

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

England & Wales · Charity number 1132878

Details

Other names	BELPER PCC (REG CHARITY NO. 1132878), ST PETER'S PCC, BELPER
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-11-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

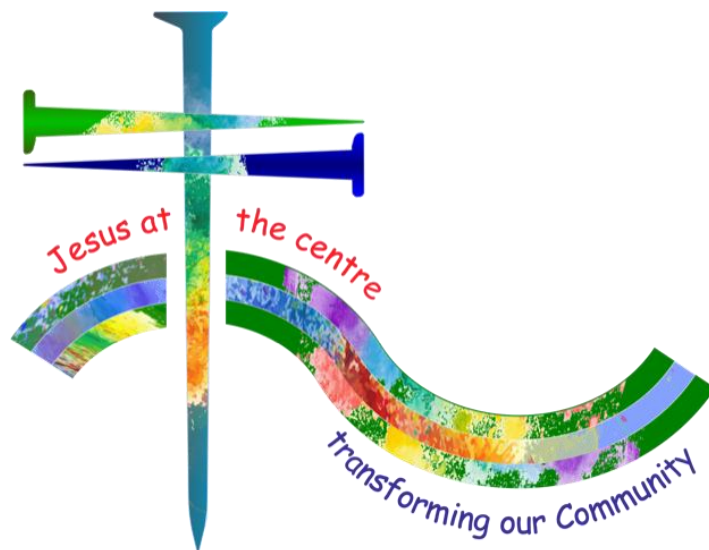
Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£313,752	£244,049	-	-
2024-12-31	£248,796	£214,774	-	-
2023-12-31	£298,359	£223,990	-	-
2022-12-31	£207,968	£195,232	-	-
2021-12-31	£245,830	£229,448	-	-
2020-12-31	£233,748	£246,287	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Elliot George	Chair	2025-10-22
Adam James Moss		2026-04-21
Alexandra Judith Fogarty		2026-04-21
Christine Frances Catherall		2019-04-16
Christopher John Craddy		2022-04-26
Christopher Martin Gregson		2019-04-16
David Anderton		2019-04-16
David Tony Skelton		2019-04-16
Derek Adams		2020-09-08
Heather Sian Kellogg		2019-04-16
JOHN STUART HASTINGS-THOMSON		2020-09-08
Julian Hodgson		2023-04-25
KEITH WOLLERTON		2015-04-21
Margaret Irene Mary Goddard		2023-04-25
PHILIP JOHN THOMAS		2019-04-16
Patience Atkinson-Gregory		2023-04-25
SUSAN MARIE ALLEN		2020-09-08
Tracy Lynne Drake		2020-09-08

Accounts



The Parish of Belper

Incorporating the churches of
St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's

Annual Report

Year Ended 31st December 2025

Registered Charity No 1132878



St Peter's Church
 Chesterfield Road
 Belper
 DE56 1EZ
 (Parish Church)

St Mark's Church
 Over Lane, Openwoodgate
 Belper
 DE56 OHW

St Swithun's Church
 Holbrook Road
 Belper
 DE56 1PA

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Legal Status

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Belper St Peter's is a registered charity, number 1132878

PCC Membership (Trustees)

Clergy

Rev. Elliot George
 Rev. Charles Beresford

Priest-in-Charge (from October 2025)
 Retired Clergy Representative (non-voting)

Parish Churchwardens

Julian Hodgson
 David Skelton

Deanery Synod Representatives

John Hastings-Thompson St Peter's
 David Fox St Mark's

Elected Members

Steve Bennet	St Peter's	Deputy Warden
Judie Fogarty	St Peter's	Deputy Warden
Patience Atkinson-Gregory	St Peter's	Treasurer and Parish Treasurer
Margaret Goddard	St Peter's	
Tracy Drake	St Peter's	
Amy Hollingsworth	St Peter's	
Constance Lane	St Peter's	
Chris Craddy	St Peter's	
Derek Adams	St Mark's	Deputy Warden
Geraldine Comery	St Mark's	Deputy Warden
Chris Gregson	St Mark's	Treasurer
Dorothy Hunt	St Mark's	
Christine Catherall	St Mark's	
Adam Moss	St Mark's	
Philip Thomas	St Swithun's	Deputy Warden
Keith Wollerton	St Swithun's	Deputy Warden
David Anderton	St Swithun's	Treasurer
Barbara Anderton	St Swithun's	
Tracy Comber	St Swithun's	

Co-opted Members

Sian Kellogg	St Peter's	
Sue Allen	St Peter's	Parish Safeguarding Officer

Vicky Walker	St Mark's Safeguarding Link
Keith Wollerton & Tracy Comber	St Swithun's Safeguarding Links

Jane Carter	PCC Secretary (non-voting)
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Vicar's Report

I can't believe that it's been six months since I was licensed as Priest-in-Charge of this Parish, and there's so much to give thanks for! Megan and I feel so overwhelmed with people's love and support here, especially with the teething problems around the housing situation; but honestly, we've not felt more at home anywhere else since we left our home town. There are far too many people to thank by name, but we're so grateful to everyone who has reached out a hand of genuine friendship towards us. Family always comes first – and we're so excited to become part of the family of this Parish!

Belper is one of the most wonderful, warm and thriving communities in Derbyshire, and this Parish plays a central role in it. I feel so privileged to have been entrusted with the role and responsibility here, but I'm more privileged to be working along such a magnificent team of ministers, wardens, staff and volunteers. You all work so tirelessly, often for very little credit or reward, but without everyone playing their part, everything would fall flat. Thank you all!

I'm meant to reflect back on the Parish's life and activities since the APCM in 2025, but I can only manage about half of that since being licensed in October. The phrase "baptism by fire" has been suggested more times than I can remember, and that's possibly true for my personal bubble of activity – Remembrance, Advent, Christmas, moving house, birthdays, Lent groups, Easter – but not for our churches. So far, there has been a huge buzz of excitement and enthusiasm, and an eagerness to explore together what the next chapter of this Parish might look like. I'm grateful to all those who have offered their creative reflections as I've bedded in at all three churches over the last few months, but equally I'm grateful to those who have questioned and challenged the hows and whys of what we do. Family is about moving forward together, recognising difference and embracing diversity.

I'm so excited for what the future might hold for us as a Parish family. No doubt there will be changes on their way – some near, and some far off; some surface level, and some deeper. Change often brings uncertainty, questions, and trepidation when the path ahead feels unclear. In times like these, what matters most is not having all the answers, but knowing we are not facing it alone. Together, we support one another, adapt, find strength in unity, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus at the centre. Every challenge becomes lighter when it is shared, and every step forward becomes more meaningful when we take it side by side.

I, for one, am so excited about the road ahead as we journey with Jesus, but let's not forget it's our job to bring others on the journey too. 20,000 people live in our parish, and this year is a big one for Belper's history. But in these troubled times, the world needs to know that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. We are pilgrim people, so let's get moving!

Rev. Elliot George
Priest-in-Charge

Churchwardens' Acknowledgements

The past twelve months have been another year of change for the Parish of St Peter's. This time last year we were still in vacancy with interviews looming. Since then, we have welcomed Rev. Elliot George, his wife Megan and daughter Chloe to the parish and they have all settled well into the vicarage (albeit after a delayed move while the diocese completed repairs). The parish showed yet again what it can do when everyone pulls together and his installation service in October went very well. It brought together not only the parish family but many of those connected to St Peter's within our wider community. A huge thanks to all those who made it a memorable service.

Elliot has been getting to know the idiosyncrasies of each of our churches by spending a month at each church in turn. He has begun to review the various policies and processes that we use and identify the gaps we need to fill. This will take time to implement but from a parish warden's perspective, feels both encouraging and supportive of our role.

The parish has continued to provide a variety of activities for those wanting to engage with the church, from the "young" to the "not so young" members of our community. There are too many people to mention by name who give of their time and energies to support the ministries across the parish but we want to thank everyone who helps run our various activities whether practically, financially or prayerfully; as without all three components, we would not see them flourish as they do. Regular attendance is increasing and we are seeing more newcomers on a Sunday. Regular maintenance work has been carried out at all three churches and our thanks to the Deputy Wardens who coordinate much of the detail needed.

Looking forward to the coming year we have a parish weekend booked at Wydale at the beginning of July which we hope will provide lots of thought and ideas as we explore what it means to be "family" in the parish. Steve Bennett steps down at the end of May as deputy warden at St Peter's and we thank him for his tireless service over the years, always willing to tackle whatever job needed doing. Thank you so much Steve, and we wish you well for the future knowing you will still be willing to help out if you are able. This does leave a deputy warden vacancy which you can speak to David or me if you feel called to help.

David and I continue to be grateful for all the support we receive knowing people are praying for us and the work we do.

Julian Hodgson
with David Skelton
Parish Churchwardens

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in this ecclesiastical Parish.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church House, known as St Mark's House in Openwoodgate, Belper.

1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Peter's Parish falls within the Dove and Derwent Deanery, within the Church of England Diocese of Derby and serves an area with a population of approximately 18,000 people, making it one of the largest single parishes in the Diocese. The Parish participates ecumenically through Churches Together in Belper.

The Parish Mission Statement is 'Jesus at the Centre – transforming our community'. The PCC promotes this vision and is committed to enabling people to grow in discipleship through worship and teaching and to be active in supporting the community both local and worldwide and allowing people of all race, age, gender, learning level, sexuality and dis/ability to be an active part. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and makes suggestions on how the services at our three churches can involve the many groups that live within the Parish.

The Priest-in-Charge is Reverend Elliot George, licensed on the 22nd October 2025. The Parish also greatly benefits from the help of several retired clergy with permission to officiate, and five fully trained and licensed lay ministers. They all assist in different ways in the daily life of the Parish.

However, a large proportion of the work and activities is carried out by the many volunteers who give freely of their time and effort, and without whom nothing would be achieved to promote the gospel or encourage people to follow Jesus and be an active presence within the local community. In particular Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens and Treasurers work tirelessly to ensure that everything runs smoothly, safely and efficiently, alongside the Parish's employed administrators and cleaners.

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Anyone who is on the individual church's Electoral Roll may seek election onto the PCC by being nominated and seconded by anyone else who is on the Electoral Roll. Under the governance structure nominations are made through the individual churches, and elections take place at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). All terms of office are for three years with one third of the council due to stand down each year.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members of the individual churches form the Trustees Local Committee (TLC) dealing with the day-to-day business and mission of each individual church, under the guidelines and recommendations of the PCC. Other members of each local church are encouraged to be part of groups and committees. Specialist expertise is shared across the Parish.

The full membership of the PCC comprises:

- Ex-officio members: the Vicar, all other licensed clergy, and two Parish Churchwardens (appointed annually at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners prior to the APCM);
- Members of Deanery Synod (nominated and elected at the APCM), Diocesan and General Synod;
- Six elected members from each of the three churches – which may include Deputy Churchwardens, Church Treasurers and Parish Treasurer – who also form the three TLCs;
- Up to two co-opted members each year, often including the Parish Safeguarding Officer;
- Additionally, a non-voting representative of the retired clergy team.

The PCC met six times during the year, dealing with business affecting the whole Parish. The APCM took place in April 2025 at St Peter's Church. Additional urgent decisions were taken via email as allowed in our Parish constitution.

The PCC has a standing committee, currently made up of the Vicar, Parish Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer. It has authorisation to transact urgent business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC, including expenditure of up to £500.

The TLCs are the councils of the individual churches and are all accountable to the PCC. Processes are in place to ensure that matters discussed at those council meetings are reported back to the PCC.

Administrative and other statutory information

The Parish of Belper is made up of the churches of St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's. It forms part of the Deanery of Dove and Derwent in the Diocese of Derby. The churches are members of Churches Together in Belper (CTiB).

The PCC is a body corporate established by the Church of England and is the actual governing body within the framework of the Parish and is a registered charity. Representatives from the PCC form the TLCs for each church; the PCC delegates the day-to-day decision-making for the individual churches to those TLCs.

The PCC is also required to operate under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 as amended. This Measure states that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

The property of St Swithun's Church is owned by the independent charity "St Swithun's Church or Mission Hall" (registered charity no. 217994), also previously known as the "Hanson Trust". This charity also makes grants to the TLC of St Swithun's for major repairs and alterations in the Church and exists to serve the "social, spiritual and educational needs of the people of Cow Hill". Ex-officio members of this trust are the Vicar and the two Parish Churchwardens.

Under Charity Law and Church Accounting Regulations, the PCC is required to present an annual report together with a set of consolidated accounts for the whole Parish, prepared on an accruals basis and examined by an independent examiner.

PCC members who have served during 2025 and at the date this report was approved are shown in this booklet.

Approved by the PCC on the 14th April 2026 and signed on their behalf:



PCC Chair



PCC Secretary

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Church Statistics

	Parish Total		St Peter's		St Mark's		St Swithun's	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Electoral Roll	180	174	115	125	53	32	12	23
Sunday attendance (adults)	128	116	73	70	38	30	17	16
Baptisms	15	19	15	17	0	2	0	0
Thanksgivings	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Weddings	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
Renewal of Wedding vows/Marriage blessing	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Funerals at Church	26	30	23	23	2	5	1	2
Funerals at Crem only	2	3						
Thanksgiving for life	0	1						
	2025	2024						
Burial of Ashes St P	0	5						
Burial of Ashes Cem	0	0						
Confirmation	0	8						
Admittance to HC	0	0						

Worship and Prayer

Services are held in all three churches each Sunday. The pattern of worship ensures that there is a communion service each Sunday within the Parish.

Morning services include Common Worship Holy Communion and Service of the Word. At times these have been taken by Wardens and people on the Diocesan Discipleship Training Course. A more relaxed style of worship is held at St Peter's on the third Sunday of the month and is led by a varied team of people. St Mark's also holds an informal Family Service each month.

Communion is available in each of the churches at least monthly. An additional Communion Service takes place on a Wednesday morning at St Swithun's Church each month.

Main services at St Peter's are livestreamed via YouTube with the appropriate licenses. This is also available for a small fee for livestreaming weddings and funerals.

There are around four Parish combined services during the year. Weekly prayer meetings are held at all three churches, and on Zoom.

