| General fund | 146,559 | 304,873 | (251,750) | (8,364) | 89 | 191,407 |
| | 234,998 | 306,916 | (253,550) | - | 89 | 288,453 |
| Restricted funds | | | | | | |
| Feeoffees | 4,000 | 1,900 | (1,795) | - | - | 4,105 |
| Servery Project | 12,100 | - | (6,240) | - | - | 5,860 |
| Hardship Fund | 262 | - | (262) | - | - | - |
| Worshipful Company of Grocers | 6,500 | 1,500 | (7,562) | - | - | 438 |
| Holiday at Home | 647 | 433 | (766) | 259 | - | 573 |
| Cremated Remains Area | 297 | - | - | - | - | 297 |
| Holdich Organ Project | - | 128,500 | - | - | - | 128,500 |
| Heating repairs fund | - | 2,171 | (1,580) | - | - | 591 |
| Friends of Oundle Parish Church | 3,849 | 21,383 | (25,232) | - | - | - |
| Clock & Bells Fund | 2,868 | - | - | - | - | 2,868 |
| OCYA for Youth Minister | 500 | - | - | - | - | 500 |
| Munch Club | 2,114 | 2,333 | (2,523) | - | - | 1,924 |
| Explorations Outings | 259 | - | - | (259) | - | - |
| PDBF for Heating | - | 755 | (755) | - | - | - |
| Friends in Need | 2,935 | 640 | (846) | - | - | 2,729 |
| Bereavement Fund | 50 | - | - | - | - | 50 |
| AV fund | - | 79 | (79) | - | - | - |
| West Porch Café | 702 | 75 | (183) | - | - | 594 |
| | 37,083 | 159,769 | (47,823) | - | - | 149,029 |
| Endowment funds | | | | | | |
| Chancel compounding fund | 12,905 | 303 | - | - | (1,173) | 12,035 |
| Jesus Church income fund | 5,006 | 120 | - | - | (535) | 4,591 |
| | 17,911 | 423 | - | - | (1,708) | 16,626 |
| Total funds | 289,992 | 467,108 | (301,373) | - | (1,619) | 454,108 |

The Feeoffees was grants received for expenditure on the fabric of the building and for youth minister costs. Spending of most of the funds has been delayed due to COVID-19 and contractor availability. The funds have been allocated to be spent on works currently planned for early 2023.

The Servery Project Fund contains donations to be spent on the Servery Project.

The Hardship Fund was a donation received to provide a fund to spent on small grants for members of the congregation in financial difficulty.

Worshipful Company of Grocers - grants to be spent on the fabric of the building.

Holiday at Home Fund is donations received specifically for the running of the Holiday at Home Event - this event recommenced in 2022.

The Cremated Remains Area fund was a legacy to be used on the cremated remains area.

Holdich Organ fund - see note 13 below.

Heating repairs fund - monies donated specifically for the cost of making urgent repairs to the heating system.

The Friends fund consists of donations from the Friends of Oundle Parish Church to be spent on projects as agreed between the PCC and the Friends.

The Clock & Bells Fund is funding for the Clock Tower and Bell works.

OCYA for Youth Minister is a donation received for the costs related to the Youth Minister.

The Munch Club came under St Peters umbrella from December 2018. The funds are administered separately.

The Explorations Outings fund are funds raised to be expended on outreach.

PDBF for Heating - a grant from the Diocese of Peterborough towards the cost of heating the church building.

Friends in Need Fund - donations received to be allocated at the Vicar's discretion for parishioners in need.

The Bereavement fund is a donation specifically for the use of the bereavement team.

AV fund - a donation made for the cost of replacing microphones.

The West Porch Café fund - funds raised to be expended on youth.

A designated reserve for Quinquennial repairs has been established to ring-fence unspent annual budget set aside for Quinquennial repairs.

12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the Trustees made aggregate donations to St Peter's Church totaling £56,517 (2022: £29,295).

13 HOLDICH ORGAN PROJECT

During 2022 a pipe organ was donated to the church. The organ is currently undergoing refurbishment off-site and will be installed in 2023.

The cost of the refurbishment and installation has been donated to the church in full at a figure of £126,000 including VAT.

There will be some legal and architectural charges in the region of £10,000. These charges will be funded by the church from the existing organ fund.

As the funds are to be expended on a fixed asset the monies spent do not appear in the expenditure section. During 2022 the first £21,000 plus VAT was spent on the deposit for refurbishment of the organ, which appears as a payment on account on fixed assets on the balance sheet. The organ has negligible value until it is fully refurbished and will be revalued upon installation in 2023.