Service Patterns across the Parish

Week	St Peter's			St Mark's			St Swithun's	
1	10.00am	MW with Baptism		10.00 am	HC		11.00 am	MW
2	10.00 am	HC		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	MW
3	10.00 am	Relaxed Worship		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	HC
4	10.00 am	HC		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	MW
5	Flexible, with a HC service somewhere in the Parish.							
(MW = Morning Worship, HC = Holy Communion) In addition, there are a few joint parish services in any year.								

Occasional Offices

26 funerals or burial of ashes or thanksgiving for a person's life were conducted during the year by clergy from the Parish, both in the churches and at Markeaton or Amber Valley Crematorium. Burials take place at Belper cemetery and burial of ashes is available in the Garden of Remembrance at St Peter's.

During the last year no weddings were conducted in the Parish.

There were 15 Baptisms at St Peter's, none at St Mark's and none at St Swithun's. Preparation sessions are held for parents and Godparents. The parish policy is not to book baptism dates before families have attended preparation which is called 'First Steps'. Families are also expected to attend at least one worship service and a baptism or thanksgiving service within the Parish before coming to preparation. This period of preparation helps families to decide whether Thanksgiving for the birth of a child or Baptism is more appropriate for them.

4. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Sunday Club at St Peter's

We have been glad to offer Christian learning and fun for the children who have come to St Peter's on Sunday mornings over the past year.

There are 8 of us on the team, some of us planning and leading sessions and some acting as helpers, always each week with a minimum of two. From time-to-time parents or grandparents have accompanied their charges as well, and made valued contributions. We are grateful to Amy for keeping the resources cupboard in good order, to Irene for compiling the rota and to Sue for co-ordinating the attendance records and being the formal leader for the purposes of the on-line hub. Everyone on the team has regular safeguarding training and the appropriate DBS clearance.

In recent months the average attendance has been five, with a maximum of nine and a minimum of zero. Included in this figure are a few children who have joined us only once, perhaps because they were in Church as visitors. In addition, we sometimes welcome children associated with baptism families and on the relatively few occasions they have joined us their numbers have averaged five.

While we try and offer something that will connect with all the children who come, they represent a wide variety of ages and abilities, and for some of the older ones what we offer will increasingly be too young for them, and we risk losing them. We would very much like to start a second group for them, but this will require additional team members. Honesty compels us to admit that we are living more from hand to mouth than we would like, so we hope to meet with Elliot soon and start planning strategically. We pray that God will send us more children,

more leaders and more helpers. Please talk to any of us if you would like to consider dropping in for a taster session one Sunday morning with a view to possibly becoming a leader or a helper.

Tony Ward

YPF (Young People's Fellowship)

The YPF leaders and helpers have made it their mission to provide a safe and inclusive space for young people, aged between 11-18 years old, to come together to explore their faith, make and grow friendships and have time to talk and have fun with likeminded people.

YPF meets every Friday evening during term time at St Peter's, as well as extra activities throughout the year such as walks and chippy tea, BBQ, Bonfire Night fireworks, bowling, Christmas party church sleepover and the ever-popular weekend away at the Peak Centre in Edale. Attendees have also been given the opportunity to help at church events when volunteers have been needed, such as the Winter Market and decorating the church Christmas tree. This gives the group a sense of feeling part of a bigger community, where they are encouraged and valued.

It's been heartening to see more new faces join YPF on a regular basis with average attendance still holding strong in the low twenties. Regular attendees include people from St Peter's, St Mark's, neighbouring churches of other denominations and the local secondary schools. The young people who attend are often effective evangelists to friends and family, confident in sharing their faith through friendship and open invitations to YPF and other church activities. Attendees model loving behaviour, always being respectful, curious and open. They pray for one another and the wider world and have deep and encouraging conversations, filled with questions about the gospel and the challenges they experience day to day, as well as on their faith journey, whatever stage that may be!

Jo Richardson

Messy Church

Messy Church is a twice-monthly event for families to come together to enjoy learning about God's love through craft activities, games and stories and by eating a meal together with friends. The first hour of each session is spent on a variety of craft activities around that month's Bible theme. We have a team of helpers who assist with the craft activities. After the craft activities, we have a time of celebration during which we sing, have a Bible story and have an interactive time of prayer. Then we sit down to enjoy a meal together.

Messy Church started at St Swithun's church in September 2014 and takes place on the second Saturday of each month (except August) from 4pm to 6pm. The number of attendees varies considerably from month to month – averaging between 10 and 20 children plus adults and helpers.

St Mark's Messy Church began in February 2022 and usually takes place on the fourth Saturday of each month (except August) from 4pm to 6pm. Each session follows a similar format to the one at St Swithun's. Attendance similarly varies with an average of 6 to 16 children plus adults and helpers.

April Tompkins

Little Church

Little Church is a Parent and Toddler group for 0–4-year-olds and their parents/grandparents or carers. We meet every Wednesday morning in term time from 10am to 12 noon. During the session there are opportunities for play, singing, stories, prayer and craft as well as a drink and snack. This is also a chance for parents/grandparents and carers to meet together socially and join in an act of worship with their children.

It's encouraging to see that a number of the children who have been coming for some time are able to join in with the words to the songs and prayers. We have great fun acting out some of the Bible stories and it's a delight seeing the response from the children – and adults too!

April Tompkins

Prams and First Shoes

Prams and First Shoes at St Mark's Church is a group for 0–3-year-olds with their parents/carers, meeting weekly on Thursday mornings in term time. It is run by a group of church volunteers who offer a safe, friendly environment for babies and children to play, and adults to have a coffee and a chat with others to share news and ideas.

People can come and go as they please over a two-hour period 9.30 - 11.30, and everyone is made very welcome. There is no charge but donations are appreciated. Usually there are about six to ten children with adults but it can vary from week to week. There is plenty of room to play and socialise and enjoy a relaxed environment.

Joan Foster

School links

St John's Church of England Primary School

Foundation Governors continue to support the school by leading monthly prayer meetings to which staff are invited. Although still a small group, the number of staff members attending is increasing so we've now moved to a larger room! All staff look forward to cakes usually made and donated by one of the governors.

We introduce Christian values throughout the school as we sit on other governor committees as well as the Foundation Governor committee, and help them to review and strengthen its Christian foundation, mission vision and statements. Every school policy now has a relevant Christian verse on the cover.

When Rev Anne retired, Nick Gee joined us as ex-officio governor until Rev Elliot began in October, when Nick continued as co-opted governor. Collective Worship is held daily and Rev Elliot leads these regularly, along with occasional RE lessons, nursery stories and other school visits.

At our termly Foundation Governor meetings we discuss

- school events and services held in St Peter's, which typically occur once or twice a term celebrating special Christian festivals and seasons, in addition to the occasional 'special' worship session in school.
- upcoming school inspections.
- how to help write amendments, when necessary, to the school's Religious Education Policy.

The school still has links with Scott Lane School in Kolkata and although no one from St John's visited this year, they collected some things to send over to the school with a representative who went from another Derbyshire school.

We would like to thank Mr Averis for his support and leadership during his time as headteacher, and wish him the best as he moves on to new pastures. We look forward to working closely with the new headteacher in September.

Rachel Kennings & Patience Atkinson-Gregory
Foundation Governors

Pottery Primary School

Staff, children and their families from Pottery School held their annual Christmas service at St Peter's. Rev Elliot has met with Mr Hooley the headteacher and also attended the school's own Nativity assemblies.

Herbert Strutt Primary School

Staff and children from Herbert Strutt Primary School came to St Swithun's for their Christingle and Nativity services. Rev Elliot has met with Mrs Redfern and Mrs Allen, the new headteacher and deputy. The Open the Book team also delivers Bible-based assemblies almost every week of the school year.

5. PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT

PCC Meeting	Attendance
PCC 18th March 25	22
APCM 29th April 25	45
Extraordinary PCC Meeting 6th May 2025	21
PCC 17th June 25	20
PCC 19th August 25	18
PCC 4th October 25	21
PCC 9th December 25	15

PCC meetings this year were all in person and all members attended at least one meeting. During the vacancy, an extraordinary PCC meeting was held to finalise the Parish Profile. Many of the PCC members were involved in the interview day and the Committee welcomed the new Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Elliot George, to the meeting on 4th November. Patience Atkinson-Gregory continues in the role of PCC Treasurer.

Individual churches held many concerts. Concerts included: The Take That Experience, Jane Varga, Unbreakable, Meatloaf, Floyd in the Flesh, Legends of Motown, the Amber Band and the Bohemians.

Outside spaces have again been utilised. The trees at St Peter's regularly being covered in thought provoking attire. The Woollen Woods were again in St Peter's churchyard, and an Easter Garden has become an annual event.

Indoor events or meetings are flourishing: craft evenings, Messy Church, warm spaces, Summer fairs and Winter markets and Holiday at Home. Regular clubs include board games afternoons, knitting groups, Widows Might and bible study. St Mark's hosts the Family Film Club and many others.

John Hastings-Thomson edits our magazine 'Three in One'. Our online newsletter 'Enfold' via email is edited by Pamela Gough. Both have kept people informed and included throughout the year.

Jane Carter
PCC Secretary

6. PARISH FABRIC REPORT

St Peter's Church

- South Side Nave ceiling repainted where water leak had been.
- Slipped slates put back on South Side main roof.
- Drive lights repaired.
- Gutters and down pipes cleared
- Church fully cleaned, (Areas which normally don't get done)
- Carpets Cleaned
- New floodlights (portable) for staircases
- New TV for front South Side.
- Electrics repaired.
- New large portable TV purchased.

David Skelton

St Mark's Church and Hall

(Comprising church, vestry, church hall, kitchen and outside play area)

Church

- Quinquennial report – check metal windows, make good putty where necessary then paint. Completed December 2025
- Carpet cleaned.
- Church windows cleaned.
- Church vents checked to ensure remain free of obstructions.
- Gutters cleared.
- Total deep clean undertaken during the summer.
- Automatic blind installed above altar window.
- Projector bulb replaced.

Vestry

- Carpets cleaned.

Church Hall & Kitchen

- Carpet cleaned.
- End hall wall repainted.
- Paint refreshed on wooden paneling.
- Drains unblocked.
- Kitchen tap replaced.
- Total deep clean undertaken in September.
- Cork boarding replaced on cupboards.
- Children's coat hooks replaced.
- Toilet seats replaced.
- Locks to kitchen cupboards repaired.
- Damp proof paint applied to kitchen wall.
- Sound proofing cork boarding replaced on cupboard doors.
- Full inspection undertaken of the hall roof.
- Roof slates re-aligned on hall roof.
- Weatherboarding replaced.

Outside

- Drains regularly checked and kept clear.
- Gutters and roof checked and cleared.
- Garden, planters and borders kept weed free, bark chip replenished on south bed of church.
- Hedges bordering the car park and front path of the church cut and reduced in height.
- Paths pressure washed.
- Some paths and lower walls treated with algae remover.
- Lines on steps in church yard repainted.
- Handrail in church yard repainted.
- Perspex replaced in external noticeboards.
- Gates installed at entrance to car park.
- Locks replaced on outside play area gates.
- Outside safety light replaced.
- Vestry door and window painted.
- Perspex replaced in external noticeboards

Derek Adams & Geraldine Comery

St Swithun's Church

- Work which was done to the side gutters has proven successful and the damp walls are drying out nicely. In July the boiler received attention and is now working well. In December there was a leaking radiator valve which was repaired promptly and we now have four spare valves. PAT tests have been carried out. The fire extinguishers have been serviced. The organ has been tuned. Everything is in a satisfactory state.

Philip Thomas

7. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Accidents and Near Misses

All three churches carry out Health and Safety inspections and have accident books. Completed forms are retained securely.

St Peter's

- Only 1 minor incident reported.
- Fire extinguishers serviced.
- All electrical equipment PAT tested.
- Dish washer repaired and fully serviced.
- Stewarding training given.
- Regular H & S walkabouts completed.

David Skelton

St Mark's

- There were two accidents reported during 2025.
- All equipment was PAT tested.
- Fire extinguishers serviced throughout the building.
- Regular Health and Safety walkabouts were done.
- Ceiling fans regularly checked.
- All boilers were serviced.
- All smoke detectors were regularly tested – one replaced.
- Defibrillator regularly checked.
- Church vents checked to ensure remain free of obstructions.
- Safety lock attached to hall door.
- Electric cables tidied and secured in church.
- Kitchen hygiene sheets implemented.
- Fire collection point sign obtained.
- Sensor external safety light replaced.

Geraldine Comery & Derek Adams

St Swithun's

- There was one accident reported during 2025
- PAT tests have been carried out.
- The fire extinguishers have been serviced.

Philip Thomas

8. SAFEGUARDING THE CHURCH FAMILY

This is a large parish comprising three churches and we have many activities for children and young people in addition to adults who may be considered to be vulnerable.

Our largest church, St Peter's is open daily. The parish administrators are based here and it a busy environment, used by our congregation and many members of the public. St Mark's church has a hall which is used by a pre-school group in term-time weekdays and uniformed organisations in term-time weekday evenings. St Swithun's church is less busy but also holds gatherings in addition to the Sunday service.

We provide a Sunday Club on almost every Sunday for children under 16 in two churches. When there is a baptism during the service, we offer a welcome to all visiting children. We are very aware of the minimum number of qualified leaders and helpers required. Messy Church is held monthly in two of the churches. Activities for under 5s take place during term-time in two churches. Additionally, the Young People's Fellowship is very well-attended one evening/week in term-time.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is usually, but not always, based at St Peter's and liaises with named Safeguarding Links: Vicky Walker at St Mark's, and Keith Wollerton and Tracy Comber at St Swithun's. The PSO supplies a safeguarding report to every PCC meeting. The DBS Administrator has full responsibility for all DBS applications, both new and renewals. In 2025, 18 new non-clergy applications were successfully submitted plus five renewals. We now have 63 non-clergy DBS holders which is a record high.

Our congregations are very committed to maintaining good safeguarding practices and raises possible concerns with the PSO. These are dealt with appropriately and tactfully and, when necessary, escalated to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team for professional advice. Documentation relating to concerns raised is stored securely on the office PC.

All PCC members and the majority of activity leaders hold a DBS and most have completed Basic and Foundation training courses. Deputy Wardens have very similar responsibilities to Parish Wardens and have all undertaken Domestic Abuse and Leadership training. Our Pastoral Visiting Group is vigilant re safeguarding issues as the members visit vulnerable adults in their own homes, often sharing communion and sometimes post-bereavement.

The very detailed Parish Safeguarding Policy v7 has been replaced by a much simpler version in 2026. The policy is displayed in the three churches. The parish activities are numerous and the activity leaders and helpers often change. The Parish Dashboard needs to be updated monthly. Despite this, the Level 3 dashboard score has recently struggled to keep above 70%. A number of PCC members will sign up to monitor the dashboard and this will help to provide more accurate information.

Sue Allen
Parish Safeguarding Officer

9. DOVE AND DERWENT DEANERY SYNOD

Representatives of the Parish attended the two meeting of the Dove & Derwent Deanery Synod over the past twelve months.

Discussions have included finance, common fund, and carbon-neutral targets. At the most recent meeting the work of The Diocese of Derby Disability Inclusion Action Group was highlighted and the Parish will need to respond to this in due course.

John Hastings-Thomson

10. FINANCE REPORT

St Mark's House

St Mark's house is owned jointly by Benefice of Belper (St Peter's Church, St Mark's Openwoodgate, and St Swithun's) and the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance. The house, was revalued in November 2025 and the value increased by £25,000. It is rented out to provide income to the Benefice of Belper. The property has been let since March 2025, at £1100 per month. The property is managed by Matthew Thomas Residential, with Patience Atkinson-Gregory providing oversight from the church.

Finance Report

Accounts for the individual churches may be found at each church.

The accounts for St Peter's Belper (St Peter's Church, St Mark's, and St Swithun's) are made up of the funds of the PCC and those of the three individual churches. Within the Parish accounts the funds of each church are shown as a restricted fund for that particular church, although they may be made up of several separate funds, both restricted and unrestricted, within the accounts of the individual church.

Operational Matters

The expenses of Parish ministry continue to be shared among the three churches using a formula based on attendance and electoral roll to contribute to the Diocesan Common Fund and Parish expenses.

During 2023 the PCC agreed that money that arose due to the rental of the St John's Car Park should be used for Children and Family work across the Parish. During 2025 costs of £1260 were incurred for valuation of the land and legal expenses regarding access over the land.

Reserves Policy

Reserves are held in the Church of England Deposit Fund which is regularly reviewed to ensure that the best possible interest rate is being obtained. In addition, the PCC agreed that money be deposited in Derbyshire Community Bank, in line with the mission of the church as allowed by the Charity Commission, although this account was closed during 2025. The Parish seeks to find the highest return for reserves.

As shown in the balance sheet on page 20, the total funds for the PCC at the end of the year amounted to £223,557 with a further fixed asset in St Mark's House valued at £290,000.

The St John's land is also owned by the St Peter's Parish Belper (St Peter's Church, St Mark's, and St Swithun's) but there is no corresponding asset fund as this asset is fully depreciated and has a "nil" book value. It is held in trust jointly by the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance and the Church Commissioners of the Church of England on behalf of the Parish, who have now been appointed the managing trustees. The land is now leased to Belper Town Council for use as a car park. The rent was reviewed in 2023 to £8021/year with a review due in 2028. The PCC agreed that this income should be ringfenced for use on Children, Young people, families and schools work across the Parish.

Funds held by the individual churches are treated as restricted funds for the purposes of the particular church within the context of the Parish accounts.

Reserves at St Peter's Church amounted £73,386. £52,516 is in the general fund, £4562 is in the belfry fund. £9706 is restricted for future work on the organ, the Church Fabric fund is £6600 money held for the repair and restoration of the north vestry window. Reserves at St Mark's Church amounted to £31,161, the Church Hall designated fund is £7159, the music fund is £302. Reserves at St Swithun's Church amounted to £12,385. St Swithun's is supported by the Hanson Trust an independent Trust Fund established by the founder Elizabeth Hanson to maintain a Christian presence in the area of "Cow Hill" Belper. This Trust contributes to major repairs and renovations and pays the annual insurance on the building. Noted in the accounts as a recurring grant.

Patience Atkinson-Gregory
Parish Treasurer

11. ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

The electoral roll is up by three people from the previous year, bringing the total number on the roll to 183. There were five new additions and two recorded deaths.

St Peter's	117 (increased by two)
St Mark's	54 (increased by one)
St Swithun's	12 (no change)
Total	183

Siân Kellogg

PCC

Consolidated Financial Statement

For year ended 31st December 2025



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
St Peter's Parish , Belper

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1132878

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2025.

**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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

10 / 11 / 2026

Name:

Eric O'Connor

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

M.A.A.T

Address:

Nicholson Tax & Accounts
8 Chapel Street
Belper , Derbyshire DE56 1AR

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2025

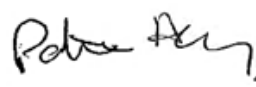
		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2025	2024
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources								
Activities for generating funds	2	2,141	-	58,943	3,986	2,676	67,746	36,552
Church activities	3	5,279	-	7,891	433	85	13,688	12,353
Income from investments	4	22,938	-	898	17,961	330	42,127	35,689
Other incoming resources	5	-	25,000	1,629	4,457	1,307	32,393	2,878
Voluntary income	6	-	-	97,799	43,202	16,796	157,797	161,324
Total Incoming Resources		30,358	25,000	167,160	70,039	21,194	313,752	248,796
Resources Used								
Cost of church activities:								
Cost of generating funds	7	243	-	34,852	4,736	-	39,831	3,518
Cost of generating voluntary income	8	41,453	-	32,403	9,959	8,575	92,389	99,735
Redevelopment works	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,171
Governance costs	10	1,108	-	100	50	30	1,288	1,336
Investment management costs	11	6,267	-	-	10,114	-	16,381	11,209
Mission and charitable giving	12	-	-	7,010	4,012	1,342	12,364	12,376
Other	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Share	14	-	-	49,829	21,953	9,519	81,301	75,387
Resources Used before transfers		49,071	-	124,194	50,824	19,466	243,554	210,733
Allocation of parish expenditure	14	(32,024)	-	21,465	7,711	3,343	495	4,041
Total Resources Used		17,047	-	145,659	58,534	22,809	244,049	214,774
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources		13,311	25,000	21,501	11,505	(1,614)	69,703	34,022
Balances brought forward		93,593	265,000	51,660	19,609	13,999	443,861	409,836
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2025		106,904	290,000	73,161	31,114	12,385	513,564	443,858

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	16		290,000		265,000
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	17		9,200		4,871
Cash at bank and in hand	18		<u>220,940</u>		<u>179,546</u>
			230,139		184,417
Current Liabilities - falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	19		<u>(6,582)</u>		<u>(5,559)</u>
Net Assets			<u>513,557</u>		<u>443,858</u>
FUNDS					
Income Funds					
Unrestricted - general	20		(159)		592
- designated	20		118,647		100,955
Restricted	20		<u>395,069</u>		<u>342,310</u>
			<u>513,557</u>		<u>443,858</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21st April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:


PCC Chair


PCC Treasurer

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting for Charities, issued in 2016 (SORP for Charities (FRS102)).

Funds

Unrestricted general funds represent the funds of the parish that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use, at the discretion of the Parochial Church Council, for the general purposes of the parish.

Designated funds are unrestricted but are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the Church Councils.

Restricted funds are either subject to specific conditions imposed by donors or they represent the funds of the individual churches. Funds within the individual churches themselves maybe unrestricted, unrestricted but designated, or restricted. They are, however, treated as restricted in the accounts of the parish as they relate to the particular local church.

The accounts include all known transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council is responsible. 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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections, grants and income from fund raising efforts are recognised when received by or on behalf of the local Church Councils. All non gift aided giving is now under the heading Small Gift Aided giving. Small Gift Aid is reclaimed up to the HMRC limit of £8000 of this total for each building.

Planned giving receivable under Gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift aid donations is recognised when donations are received.

Statutory fees from funerals and weddings are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Grants to the individual churches are accounted for as soon as that church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt is reasonably certain.

Sales of books and the Church magazine are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Bank interest is accounted for when received.

Income and expenditure from Insignis is apportioned between Parish

Reserve and St John's Fund according to the balance invested; currently 87.5% / 12.5%.

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when payable.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Amounts due to the parish by the three churches are accounted for when payable.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from these accounts by virtue of Section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

St Mark's House was revalued to a gross value of £290000 in November 2025. No Depreciation is applied.

Items of equipment are written off when the asset is acquired.

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2	Activities for generating funds							
	Fundraising events	35		52,945	277	1,312	54,569	28,318
	Fund raising events Gift Aided						-	
	Building rental			5,998	3,709	1,364	11,071	6,828
	Magazines	1650					1,650	1,407
	Photocopying income	456					456	
		2,141	-	58,943	3,986	2,676	67,746	36,552
3	Church activities							
	Fees - Weddings and funerals	2,543		2,465	330	60	5,398	6,959
	- Preparation of banns certificates etc	224					224	108
	- organ			475	75	25	575	800
	Mission, Ministry & Discipleship	1,036		704			1,740	1,707
	Contributions to refreshments						-	
	Belfry income			1,975			1,975	1,181
	Bookstall			135			135	117
	Organists' fees donated back			1,730			1,730	
	Children & Young People	1,420					1,420	1,215
	Miscellaneous Income	56		406	28		490	266
		5,279	-	7,891	433	85	13,688	12,353
4	Income from investments							
	Interest received	4,228		898	505	330	5,961	2,414
	Car Park rental	8,021					8,021	8,021
	St Mark's house rental	10,689					10,689	9,670
	Hall rental				17,456		17,456	15,584
		22,938	-	898	17,961	330	42,127	35,689
5	Other incoming resources							
	Revaluation of St Mark's House		25,000				25,000	
	Grants			1,554	4,457		6,011	1,605
	Donation for Insurance (Hanson)					1,307	1,307	1,223
	Flowers and misc			75			75	50
	VAT refund						-	
		-	25,000	1,629	4,457	1,307	32,393	2,878
6	Voluntary							
	Gift Aided donations			28,794	17,340	3,730	49,864	48,884
	Small Gift Aid scheme			8,693	5,779	4,989	19,461	23,959
	Non gift aided donations			8,001	3,250		11,251	20,135
	Parish Giving Scheme			29,341	8,870	4,809	43,020	37,327
	Income tax recoverable			13,872	7,963	3268	25,103	29,701
	Project Donations GA						-	170
	Project Donations non-gift aided			9,097			9,097	
	Legacies and bequests						-	1,147
		-	-	97,799	43,202	16,796	157,797	161,323
	Total Incoming resources	30,358	25,000	167,160	70,039	21,194	313,752	248,796

Outgoing Resources

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
	P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
7 Costs of generating funds							
Fayres and other fund raising events - expenses			34,852			34,852	366
Use of Church costs				4,736		4,736	
Hall maintenance						-	2,802
Website Costs	243					243	243
Publicity giving costs						-	107
	243	-	34,852	4,736	-	39,831	3,518
8 Cost of generating vol income							
Parish ministry:							
Clergy expenses	161					161	513
Parish Support Staff	28,408					28,408	29,531
Vicarage water rates						-	380
Children & Young People	3,612					3,612	4,819
Mission, Ministry & Discipleship	2,148		2,904	77		5,129	6,837
Education and outreach	24		52			76	251
Miscellaneous expenses	2,785		1216			4,001	536
Individual churches:							
Church premises - - heat, light, water & insurance			14,439	3,286	3,100	20,825	23,706
- PCC cleaning			1,803	316	1,202	3,321	3,129
- maintenance			562	1,090	1,246	2,898	2,301
-local cleaning expenses	14		479		17	510	275
- major repairs			1740			1,740	10,723
- equipment purchased			1,779	3,638	140	5,556	2,968
-professional fees			877			877	1,040
- churchyard			48		693	741	1,076
Corporate worship costs			1,147	446	52	1,645	1,620
Organists' honoraria & fees			1,820		630	2,450	595
Music and AV Costs			936	430	981	2,346	2,336
Subscriptions			80	75	60	215	190
Miscellaneous costs					215	215	110
Church bookstall costs			137			137	100
Church belfry costs			1,294			1,294	446
Organ upkeep			144		239	383	690
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	1,082		721	578		2,382	2,341
Photocopier	3,050					3,050	2,680
Bank Charges other	168		226	23		417	542
	41,453	-	32,403	9,959	8,575	92,389	99,735

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
	P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
9 Redevelopment works						-	7,171
		-	-	-	-	-	7,171
10 Governance							
Independent examination and other accountancy fees	520		100	50	30	700	700
Governance costs	300					300	348
Payroll preparation costs	288					288	288
	1,108	-	100	50	30	1,288	1,336
11 Investment management costs							
Building running costs	6,267			10,114		16,381	11,209
	6,267	-	-	10,114	-	16,381	11,209
12 Mission and charitable giving							
Open Doors			1,400			1,400	1,400
Water Aid					300	300	450
Church Army					300	300	450
Smiles			1,400			1,400	1,400
St Crispins, Pune			1,410			1,410	1,400
Home for Good			1,400			1,400	1,400
MAF				1,003		1,003	831
Hope for Belper			1,400	1,003	442	2,845	2,681
Cottage Project				1,003		1,003	831
Blue Box					300	300	450
Air Ambulance				1,003		1,003	831
						-	
Link for Hope						-	252
			7,010	4,012	1,342	12,364	12,376
13 Other							
Depreciation - St Mark's House		-				-	
		-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Parish Share							
Diocesan Parish Share			49,829	21,953	9,519	81,301	75,387
Proportion of Parish expenses	(32,024)		21,465	7,711	3,343	495	4,041
	(32,024)	-	71,294	29,663	12,862	81,796	79,428
Total Outgoing Resources	17,047	-	145,659	58,534	22,809	244,049	214,774

The expenditure of the Parochial Church Council is apportioned among the three churches in the ratio of the average Sunday adult attendance and electoral roll of the churches.

During the year St Peter's was levied 61.29%, St Mark's 27.00% and St Swithun's 11.7%

Related Party Transactions

One member of the PCC or church councils received remuneration or payment as agreed by the Charity Commission no other member received remuneration except for the bona fide reimbursement of expenses.

16	Tangible fixed assets					St Mark's House
	Gross book value					£
	1st Jan 2025					265,000
	31st Dec 2025					<u>290,000</u>
	Net Increase due to Revaluation					<u>25,000</u>
		P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	TOTAL
						2025 2024
17	Prepayments and accrued income					
	Income tax recoverable on gift aid		2,476	1,466	587	4,528 2,871
	Other debtors	<u>1,488</u>	<u>2,713</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>4,671</u> 2,000
		<u>1,488</u>	<u>5,188</u>	<u>1,839</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>9,200</u> 4,871
18	Cash at bank and in hand					
	CCLA		17,874	18,221	6,815	42,909 31,362
	Bank accounts	20,316	52,102	12,822	5,000	90,241 59,662
	Belfry		3,843			3,843 3,880
	Insignis deposit	83,139				83,139 80,918
	Credit Union					- 3,298
	Cash in Hand	<u>0</u>	<u>677</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>808</u>	<u>426</u>
		<u>103,455</u>	<u>74,495</u>	<u>31,043</u>	<u>11,946</u>	<u>220,940</u> 179,546
19	Amounts owed and deferred income					
	Loans					-
	Agency accounts	<u>(2,778)</u>	<u>1,937</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>(800)</u>	397
	Other creditors	<u>904</u>	<u>4,583</u>	<u>1,681</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>7,382</u> 5,162
		<u>(1,874)</u>	<u>6,520</u>	<u>1,722</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>6,582</u> 5,559
20	Funds					
	Unrestricted					
	General account	(159)				(159) 592
	Designated - St Mark's House Account	20,145				20,145 13,616
	Designated - St. John's Hall Account	20,311				20,311 13,610
	Parish Reserve Account	<u>66,521</u>				<u>66,521</u> 65,774
		<u>106,817</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,817</u> 93,592
	Restricted					
	(Unrestricted in the individual churches' accounts)					
	General account	<u>52,525</u>	<u>23,700</u>	<u>12,391</u>	<u>88,616</u>	<u>69,661</u>
		<u>52,525</u>	<u>23,700</u>	<u>12,391</u>	<u>88,616</u>	<u>69,661</u>
	(Unrestricted but designated in the individual churches' accounts)					
	St Peter's Belfry Fund	4,332			4,332	3,654
	Music Fund	-			-	155
	St. Mark's Church Hall		7,159		7,159	4,146
	St Swithun's Churchyard			179	179	
		<u>4,332</u>	<u>7,159</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>11,670</u>	<u>7,955</u>

(Restricted in the individual churches' accounts)

	PCC	St Peter's	St Mark's	St Swithun's		
Parish Asset fund	290,000				290,000	265,000
Organ Maintenance		9,706	-	(214)	9,492	7,645
St. Mark's Project Fund			-		-	
Music Fund			302		302	
Church Redevelopment fund		6,600			6,600	
I Sing Pop UK		-			-	
Flower Fund				58	58	4
Churchyard					-	
Defib			-		-	
	290,000	16,306	302	(155)	306,453	
Total Restricted funds	290,000	73,164	31,161	12,415	395,069	

Movement in Funds	Balance at 1st Jan 2025 £	Incoming Resource £	Outgoing Resource £	Fund transfers £	Balance at 31st Dec 2025 £
P.C.C - non TLC element					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	4136	2,637	6,932		(159)
Unrestricted but designated funds					-
St Mark's House Account	13616	10,690	4,161		20,145
St. John's Property Account	13610	9,971	3,270	-	20,311
Parish Reserve Fund	65774	3,700	2,953		66,521
	97,136	26,998	17,316	-	106,818

Parish Asset Fund

Restricted

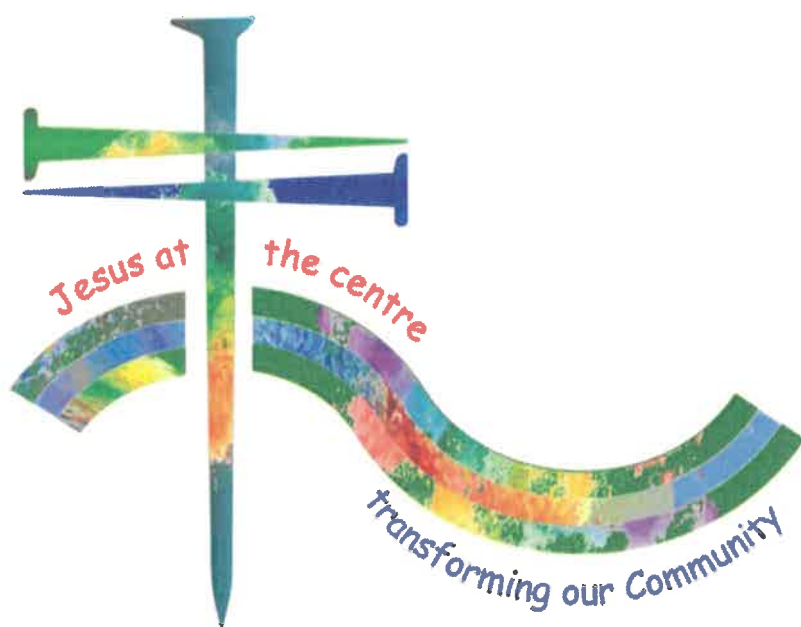
St. Mark's House	265,000	25,000			290,000
	265,000	25,000	-	-	290,000
	362,136	51,998	17,316	-	396,818

St Peter's Church Unrestricted - general funds	Balance at 1st Jan 2025	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2025
General fund	40,358	156,523	144,365		52,516
	40,358	156,523	144,365	-	52,516
Unrestricted but designated funds					
Church Belfry fund	3,880	1,975	1,294		4,562
Church Repairs fund					-
	3,880	1,975	1,294	-	4,562
Restricted					
Organ Maintenance Stat fees	7,645	2,061			9,706
Church Redevelopment fund - part		6,600			6,600
I Sing Pop					-
	7,645	8,661	-	-	16,307
	51,883	167,160	145,659	-	73,385

	Balance at 1st Jan 2025	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2025
St Mark's Church					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	15,308	47,430	39,038		23,700
	15,308	47,430	39,038	-	23,700
Unrestricted but designated funds					
Church Hall fund	4,146	17,534	14,521		7,159
Music Fund	155	620	473		302
	4,301	18,154	14,994	-	7,461
Restricted					
Defib					-
Project funds					-
	-	-	-	-	-
	19,609	65,584	54,032	-	31,161
St Withun's Church					
	Balance at 1st Jan 2025	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2025
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	13,994	21,169	21,662		13,502
	13,994	21,169	21,662	-	13,502
Restricted					
					-
Flower Fund	5	-	215		(210)
Churchyard			693		(693)
Organ Fund		25	239		(214)
	5	25	1,147	-	(1,117)
	13,999	21,194	22,809	-	12,385

Specific collections and donations are treated as agency funds and go directly to the charity or organisation for which they are intended and therefore do not form part of the Parish income or expenditure.

Accounts



The Parish of Belper St Peter

Incorporating the churches of
St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's

Annual Report

Year Ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity No 1132878



Parish Church

St Peter's Church
 Chesterfield Road
 Belper
 Derbyshire

Other Churches in the Parish

St Mark's Church
 Over Lane
 Openwoodgate
 Derbyshire

St Swithun's Church
 Holbrook Road
 Belper
 Derbyshire

Correspondence should be addressed to c/o The Vicarage, 6 Chesterfield Road, Belper, DE56 1FD.

Legal Status

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Belper, St Peter's is a registered charity, number 1132878

PCC Membership (Trustees)

Ex Officio Members:

Clergy

Vacancy	(Vicar)
Charles Beresford	Retired Priest

Churchwardens

David Skelton
 Julian Hodgson

Deanery Synod Representatives

John Hastings -Thompson	St Peter's
Anne Clark	St Peter's
Chris Craddy	St Peter's
Dorothy Hunt	St Mark's

Elected Members:

Steve Bennett	St Peter's	Deputy Warden
Judie Fogarty	St Peter's	Deputy Warden
Patience Atkinson-Gregory	St Peter's	PCC and St Peter's Treasurer
Julian Hodgson	St Peter's	Parish Warden and Lay Chair

Margaret Goddard	St Peter's	
Tracy Drake	St Peter's	
Helen Hodgson	St Peter's	
Derek Adams	St Mark's	Deputy Warden
Geraldine Comery	St Mark's	Deputy Warden
Chris Gregson	St Mark's	Treasurer

Linda Clark	St Mark's	
Joan Foster	St Mark's	
Christine Catherall	St Mark's	
David Fox	St Mark's	
Dorothy Hunt	St Mark's	
David Anderton	St Swithun's	Treasurer
Keith Wollerton	St Swithun's	Deputy Warden
Philip Thomas	St Swithun's	Deputy Warden
Barbara Anderton	St Swithun's	
Tracy Comber	St Swithun's	

Co-opted

Sian Kellogg	St Peter's	
Charles Beresford	St Mark's	Retired Clergy

Sue Allen	Safeguarding
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Jane Carter	PCC Secretary non-member
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AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in this ecclesiastical Parish.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church House, known as St Mark's House in Openwoodgate, Belper.

1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Peter's Parish falls within the Dove and Derwent Deanery, within the Church of England Diocese of Derby and serves an area with a population of approximately 18,000 adults making it one of the largest single Parishes in the Diocese. The Parish participates ecumenically through Churches Together in Belper and Hope for Belper.

The Parish Mission Statement is "Jesus at the Centre – transforming our community". The PCC promotes this vision and is committed to enabling people to grow in discipleship through worship and teaching and to be active in supporting the community both local and worldwide and allowing people of all race, gender, learning level, sexuality to be an active part. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and makes suggestions on how the services at our three churches can involve the many groups that live within the Parish.

To facilitate the above work, it is important that the fabric of the churches of St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's and the church hall at St Mark's is maintained. During this year each church building had a Quinquennial Survey carried out by Blair Gratton architects.

The Parish greatly benefits from the help of several active retired clergy and three fully trained Readers. They all assist in different ways in the daily life of the Church. There are currently three additional people at various levels of training.

However, the bulk of the work and activities is carried out by the many lay volunteers who give freely of their time and effort and without whom nothing would be achieved to promote the gospel, encourage people to follow Jesus and be an active presence within the local community.

In particular Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens and Treasurers work tirelessly to ensure that everything runs smoothly, safely and efficiently. The Parish also has an administrative team and two cleaners who are paid employees.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Church Statistics

	Parish Total		St Peter's		St Mark's		St Swithun's	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Electoral Roll	174	180	117	125	38	32	19	23
Sunday attendance (adults)	115	116	65	70	35	30	15	16
Baptisms	13	19	10	17	3	2	0	0
Thanksgivings	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Weddings	5	4	5	4	0	0	0	0
Renewal of Wedding vows/Marriage blessing	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Funerals at Church	29	29	23	21	5	5	1	0
Funerals at Crem only	3	9						
Thanksgiving for life	1	0						
	2024	2023						
Burial of Ashes St P	4	1						
Burial of Ashes Cem	1	0						
Confirmation	6	8						
Admittance to HC	0	0						

Worship and prayer

Services are held in all three churches each Sunday. The pattern of worship ensures that there is a communion service each Sunday within the Parish.

Morning services include Common Worship, Holy Communion and Service of the Word. At times these have been taken by Wardens and people on the Diocesan Discipleship Training Course. A more relaxed style of worship was introduced in autumn 2023 at St Peter's led by a varied team of people.

Communion is now fully available in each church. An additional Communion Service takes place on a Wednesday morning at St Swithun's Church.

Main services at St Peter's are live streamed via YouTube with the appropriate licenses. This is also available for a small fee for weddings and funerals.

There are around four Parish combined services during the year.

Weekly Prayer meetings are held at St Mark's Church.

Service Patterns across the Parish

Week	St Peter's			St Mark's			St Swithun's	
1	10.00am	MW with Baptism		10.00 am	HC		11.00 am	MW
2	10.00 am	HC		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	MW
3	10.00 am	Relaxed Worship		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	HC
4	10.00 am	HC		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	MW
5	Flexible						11.00 am	MW may be led by Warden
	In addition, a few joint parish services in any year.							

Occasional Offices

Thirty - eight funerals or burial of ashes or thanksgiving for a person's life were conducted during the year by clergy from the Parish, both in the Churches and at Markeaton or Amber Valley Crematorium. Burials take place at Belper cemetery and burial of ashes is available in the Garden of Remembrance at St Peter's.

During the last year, five weddings were conducted in the Parish.

There were ten Baptisms at St Peter's, three at St Mark's and none at St Swithun's. Preparation sessions are held for parents and Godparents. The parish policy is not to book baptism dates before families have attended preparation which is called 'First Steps'. Families are also expected to attend at least one worship service and a baptism or thanksgiving service within the Parish before coming to preparation. This period of preparation helps families to decide whether Thanksgiving for the birth of a child or Baptism is more appropriate for them.

3. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Sunday Club

There is a regular Sunday Club at both St Peter's and St Mark's. Safeguarding, clearly defined roles and rotas, are well established.

At St Peter's, there are eight adults involved with Sunday Club; four session leaders and four session helpers. Young people attending in 2024 ranged from 24 months to 16 years. There are currently approximately fifteen children on the Sunday Club register, and most weeks average six to eight children attending. On the first Sunday of each month, St Peter's holds its Baptisms and there are often additional children as they are attending as guests of the baptism family.

Due to limited numbers of leaders and helpers, the children are currently working as one group with the adults doing their best to differentiate the session content where appropriate. The sessions are planned using the Roots resources and follow along similar content to that which is delivered in the main sermon each week. Over the summer, Sunday Club takes a break, however this year children were offered the opportunity to bring a parent with them to learn children's worship action songs during the weeks spanning the summer break, which worked well.

St Mark's Sunday club meets in the Vestry area and has a rota of helpers. Between 0 and 4 children or young people gather each week.

YPF

The aims of YPF are to provide a safe, accepting and fun environment where young people from the church and beyond can feel comfortable to be themselves, make meaningful friendships and develop their relationship with God.

The group meet regularly throughout the year, each Friday during school term times, in St Peter's West End. The usual evening programme includes a bunch of silly games alongside a Bible based teaching session, with time for tuck shop and chats thrown in. Special events during the last twelve months have included the annual Christmas party with a bouncy castle, Bonfire night fireworks and the residential weekend away to the Peak Centre in Edale, bowling and a glass making workshop.

The young people also enjoyed a Good Friday Walk at Black Rocks with other family members and dogs that wanted to join in. They stopped half way to reflect on the Easter story and share chocolate before heading back to Belper.

It is encouraging to see numbers stay in the high teens each week with the young people inviting their school friends to come and join the fun. It is a genuine privilege to spend time together, creating community, discovering more about faith and watching friendships flourish.

Messy Church

Messy Church started at St Swithun's church in September 2014 and takes place on the second Saturday of each month (except August) from 4pm to 6pm. It is a monthly event for families to come together to enjoy learning about God through craft activities, games and stories and by eating a meal together with friends.

The first hour of each session is spent on a variety of craft activities around that month's Bible theme. We have a team of helpers who assist with the craft activities. After the craft activities, we have a time of celebration during which we sing, have a Bible story and pray. Then we sit down to eat a hot meal together.

The number of attendees varies considerably from month to month – averaging between 10 and 20 children plus adults and helpers.

St Mark's Messy Church began in February 2022 and takes place on the fourth Saturday of each month (except August) from 4pm to 6pm. Each session follows a similar format to the one at St Swithun's. Attendance similarly varies with an average of 6 to 16 children plus adults and helpers.

Little Church and Prams and First Shoes

These meet at St Peter's and St Mark's respectively for pre-schoolers and their parents one morning a week during term time.

School links

The Vicar, until her retirement in October, plus two additional members of the congregation - Patience Atkinson - Gregory and Rachel Kenning, are elected by the PCC as Foundation Governors at St John's Primary School and Nursery.

The Foundation Governors meet regularly in addition to full governors' meetings to encourage and support the spiritual life of the school and to pray regularly. The school regularly visits the church for worship, learning and musical activities. Up until October, the vicar provided a weekly online Collective Worship and a face to face one on a half termly basis.

Pottery School came to St Peter's for their annual Christmas service.

Herbert Strutt School attends St Swithun's for their Christingle and Nativity services.

4. PCC SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

PCC Meeting	Attendance
PCC 26 th March 24	20
APCM 23 rd March 24	35
PCC 17 th June 24	15
PCC 20 th August 24	19
PCC 15 th August 24	20
PCC 10 th December 24	16
PCC 18 th March 24	22

PCC meetings this year were all in person. All members attended at least one meeting.

Patience Atkinson-Gregory continues in the role of PCC Treasurer. One PCC Away Day has been held during the year to look at strengths and weaknesses in the Parish and work was started on the Parish Profile in preparation for interviewing potential new incumbents.

Individual churches held many concerts. Concerts included: Explosive Light Orchestra, Alchemy, Andy Kind, St Agnes Fountain, Fab 4, Desperados, Fleetwood Bac, Barbara Dickson, Cloudbusting and the Bohemians.

Outside spaces have again been utilised. The trees at St Peter's regularly being covered in thought provoking attire. The Woollen Woods were again in St Peter's churchyard, and an Easter Garden has become an annual event.

Indoor events or meetings are flourishing: craft evenings, board games afternoons, warm spaces. Summer fairs and Winter markets. Operation Orphan knitting groups, Harvest suppers, Holiday at Home. St Mark's hosts Prams and First Shoes and many others.

John Hastings-Thomson edits our magazine 'Three in One'. Our online newsletter 'Enfold' via email, is edited by Pamela Gough. Both have kept people informed and included throughout the year.

Jane Carter – PCC Secretary

5. ST PETER'S PARISH FABRIC REPORT

All churches now have maintenance schedules drawn up so that no activity is missed during the year. Quinquennial surveys were carried out during the year and the urgent work identified addressed.

No major problems were found at any of the three churches.

All three churches had a minor electrical work carried out and some remedial work done.

All three churches had their annual PAT tests done on appliances.

The fire extinguishers were serviced at all the churches.

St Swithun's

- Gullies cleaned out to help drainage.
- Part of guttering had to be replaced.
- St Swithun's garden is undergoing restoration work to make it more green
- A new water heater was fitted over the kitchen sink.
- The electric cooker was replaced with a second hand one.
- A new microphone was purchased.

Keith Wollerton, Deputy Warden, St Swithun's

St Mark's

(Comprising church, vestry, church hall, kitchen and outside play area)

Church

- Quinquennial report – remove weeds from roof areas – 4.01, 4.02. Completed again February 2024.
- Quinquennial report – refix loose / dislodged slates – 4.02, 7.01. Loose slates fixed. Quote being obtained to review coping stones
 - Quinquennial report – check metal windows, make good putty where necessary then paint. Paint sills – 10.01. Very large job – not yet commenced.
 - Quinquennial report – check stain patches / flaking paint to the Nave, identify causes and re-paint with damp proof paint – 14.01, 18.03. Boarded and painted at same time as ceiling.
- Church ceiling painted. Metal roof ties repainted and crumbling old plaster replaced with boarding where old organ loft had been. Gaps properly sealed at internal roof apex sides
- Carpet cleaned
- Church windows cleaned
- Church vents checked to ensure remain free of obstructions
- PAT testing conducted throughout building
- Fire extinguishers serviced throughout building
- Ceiling fans regularly checked

Vestry

- Carpets cleaned
- Gutters to north side cleared
- Boiler serviced
- Defibrillator regularly checked

Church Hall / Kitchen

- New vinyl flooring laid over the wooden flooring
- Toilet doors adjusted to new flooring height. Hinges replaced on basement hatch doors
- Carpet cleaned
- Internal door lock workings replaced
- Boilers serviced

Damp proof paint applied to hall and kitchen walls

Outside

- Quinquennial report – replace cracked manhole cover – 6.04. New manhole cover fitted February 2024.
- Quinquennial report – re-fix weather drip to bottom of kitchen exit door – 9.03. Completed and painted January 2024
- Drains regularly checked and kept clear
- Gutters and roof checked and cleared
- Garden, planters and borders kept weed free, bark chip replenished on south bed of church
- Hedges bordering the car park and front path of the church significantly reduced in height
- Paths pressure washed
- Some paths and lower walls treated with algae remover
- Gates, fences and shed painted
- Play area cleaned
- Steps in church yard repainted
- Handrail in church yard repainted
- Gate replaced to kitchen access
- Perspex replaced in external noticeboards
- Outside windowsills painted

Derek Adams & Geraldine Comery - Deputy Wardens St Mark's

St Peter's

- The guttering and down pipes were cleaned out.
- A leak on the South side ceiling was identified as slipped slates which were repaired.
- Other loose slates on the roof were replaced/put back
- The gullies and downpipes were cleaned out
- A tree which was growing in the drain above the North choir vestry was removed.
- The flat roof was inspected and found to be ok with no leaks.
- New drive lights were fitted.
- The slabs outside the main door were power washed.
- The notice boards in the West End were taken down, cleaned and the walls repainted with damp proof paint.
- The fire extinguishers were serviced.
- All the equipment was PAT tested.
- The doorplate in the door leading to the toilets came adrift, a mobile ramp has been made to be put in place for major events.
- Quotes were being sought for repair/replacement of the North side choir vestry window as per the Quinquennial inspection.
- A new dehumidifier was purchased for the vestry to help combat damp.

David Skelton – Parish Warden

St Marks House

St Mark's House, a property owned jointly by St Peter's Parish and the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance. Following completion of remedial work, a new tenant moved in on 2nd Feb 2024. This tenant gave notice at the end of 2024 and left on 13 Jan 2025. A new tenant moved in on 28th Feb 2025. The rental is managed by Matthew Thomas Residential and with church oversight by Patience Atkinson-Gregory. From 2025 the property is being let for about £1100/month with a net income to the church of £994.40 /month.

Patience Atkinson-Gregory

6 HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Accidents and Near Misses

All three churches carry out Health and Safety inspections and have accident books. Completed forms are retained securely.

St Peter's

- A full H & S walkabout was done along with regular checks
- Over the year there were four reported minor accidents
- A new H & S procedure was introduced for concerts
- The kitchen underwent a deep clean at least twice during the year
- The fire extinguishers were serviced
- All the equipment was PAT tested
- Risk assessments were done for all events

St Mark's

- Play area cleaned
- Fire extinguishers serviced
- No accidents reported
- All equipment PAT tested
- Risk assessments were done for all events

St Swithun's Church

- There were two accidents at St Swithun's, both were reported in the accident book
- PAT testing has been done, and fire extinguisher checks carried out by O'Heap fire service
- Regular checks carried out by the wardens

7. SAFEGUARDING OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This is a large and very busy parish comprising three churches, and we have many activities for children, young people and some adults who may be considered to be vulnerable.

We provide a Sunday Club on most Sundays for children under 16 in two of our churches. When there is a baptism during the service, we offer a welcome to all visiting children and provide the appropriate number of qualified Sunday Club staff.

We also hold a monthly Messy church in two of the churches and two activities weekly in term time for the under-5s. In addition, we have a Young People's Fellowship one evening weekly in term time.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is based at St Peter's: there are Safeguarding Links at St Mark's and St Swithun's. In 2024 we also appointed a DBS Administrator.

We had no specific safeguarding incidents in 2024. Our congregation is, however, very committed to maintaining good safeguarding practices and raises possible concerns if necessary. These are dealt with appropriately and tactfully. When necessary, these can be escalated to the diocesan safeguarding advisors for more expert advice. All written documentation relating to concerns is securely stored on the office pc.

After two very busy post - Covid years DBS applications and renewals fell slightly in 2024 to 19. This number will rise significantly when the 3 - year renewal cycle ends in 2025. The total number of non-clergy with DBS certificates was over 50.

All PCC members and majority of activity leaders have a current DBS certificate and have completed online Basic and Foundation online training courses. If required, they have also attended other courses i.e. Domestic Abuse and Leadership.

Every member of the Pastoral Group who visit those in their own homes because they can no longer attend services in person has a current DBS certificate.

The Parish Safeguarding Policy v7 was issued in May 2024.

The policy, plus photos and contact details of the safeguarding contacts, is displayed on notice boards in the three churches.

A Safeguarding File is located in a prominent place in all three churches. This contains blank copies of the following forms:

- Incident record form
- Registration forms for all regular children's activities e.g. Sunday Clubs and Messy Church.
- Registration forms for occasional children's activities
- Reference forms for new activity leaders and helpers.

Completed copies of forms, which are confidential, are given to the PSO and are scanned, stored on the parish office pc and the originals then shredded.

The PSO supplies a safeguarding report for every PCC meeting.

In 2024 our Safeguarding Parish dashboard attained the highest level (Level 3) with 97% at its highest. Maintaining this level is always a challenge.

Sue Allen
Parish Safeguarding Officer
15 April 2025

9. FINANCE REPORT

Accounts for the individual churches may be found at each church.

The accounts for St Peter's Parish are made up of the funds of the PCC and those of the three individual churches. Within the Parish accounts the funds of each church are shown as a restricted fund for that particular church, although they may be made up of several separate funds, both restricted and unrestricted, within the accounts of the individual church.

During 2023 a piece of land which was held in a trust was jointly owned by the Diocese of Derby and St Peter's Parish was sold at auction for £70,524 net. This money was placed in a high interest account operated via Insignis. The income from this is to be used as per PCC resolution 13. This resolution requested that the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance (the Custodian Trustees for the land):

- Sell the land
- Authorise the use of income from the proceeds to be used for essential maintenance, upkeep and improvement of :
 - St Marks church
 - St Mark's House
 - Missional work for the whole parish of Belper St Peter

Operational Matters

The expenses of Parish ministry continue to be shared among the three churches using a formula based on attendance and electoral roll to contribute to the Diocesan Common Fund and Parish expenses. St Peter's and St Mark's make use of contactless giving via Sum Up and donations can be made using the linked Give a Little account. Donations and payments can also be made using a Pay Pal account. During 2023 the PCC agreed that money that arose due to the rental of the St John's Car Park should be used for Children and Family work across the Parish. During 2024 £1600 was used from the fund to pay towards one teacher from St John's School visiting Scot Lane School in Kolkata (January 2025).

Reserves Policy

Reserves are held in the Church of England Deposit Fund which is regularly reviewed to ensure that the best possible interest rate is being obtained. In addition, the PCC agreed that money be deposited in Derbyshire Community Bank, in line with the mission of the church as allowed by the Charity Commission. The Parish seeks to find the highest return for reserves. The sale money from the Allotment land is being invested via Insignis which has a variable high rate of interest and easy access.

As shown in the balance sheet on page 20, the total funds for the PCC at the end of the year amounted to £178,861 with a further fixed asset in St Mark's House valued at £265,000.

The house, following the completion of the refurbishment and was let until January 2024 at £1000/month, a further tenancy started on 28th February 2025 at £1100/month, and the rental is handled by Matthew Thomas Residential as our agent.

The St John's land is also owned by the Parish but there is no corresponding asset fund as this asset is fully depreciated and has a "nil" book value. It is held in trust jointly by the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance and the Church Commissioners of the Church of England on behalf of the Parish, who have now been appointed the managing trustees. The land is now leased to Belper Town Council for use as a car park. The rent was reviewed in 2023 to £8021/year with a review due in 2028. The PCC agreed that this income should be ring fenced for use on Children, Young people, families and schools work across the Parish.

Funds held by the individual churches are treated as restricted funds for the purposes of the particular church within the context of the Parish accounts.

Reserves at St Peter's Church amounted £51660. £40358 is in the general fund, £3654 is in the belfry fund, £133 designated to Pop UK for October 2023, during 2024 this fund was transferred to the ring fenced St John's Car Park fund. £7645 is restricted for future work on the organ, the Church Fabric fund has been zeroed following competition of the boiler and electrical works.

Reserves at St Mark's Church amounted to £19610, the Church Hall designated fund is £4146, the music fund is £155.

Reserves at St Swithun's Church amounted to £14000.

St Swithun's is supported by the Hanson Trust an independent Trust Fund established by the founder Mrs Hanson to maintain a Christian presence in the area of 'Cow Hill' Belper. This Trust contributes to major repairs and renovations and pays the annual insurance on the building. Noted in the accounts as a recurring grant.

Note to accounts - PCC resolution 13

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Belper St Peter, as Administrative Trustees of the trusts established by a Conveyance dated 26th November 1942 ('the 1942 Conveyance') in relation to a piece of land situate at Openwoodgate in the parish of Belper St Peter and more particularly described in a Conveyance dated 31st December 1912 ('the 1912 Conveyance') hereby resolve to request the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance Limited, as Custodian Trustees: 1. In accordance with the authority and subject to obtaining the consents set out in clause 2(b) of the Schedule to the 1942 Conveyance, to extend by means of a formal Deed of Variation of Trusts the trusts set out in clause 1 of the said Schedule to incorporate also: a. essential maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the building and curtilage known as St Mark's Church, Openwoodgate b. the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the property known as St Mark's House, 11 Openwoodgate, Belper, DE56 0SD and c. missional work as defined by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 for the benefit of the whole of the parish of Belper St Peter including, but not exclusively for, the district of St Mark's Openwoodgate which is part of the parish of Belper St Peter. 2. To sell the land comprised in the 1912 Conveyance which is presently used as casual allotments and which is edged green on the plan now presented to the PCC and attached to this resolution 3. To authorise the use of the net capital proceeds of sale of the land referred to at 2) of this resolution in accordance with the trusts set out in clause 1 of the Schedule to the 1942 Conveyance as will be extended by a Deed of Variation of Trusts of the 1942 Conveyance The original conveyance indicates that income should be used for the purpose of insuring both the church and the house at 11 Openwoodgate.

Churchwardens' Acknowledgements: APCM 2025

The past twelve months have been a time of considerable change for the Parish of St Peter's. This time last year we were still comfortable knowing that Revd Anne Stratton had everything (well most things) well under control. Energies were put into making the last few months of her tenure memorable and planning for the 200th Anniversary of the opening of St Peter's Church. The service on 29th September, which coincided with Anne's last Sunday, was a wonderful occasion and a fitting start to the acknowledgements that David and I want to record in this report. I believe we gave Anne a good send off, but it would not have been possible without the good will and enormous efforts of everyone working behind the scenes to make it go smoothly.

The parish showed yet again what it can do when everyone pulls together. And this has been the theme throughout the vacancy, which David and I believe stands us in good stead while awaiting the next Priest in charge to arrive. I said that Anne had most things covered but it was only after she had left that we began to realise just how much she had been doing which David and I suddenly had to get our heads around. Who knew how complicated a heating controller could be, an empty and then not so empty a vicarage, or that a faulty socket at the front of the church could blow a fuse for the organ at the back? A steep learning curve and we no doubt muddled through on more than one occasion. A bit like so many good partnerships, David and I soon worked out each other's strengths and as such we have been able to cope with most things that have arisen with little need to seek guidance from the Area Dean or the Archdeacon. A personal thanks has to go to David who has taken on the majority of tasks while I have been at work in the week. Thank you, David, for your patience too as I have got up to speed. I still don't think that I fully understand faculties, but I do know that they are needed for almost every suggestion

that we have to discuss! The parish was and still is in a good financial position and thanks to Patience as she, probably more than most, has had to learn quickly how the accounting actually worked.

A huge thank you is needed for Tracy and Mary in the office. I have had the privilege of supporting the office staff since September and have seen at first-hand how dedicated they are and how much they do for the running of the parish, often beyond their contractual hours, either to support events or just to get a particular piece of work completed on time. This is even more remarkable given that Mary only started in the summer and had been with us just a matter of weeks before having to cover Tracy's leave. Thanks too for the response to the plea made by David and I when the office was getting swapped with requests for things that lay outside of their duties. While always willing to help, Mary and Tracy needed some protection to allow them to get on with their tasks. Thanks to the Church - watch volunteers who have assisted in responding to visitors or undertaking simple tasks that have freed up the office staff to better prioritise their work. Another example of the willingness of everyone to pull together. As mentioned, Mary joined the staff in the summer after replacing Julie Meredith who retired after nine years of service. While we said farewell to Julie at the time, it is right to thank her for her hard work and dedication over the years, and we wish her and her husband David, well in their retirement.

Our Mission is to spread the Gospel Message with Jesus at the centre of our community and that would not have been possible without services running so smoothly. I think it is an amazing achievement that the service patterns across the three churches have remained unchanged and only one service had to be altered when we had a Baptism but no member of clergy able to take the service. Had it not been due to illness, I am sure the service leaders would have been able to come up with an alternative, but there was just not enough time. All those who have led services have maintained their commitment to the rotas and while not wanting to point out individuals, it is important to congratulate, and thank, Helen, Linda and Patience for completing their Licenced Lay Ministry (Reader) training. We also welcome Revd Philip Waller as a new retired member of clergy who has been granted Permission to Officiate. This stands us in good stead for the coming year as we thank Jonathan Tillin who has retired as a Reader after over 35 faithful years of service at both St Peter's and mostly at St Swithun's.

As we look to the future, we hope to build on the work and fellowship that has been established over the past few years. The sense of community established over the variety of different gatherings will stand us in good faith as we journey. We have already booked the next parish weekend away (July 2026) after yet another successful visit to Wydale in June 2024, where we were able to explore what it meant to be living fruits and vines of the tree of life. The last seven months have been a hive of activity. We set ourselves an ambitious target of getting the Parish Profile completed by the end of February. There was some slippage here, but the document is now with the Diocese for final editing and approval by the Archdeacon and Bishop, prior to the vacancy being formally advertised. The profile group worked really hard to pull together a document that reflected and celebrated the different traditions within St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's, while still retaining a unity of purpose and commitment to togetherness. This has been illustrated in the formation of the social committee to organise and coordinate social events across the three churches, so that each can support the efforts of the others. While still learning and forming, this is an important group and one which exemplifies our commitment to supporting and caring for each other; a huge thanks to all those involved. The profile will shortly be returned for us to consider along with the advert, and David and I wanted to thank all those who contributed to the formulating of that document, participating in the exercises with the Archdeacon, completing the various questionnaires and actively praying for the process at each stage. Truly a team effort that has brought us closer as a church family in the process.

As a parish with three TLC's reporting to the one PCC, we work together well, despite the occasional disagreement or hiccup, which is only to be expected in any large family. David and I have shared the charring of the TLC's, and we want to thank the deputy wardens in each of the three churches who help run the business side of the parish. Making sure that everything is ready for whoever is leading the services, counting the money, maintenance issues reported in the Fabric Reports to name just a few of the tasks, all done in people's own time, often done un-noticed, until of course when someone is not

there to do it. Thankfully there have been no significant issues and each of the churches continues to be a part of the local community. Across the parish there are a wealth of activities that the church organises, for young children, youth, the elderly, and further afield into our community providing care and practical support for initiatives like the Food Bank, where we have an opportunity to live out the Gospel message. Thank you all for the different parts you play in the life of the parish.

And finally, a personal thanks from David and I as your parish wardens. I have been overwhelmed by the number of people who have come up to me and checked out that we are alright and to say they have been praying for us. Thank you and keep the prayers coming. The next year will be challenging and exciting as we journey on in God's time to see the next vicar appointed. We will continue to do our best but that is made all the more manageable knowing people are supporting us through prayer.



Julian Hodgson
Parish Warden

Administrative and other statutory information

The Parish of Belper St Peter is made up of the churches of St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's. It forms part of the Deanery of Dove and Derwent in the Diocese of Derby. It is a member of Churches Together in Belper.

The PCC is a body corporate established by the Church of England and is the actual governing body within the framework of the Parish and is a registered charity. Representatives from the PCC form the Trustee Local Committee for each Church; the PCC delegates the day to day decision making of the individual churches to those TLC's.

The PCC is also required to operate under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 as amended. This Measure states that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

The property of St Swithun's Church is owned by the independent charity "St Swithun's Church or Mission Hall" (registered charity no. 217994), also previously known as the "Hanson Trust". This Charity also makes grants to the St Swithun's Church TLC for major repairs and alterations in the Church and exists to serve the "social, spiritual and educational needs of the people of Cow Hill". Ex-officio members of this trust are the Vicar and the two Churchwardens of St Peter's Parish.

Under Charity Law and Church Accounting Regulations, the PCC is required to present an Annual Report together with a set of Consolidated Accounts for the whole Parish, prepared on an accruals basis and examined by an Independent Examiner.

PCC members who have served during 2024 and at the date this report was approved, are as shown in this booklet.

Will be approved by the PCC on 6th May 2025.

PCC Sec Signature



PCC Lay Chair



PCC

Consolidated Financial Statement

For year ended

31 December 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

St Peter's Parish, Belper

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1132878

Set out on pages

19-27

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Martin Coe

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Association of Accounting Technicians

Address: 49 Sandbed Lane, Belper DE56 0SJ

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's	St Mark's	St Swithun's	2024	2023
				Church	Church	Church		
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources								
Activities for generating funds	2	1,427		28,633	3,093	3,399	36,552	26,638
Church activities	3	4,786		6,533	540	495	12,353	13,024
Income from investments	4	18,787		916	15,790	197	35,689	29,327
Other incoming resources	5	-		550	-	2,328	2,878	84,715
Voluntary income	6	-		94,999	46,426	19,898	161,324	144,655
Total Incoming Resources		24,999	-	131,631	65,848	26,317	248,796	298,359
Resources Used								
Cost of church activities:								
Cost of generating funds	7	243		107	2,802	366	3,518	976
Cost of generating voluntary income	8	49,187		28,847	12,575	9,127	99,735	110,243
Redevelopment works	9	-		7,171	-	-	7,171	11,744
Governance costs	10	1,156		100	50	30	1,336	612
Investment management costs	11	1,442			9,767	-	11,209	10,360
Mission and charitable giving	12			7,252	3,324	1,800	12,376	11,360
Other	13	-					-	-
Parish Share	14	-		46,023	19,020	10,344	75,387	78,695
Resources Used before transfers		52,028	-	89,500	47,537	21,667	210,733	223,990
Allocation of parish expenditure	14	(33,312)		25,029	7,980	4,344	4,041	1
Total Resources Used		18,716	-	114,529	55,517	26,011	214,774	223,990
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources								
		6,284	-	17,103	10,331	306	34,022	74,368
Balances brought forward		87,309	265,000	34,557	9,278	13,693	409,836	335,468
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2024		93,593	265,000	51,660	19,609	13,999	443,858	409,836

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	16		265,000		265,000
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	17	4,871		4,576	
Cash at bank and in hand	18	179,546		150,567	
			184,417		155,143
Current Liabilities - falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	19		(5,559)		(10,307)
Net Assets			443,858		409,836
FUNDS					
Income Funds					
Unrestricted - general	20		592		(31)
- designated	20		100,955		92,436
Restricted	20		342,310		317,431
			443,858		409,836

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

(PCC Member)


PCC Treasurer


**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting for Charities, issued in 2019 (SORP for Charities (FRS102)).

Funds

Unrestricted general funds represent the funds of the parish that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use, at the discretion of the Parochial Church Council, for the general purposes of the parish.

Designated funds are unrestricted but are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the Church Councils.

Restricted funds are either subject to specific conditions imposed by donors or they represent the funds of the individual churches. Funds within the individual churches themselves may be unrestricted, unrestricted but designated, or restricted. They are, however, treated as restricted in the accounts of the parish as they relate to the particular local church.

The accounts include all known transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council is responsible. 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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income and capital sources

Collections, grants and income from fund raising efforts are recognised when received by or on behalf of the local Church Councils. All non gift aided giving is now under the heading Small Gift Aided giving. Small Gift Aid is reclaimed up to the HMRC limit of £8000 of this total for each building.

Planned giving receivable under Gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift aid donations is recognised when donations are received.

Statutory fees from funerals and weddings are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Grants to the individual churches are accounted for as soon as that church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt is reasonably certain.

Sales of books and the Church magazine are accounted for gross.

Income from Investments

Bank interest is accounted for when received.

Land owned jointly by the Parish and Diocese of Derby was sold at Auction with a net income of £70,524. This money is invested via Insignis. The income is to be used for insurance and major fabric works at St Mark's Church. The rest available for Mission and Ministry across the whole Parish.

Related Party Transactions

No member received remuneration except for the bona fide reimbursement of expenses.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when payable.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Amounts due to the parish by the three churches are accounted for when payable.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from these accounts by virtue of Section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

St Mark's House was revalued to a gross value of £265000 in 2020. No Depreciation is applied

Items of equipment are written off when the asset is acquired.

Parish of St Peter, Belper

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2	Activities for generating funds							
	Fundraising events	21		25,727	673	1,897	28,318	18,245
	Fund raising events Gift Aided			-	-	-	-	60
	Building rental			2,906	2,420	1,502	6,828	5,639
	Magazines	1,407					1,407	2,164
	Photocopying income						-	530
		1,427	-	28,633	3,093	3,399	36,552	26,638
3	Church activities							
	Fees - Weddings and funerals	2,147		4,092	440	280	6,959	5,988
	certificates etc	108					108	362
	- organ			625	100	75	800	520
	Mission, Ministry & Discipleship	1,192		515			1,707	330
	Contributions to refreshments						-	98
	Belfry income			1,181			1,181	1,659
	Bookstall			117			117	172
	Organists' fees donated back						-	1,750
	Children & Young People	1,212		3			1,215	1,266
	Miscellaneous Income	127				140	266	880
		4,786	-	6,533	540	495	12,353	13,024
4	Income from Investments							
	Interest received	1,096		916	205	197	2,414	708
	Car Park rental	8,021					8,021	8,021
	St Mark's house rental	9,670					9,670	8,480
	Hall rental				15,584		15,584	12,118
		18,787	-	916	15,790	197	35,689	29,327
5	Other incoming resources							
	Sale of land						-	70,524
	Grants			500		1,105	1,605	10,630
	Donation for Insurance (Hanson)					1,223	1,223	1,173
	Flowers and misc			50			50	138
	VAT refund						-	2,250
		-	-	550	-	2,328	2,878	84,715
6	Voluntary							
	Gift Aided donations			29,375	15,485	4,024	48,884	40,246
	Small Gift Aid scheme			9626.11	8,449	5,884	23,959	23,766
	Non gift aided donations			14,335	4,700	1,100	20,135	21,533
	Parish Giving Scheme			25,076	7,850	4,401	37,327	27,346
	Income tax recoverable			16,269	9,942	3,490	29,701	21,699
	Project Donations GA			170			170	4,405
	Project Donations non-gift aided						-	2,660
	Legacies and bequests			147		1,000	1,147	3,000
		-	-	94,999	46,426	19,898	161,324	144,655
	Total Incoming resources	24,999	-	131,631	65,848	26,317	248,796	298,359

Parish of St Peter, Belper

Outgoing Resources

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		TOTAL PARISH FUNDS		
	P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
7 Costs of generating funds							
Fayres and other fund raising events - expenses			-		366	366	352
Use of Church costs			-			-	110
Hall Maintenance				2,802		2,802	-
Website Costs	243					243	243
Publicity costs			107			107	270
	243	-	107	2,802	366	3,518	976
8 Cost of generating vol income							
Parish ministry:							
Clergy expenses	513					513	1,209
Parish Support Staff	29,531					29,531	25,511
Vicarage water rates	380					380	632
Children & Young People	4,595		224			4,819	9,357
Mission, Ministry & Discipleship	4,116		1,838	883		6,837	4,443
Education and outreach	251					251	660
Miscellaneous expenses	179				357	536	264
Individual churches:							
Church premises -							
- heat, light, water & insurance			17,734	2,984	2,989	23,706	25,677
- PCC cleaning			1,702	293	1,135	3,129	7,194
- maintenance			394	387	1,520	2,301	4,096
-local cleaning expenses			275			275	628
- major repairs	5,668			4,920	135	10,723	3,498
- equipment purchased			607	1,864	497	2,968	308
-professional fees			990	50		1,040	4,930
- churchyard			136		940	1,076	4,580
Corporate worship costs			1,187	117	316	1,620	831
Organists' honoraria & fees			70		525	595	2,170
Music and AV Costs			1,608	419	310	2,336	1,617
Subscriptions			70	60	60	190	200
Miscellaneous costs					110	110	5,499
Church bookstall costs			100			100	143
Church belfry costs			446			446	550
Organ upkeep			456		234	690	1,277
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	1,114		670	557		2,341	2,335
Photocopier	2,680					2,680	2,340
Bank Charges other	160		342	40		542	293
	49,187	-	28,847	12,575	9,127	99,735	110,243

Unrestricted Funds

Restricted Funds

TOTAL PARISH FUNDS

Parish of St Peter, Belper

	P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
9 Redevelopment works			7,171			7,171	11,744
		-	7,171	-	-	7,171	11,744
10 Governance							
Independent examination and other accountancy fees	520		100	50	30	700	-
Governance costs	348					348	324
Payroll preparation costs	288					288	288
	1,156	-	100	50	30	1,336	612
11 Investment mangement costs							
Building running costs	1,442			9,767		11,209	10,360
	1,442	-	-	9,767	-	11,209	10,360
12 Mission and charitable giving							
Open Doors			1,400			1,400	1,400
Heartlink						-	325
Church Army					450	450	325
Smiles			1,400			1,400	1,400
St Crispins, Pune			1,400			1,400	1,400
Home for Good			1,400			1,400	1,400
Hope for Belper			1,400	831	450	2,681	2,415
Cottage Project				831		831	690
Blue Box					450	450	325
Air Ambulance				831		831	690
Link for Hope			252			252	300
MAF				831		831	690
water aid					450	450	
			7,252	3,324	1,800	12,376	11,360
13 Other							
Depreciation - St. Mark's House		-				-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Parish Share							
Diocesan Parish Share			46,023	19,020	10,344	75,387	78,695
Proportion of Parish expenses	(33,312)		25,029	7,980	4,344	4,041	1
	(33,312)	-	71,052	27,000	14,688	79,428	78,696
Total Outgoing Resources	18,716	-	114,529	55,517	26,011	214,774	223,990

The expenditure of the Parochial Church Council is apportioned among the three churches in the ratio of the average Sunday adult attendance and electoral roll of the churches. During the year St Peter's was levied 63.03%, St Mark's 23.95% and St Swithun's 13.03% Parish share.

					St Mark's House	
					£	
					265,000	

(Restricted in the individual churches' accounts)

	PCC	St Peter's	St Mark's	St Swithun's		
Parish Asset fund	265,000				265,000	265,000
Organ Maintenance		7,645	-		7,645	5,727
Music Fund					-	-
Church Redevelopment fund		(0)			(0)	5,267
I Sing Pop UK		-			-	133
Flower Fund				4	4	(22)
Churchyard				-	-	(42)
	265,000	7,645	-	4	272,649	276,064
Total Restricted funds	265,000	51,657	19,454	13,999	342,310	317,431

	Balance at 1st Jan 2024	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Movement in Funds					
P.C.C - non TLC element					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	-31	5,018	6,287	1,891	592
Unrestricted but designated funds					
St Mark's House Account	8,000	9,670	2,142	(1,912)	13,616
St. John's Property Account	8,816	9,233	4,459	20	13,610
Parish asset fund	70,524	1,078	5,828		65,774
	87,309	24,999	18,716	0	93,592

Parish Asset Fund
Restricted

St. Mark's House	265,000	-			265,000
	265,000	-	-	-	265,000
	352,309	24,999	18,716	-	358,592

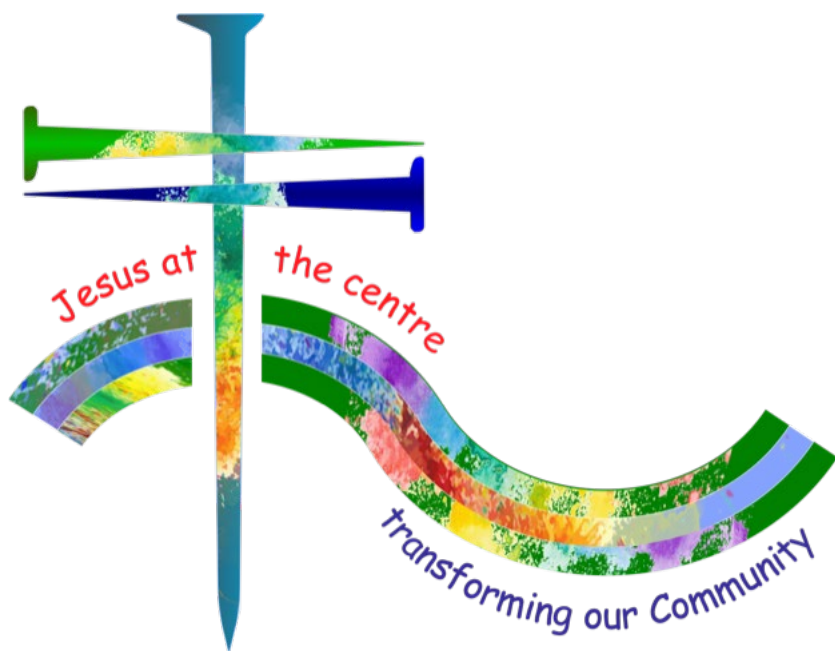
	Balance at 1st Jan 2024	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2024
St Peter's Church					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	20,514	127,424	104,765	(2,816)	40,358
	20,514	127,424	104,765	(2,816)	40,358
Unrestricted but designated funds					
Church Belfry fund	2,914	1,181	446	5	3,654
	2,914	1,181	446	5	3,655
Restricted					
Organ Maintenance Stat fees	5,726	625	456	1,750	7,645
Church Fabric fund	5,267	2,401	8,862	1,194	(0)
I sing pop	133			(133)	-
	11,127	3,026	9,318	2,811	7,645
	34,556	131,631	114,529	(0)	51,658

	Balance at 1st Jan 2024	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2024
St Mark's Church					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	7,123	49,282	41,097		15,309
	7,123	49,282	41,097	-	15,309
Unrestricted but designated funds					
Church Hall fund	2,155	15,943	13,953		4,146
Music Fund	(0)	623	468		155
	2,155	16,566	14,421	-	4,301
Restricted					
	-	-	-	-	-
	9,278	65,848	55,517	-	19,610

	Balance at 1st Jan 2024	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2024
St Swithun's Church					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	13,756	25,399	24,728	(432)	13,995
	13,756	25,399	24,728	(432)	13,995
Restricted					
	-				-
Flower Fund	(22)	31	110	105	4
Churchyard	(41)	813	940	168	-
Organ Fund	1	75	234	159	1
	(62)	918	1,284	432	5
	13,694	26,317	26,011	-	14,000

Specific collections and donations are treated as agency funds and go directly to the charity or organisation for which they are intended and therefore do not form part of the Parish income or expenditure.

Accounts



The Parish of Belper St Peter

Incorporating the churches of
St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's

Annual Report

Year Ended 31 December 2023

Registered Charity No 1132878



Parish Church

St Peter's Church
 Chesterfield Road
 Belper
 Derbyshire

Other Churches in the Parish

St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church
Over Lane	Holbrook Road
Openwoodgate	Belper
Derbyshire	Derbyshire

Correspondence should be addressed to c/o The Vicarage, 6 Chesterfield Road, Belper, DE56 1FD.

Legal Status

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Belper, St Peter's is a registered charity, number 1132878

PCC Membership (Trustees)

Ex Officio Members:

Clergy

Anne Stratton	Vicar
April Tompkins	Retired Priest

Churchwardens

David Skelton

Deanery Synod Representatives

John Hastings-Thompson	St Peter's
Anne Clark	St Peter's
Chris Craddy	St Peter's
Sandra Beresford	St Mark's

Elected Members:

Steve Bennett	St Peter's	Deputy Warden
Patience Atkinson-Gregory	St Peter's	PCC and St Peter's Treasurer
Julian Hodgson	St Peter's	Deputy Warden
Margaret Goddard	St Peter's	
Tracy Drake	St Peter's	
Helen Hodgson	St Peter's	
Derek Adams	St Mark's	Deputy Warden
Chris Gregson	St Mark's	Treasurer
Janice Storey	St Mark's	Deputy Warden to June
Geraldine Comery	St Mark's	Deputy Warden from June
Joan Foster	St Mark's	
Christine Catherall	St Mark's	
David Anderton	St Swithun's	Treasurer
Keith Wollerton	St Swithun's	Deputy Warden
Philip Thomas	St Swithun's	
Barbara Anderton	St Swithun's	

Co-opted

Sian Kellogg	St Peter's	
Charles Beresford	St Mark's	Retired Clergy

Sue Allen	Safeguarding
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Jenny Wyatt PCC Secretary non-member

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in this ecclesiastical Parish.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church House, known as St Mark's House in Openwoodgate, Belper.

1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Peter's Parish falls within the Dove and Derwent Deanery, within the Church of England Diocese of Derby and serves an area with a population of approximately 18,000 adults making it one of the largest single Parishes in the Diocese. The Parish participates ecumenically through Churches Together in Belper and Hope for Belper.

The Parish Mission Statement is "Jesus at the Centre – transforming our community". The PCC promotes this vision and is committed to enabling people to grow in discipleship through worship and teaching and to be active in supporting the community both local and worldwide and allowing people of all race, gender, learning level, sexuality to be an active part. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and makes suggestions on how the services at our three churches can involve the many groups that live within the Parish.

To facilitate the above work, it is important that the fabric of the churches of St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's and the church hall at St Mark's is maintained. During this year each church building had a Quinquennial Survey carried out by Blair Gratton architects.

The Parish greatly benefits from the help of several active retired clergy and three fully trained Readers. They all assist in different ways in the daily life of the Church. There are currently three additional people at various levels of training.

However, the bulk of the work and activities is carried out by the many lay volunteers who give freely of their time and effort and without whom nothing would be achieved to promote the gospel, encourage people to follow Jesus and be an active presence within the local community.

In particular Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens and Treasurers work tirelessly to ensure that everything runs smoothly, safely and efficiently. The Parish also has an administrative team and two cleaners who are paid employees.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Church Statistics

	Parish Total		St Peter's		St Mark's		St Swithun's	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Electoral Roll	180	180	125	125	32	32	23	23
Sunday attendance (adults)	116	105	70	61	30	28	16	16
Baptisms	19	17	17	15	2	1	0	1
Thanksgivings	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Weddings	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	0
Renewal of Wedding vows/Marriage blessing	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Funerals at Church	26	32	21	23	5	7	0	2
Funerals at Crem only	9	4						
Thanksgiving for life	0	1						
	2023	2022						
Burial of Ashes St P	1	1						
Burial of Ashes Cem	1	0						
Confirmation	8	0						
Admittance to HC	0	4						

Worship and prayer

Services are held in all three churches each Sunday. The pattern of worship ensures that there is a communion service each Sunday within the Parish.

Morning services include Common Worship Holy Communion and Service of the Word. At times these have been taken by Wardens and people on the Diocesan Discipleship Training Course. A more relaxed style of worship was introduced in the autumn at St Peter's led by a varied team of people.

Communion is now fully available in each Church. An additional Communion Service takes place on a Wednesday morning at St Swithun's Church.

Main services at St Peter's are live streamed via YouTube with the appropriate licenses. This is also available for a small fee for weddings and funerals.

There are around 4 Parish combined services during the year.

There is a daily service of Morning Prayer offered by the Vicar and reader support on Facebook which has a regular congregation. Regular direct viewers around 10 but hits around 90 are shown cumulatively during the day.

Weekly Prayer meetings are held at St Mark's Church.

Service Patterns across the Parish

Week	St Peter's			St Mark's			St Swithun's	
1	10.00am	MW with Baptism		10.00 am	HC		11.00 am	MW
2	10.00 am	HC		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	MW
3	10.00 am	Relaxed Worship		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	HC
4	10.00 am	HC		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	MW
5	Flexible						11.00 am	MW may be led by Warden
	In addition, a few joint parish services in any year.							

Occasional Offices

37 funerals or burial of ashes or thanksgiving for a person's life were conducted during the year by clergy from the Parish, both in the Churches and at Markeaton or Amber Valley Crematorium. Burials take place at Belper cemetery and burial of ashes is available in the Garden of Remembrance at St Peter's.

During the last year four weddings were conducted in the Parish.

There were 17 Baptisms at St Peter's, two at St Mark's and none at St Swithun's. Preparation sessions are held for parents and Godparents. The parish policy is not to book baptism dates before families have attended preparation which is called 'First Steps'. Families are also expected to attend at least one worship service and a baptism or thanksgiving service within the Parish before coming to preparation. This period of preparation helps families to decide whether Thanksgiving for the birth of a child or Baptism is more appropriate for them.

3. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Children in Sunday Club

There is a regular Sunday Club at both St Peter's and St Mark's. The present system has 1 leader and 1 helper in each church each week. Safeguarding, clearly defined roles, rotas, are well established.

St Mark's meets in the Vestry area and has several helpers. Around 6 children or young people gather each week and also one adult with learning difficulties.

Sunday club at St Peter's now regularly has between 4 and 12 children attending. We have only one group, which works well and is sustainable. We have 5 leaders, 4 helpers and 3 who double up. As Sunday Club grows it would be good to have more volunteers, for either task. Keep praying for our children.

YPF

The aims of YPF are to provide a safe, accepting and fun environment where young people from our church and beyond can feel comfortable to be themselves, make meaningful friendships and develop their relationship with God.

We have met regularly throughout the year each Friday during school term times in St Peter's West End. Our usual evening programme will include a bunch of silly games alongside a Bible based teaching session with time for tuck shop and chats thrown in.

Special events during the last 12 months have included the annual Christmas party, a bird encounter (!), climbing sessions at The Unit in Derby, 10 Pin Bowling evenings and the residential weekend away to the Peak Centre in Edale. This year's Edale weekend included sessions of indoor climbing and outdoor activities along with faith-based discussions.

Messy Church

Messy Church started at St Swithun's church in September 2014 and takes place on the second Saturday of each month (except August) from 4pm to 6pm. It is a monthly event for families to come together to enjoy learning about God through craft activities, games and stories and by eating a meal together with friends.

The first hour of each session is spent on a variety of craft activities around that month's Bible theme. We have a team of helpers who assist with the craft activities. After the craft activities, we have a time of celebration during which we sing, have a Bible story and pray. Then we sit down to eat a hot meal together.

The number of attendees varies considerably from month to month – averaging between 10 and 20 children plus adults and helpers.

St Mark's Messy Church began in February 2022 and takes place on the fourth Saturday of each month (except August) from 4pm to 6pm. Each session follows a similar format to the one at St Swithun's. Attendance similarly varies with an average of 6 to 16 children plus adults and helpers.

April Tompkins

Little Church and Prams and First Shoes

These meet at St Peter's and St Mark's respectively for pre-schoolers and their parents one morning a week during term time.

School links

The Vicar plus two additional members of the congregation - Patience Atkinson-Gregory and Rachel Kenning, are elected by the PCC as Foundation Governors at St John's Primary School and Nursery. The Foundation Governors meet regularly in addition to full governors' meetings to encourage and support the spiritual life of the school and to pray regularly. The school regularly visits the Church for worship, learning and musical activities. The Vicar provides a weekly online Collective Worship and a face to face one on a half termly basis. The Lighthouse Club at St John's School continues to run on a Tuesday afternoon now led completely by Church members.

Pottery School came to St Peter's for their annual Christmas service.

Herbert Strutt School attends St Swithun's for their Christingle and Nativity services.

4. PCC SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

PCC Meeting	Attendance
PCC 28 th March 23	15
APCM 25 th April 23	35 plus 3 on Zoom
PCC June	15
PCC August	13
PCC October	14
PCC December	15

PCC meetings this year were all in person. All members attended at least one meeting. Patience Atkinson-Gregory continues in the role of PCC Treasurer. Two PCC Away Days have been held during the year to look at strengths and weaknesses in the Parish and to think about who would be a good fit when the current incumbent retires.

Last year saw the end of Covid restrictions but cost of living increases continue to hit everyone and the Church is certainly not excluded. After losing our beloved Monarch Queen Elizabeth II we celebrated the Coronation of our new Monarch King Charles III and held a Coronation Big Lunch on the 7th May.

Individual churches held many concerts. Concerts included: Explosive Light Orchestra, Elvis versus Jackson, Silver Sax "Swinging Spring", Judie Tzuke and Beverley Craven, Karen England (soprano), Bohemians, Salt and Light, Floyd in the Flesh, Dark Horses/Pride in Belper.

Outside spaces have again been utilised. The trees at St Peter's regularly being covered in thought provoking attire. The Woollen Woods found a new home in St Peter's churchyard, and an Easter Garden has become an annual event.

Indoor events or meetings are flourishing: craft evenings, board games afternoons, warm spaces, ... Summer fairs and Winter markets. Operation Orphan knitting groups, Harvest suppers, Holiday at Home. St Mark's hosts baby signing as well as their own Prams and First Shoes.

Courses have included Alpha, Lent Course and two confirmation courses and services have taken place.

John Hastings-Thomson edits our magazine 'Three in One'. Our online newsletter 'Enfold' via email is edited by Pamela Gough. Both have kept people informed and included throughout the year.

Who knows what 2024 will bring? Rev Anne, having been here for 14 years now has less than one year of leading us in ever changing circumstances. I am stepping down as PCC Secretary after many years and wish my successor well.

Jenny Wyatt
PCC Secretary

5. ST PETER'S PARISH FABRIC REPORT

All churches now have maintenance schedules drawn up so that no activity is missed during the year. Quinquennial surveys were carried out during the year and the urgent work identified addressed.

St Peter's Church

Following on from the quinquennial inspection done at the beginning of the year.

Overall, the building is in reasonable condition for its age.

The wardens carry out regular routine inspections.

- The stonework on both vestry windows needs attention. Stonemasons have been consulted; a full architect's specification is required.
- The steps up to Chesterfield Road are dangerous, they are too costly to repair. Signs have been placed at the top and bottom notifying that they are dangerous and not to be used.
- The lamp at the Church Lane entrance was in a bad state, it was repainted using Hammerite metal paint.

- The guttering and down pipes were cleaned out.
- The Church Lane notice board was repaired.
- Floorboards were replaced on the balcony.
- The clock faces were repainted, however the hand on the east facing face has sheared off and will be quite expensive to repair.
- The wire mesh covering the vestry windows was removed so a proper inspection could take place.
- A full Electrical Inspection took place. Some jobs were identified to bring the building up to current standard. These have been authorised by the TLC (Trustees Local Committee) and are awaiting completion by the contractor.
- New boilers were fitted.
- The stone boundary walls were cleared of plants, a programme of re-pointing has been recommended using lime mortar.
- A tree next to a grave on the boundary with St Peter's Croft was identified by the architect as being dangerous. Amber Valley's tree warden did not consider it so.
- The metal framework to the windows is rusting. Specialist treatment would be required to rectify/replace.
- The ground was kept neat and tidy. Thanks to the Community Payback team.
- A leak in the North side roof caused by slipped slates was repaired.
- Mould is present on the walls of both staircases; they have been washed down once but will require further treatment in Spring.
- The Choir vestry is in a bad state through damp, this will be rectified when the window problem is sorted.

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION REPORT JOB NO. 720.01 St. Peter's Church, 6 Chesterfield Road, Belper, Derby DE56 1FD 40.00 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WORKS OF REPAIR

40.01 Urgent works requiring immediate consideration, planning and attention:

- (1) Carry out stonework repairs to the windows of both vestries (2.13, 10.02)
- (2) Clear stone boundary walls of plants and instigate a programme of re-pointing (35.02).
- (3) Obtain approval for the removal of the yew tree to the north boundary.
- (4) Consider repair of handrail and steps from Chesterfield Road to prevent further decay. This would require resin dowelling the stone step and a shoe for the existing handrail.
- (5) Consider repair of the lamp.
- (6) Contact Peter Butler who may be able to give guidance on a rolling programme of window refurbishment/repair with likely costs involved. Begin a process of applying for outside funding/grants to see if monies can be obtained. It may be necessary to obtain up to three quotations for grant applications, so the process is likely to take time and in view of that, begun sooner rather than later.
- (7) See Item 14 below – work should be carried out to areas of damage before winter wherever possible. Lime mortar cannot be used when the temperature drops below 5°C and the coming warmer and brighter months should be taken advantage of to begin what will be an ongoing process at St Peter's due to its size.

40.02 Works recommended to be carried out during the next twelve months:

- (8) Re-paint choir vestry, part of vicar's vestry, parts of south staircase (18.02) and the kitchen store (20.03). Repair plaster where necessary. Use correct specifications for materials.
- (9) Replace defective boiler (24.01). In hand.
- (10) Paint two clock faces (12.01) – in hand.
- (11) Gutter and gulley clearance spring and autumn (5.02).
- (12) Consider issue of vandalism and the mesh window screens (10.02). If works to the windows is carried out and the screens removed assess whether they are painted and refitted or left off.

40.03 Works recommended to be carried out during the quinquennial period:

- (13) Electrician to check lighting and church to consider upgrades if required (25.02).
- (14) Repair and paint second notice board (35.03).

(15) Paint rainwater goods (5.01) particularly the backs which are hard to reach and often corrode.
(16) Local repair of mullions, sills, mouldings, filling of large holes to prevent moisture ingress before winter (8.03 & 10.02). The work carried out to the boundary walls and the church at St Swithun's during the last quinquennial is a good benchmark where the correct lime mortar and pointing types have been employed. Large gaps have been filled with clay tile pieces to prevent slumping and the mortar falling away.

David Skelton, Julian Hodgson, Steve Bennett
Wardens

St Mark's Church and Hall

(Comprising church, vestry, church hall, kitchen and outside play area)

Church

- Quinquennial report – remove weeds from roof areas – 4.01, 4.02. Completed July 2023. Will be repeated in February 24
- Quinquennial report – refix loose / dislodged slates – 4.02, 7.01. Quote being obtained as coping stones to be reviewed as well
- Quinquennial report – repair and replace failed rainwater goods as necessary – 5.01. Completed July 2023.
- Quinquennial report – check metal windows, make good putty where necessary then paint. Paint sills – 10.01. Very large job – not yet commenced.
- Quinquennial report – check stain patches / flaking paint to the Nave, identify causes and re-paint with damp proof paint – 14.01, 18.03. Quotes from painters being obtained February 2024, for work to be scheduled August 2024
- Main door painted, hinges painted
- Carpets cleaned
- Organ serviced
- Projector serviced and bulb replaced
- Five-year electrical safety certificate and PAT testing conducted throughout building
- Fire extinguishers serviced throughout building

Vestry

- Quinquennial report (12 months) – ease sticking opening window in disabled toilet – 10.04. Completed September 2023
- Carpets cleaned
- Vestry door latch made more secure
- Gutters to north side cleared and repaired
- Boiler serviced

Church Hall

- Quinquennial report – check stain patches / flaking paint to the Hall, identify causes and re-paint with damp-proof paint– 14.01, 18.03. Completed August 2023
- Wooden floor sanded, stained and re-varnished
- Carpet cleaned
- Damp-proof paint applied to south wall Kitchen
- Damp-proof paint applied to south wall of hall
- Smoke detector replaced
- Boiler serviced

Outside

- Quinquennial report – clear north side paths and boundary walls of weeds – 32.02, 32. Completed August 2023. Car park wall needs repair after recent January 2024 winds
- Quinquennial report – re-build areas of loose brickwork wall – 35.04. All loose weeds removed on wall by the shed – wall is secure November 2023. Wall between kitchen and house needs re-pointing or rendering.
- Quinquennial report – replace cracked manhole cover – 6.04. New manhole cover sourced January 2024 (difficulties in obtaining one due to imperial size). To be fitted February 2024
- Quinquennial report – re-fix weather drip to bottom of kitchen exit door – 9.03. Completed and painted January 2024
- Drains regularly checked and kept clear
- Gutters and roof checked
- Garden, planters, hedges and borders kept tidy, bark chip replenished on south bed of church
- Paths pressure-washed
- Gates, fences and shed painted
- Play area cleaned

Derek Adams & Geraldine Comery
Deputy Wardens St Mark's

St Swithun's Church

In May, a Quinquennial Inspection was carried out with a few recommendations which were subsequently carried out.

Inside

- Chris Orton carried out a thorough Electrical Inspection in the autumn listing items that needed changing including a new fuse box – work to be done during 2024
- Organ service carried out by Spinks in September
- Annual boiler service carried out by James Crunden in October
- Door on north side trimmed in December to stop it sticking

Outside

- The garden has been looked after by Bell Gardens since March 2023
- The path at the side of the church, which is used by the public, was resurfaced with new tarmac
- Railings were painted
- Loose slates refitted
- Gullies unblocked
- Pointing re-done on south wall
- Drain by side door unblocked in December

Keith Wollerton
Deputy Warden St Swithun's

St Mark's House

St Mark's House, a property owned jointly by St Peter's Parish and the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance, became vacant in late October 2023 and some remedial work was needed before it could be offered for let. As the prior tenant did not pay the final month's rent their deposit was retained for this missing rent and therefore the repairs were not covered.

These repairs included a new window, minor repairs, cleaning, areas of decoration and work in the garden. Thanks to all who helped across the congregations.

The new tenant moved in on 2nd Feb 2024. This change of tenant has enabled the rental management to be moved from Your Move to Matthew Thomas Residential and the church oversight moving from Roy Stratton to Patience Atkinson-Gregory.

The property is being let for about £1000/month with a net income to the church of £904/month.

Roy Stratton and Patience Atkinson-Gregory

6 HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Accidents and Near Misses

All three churches carry out Health and Safety inspections and have accident books. Completed forms are retained securely.

St Peter's

- There were four accidents during the year: one serious which involved hospital treatment and the Health and Safety Executive.
- All equipment was PAT tested
- A full Electrical Inspection was carried out
- Regular Health and Safety walkabouts were done
- A full Health and Safety walkabout/inspection was done by a warden and an outside person
- Several members of the congregation attended a First Aid course
- All the fire extinguishers were serviced and reviewed by a new company
- Fire safety policy/instructions were prepared
- A formal Health and Safety policy was adapted

St Mark's

- All fire extinguishers were serviced
- A full health & safety walkabout/inspection was carried out by both deputy wardens
- All equipment was PAT tested
- All boilers were serviced
- A full electrical inspection was carried out
- All smoke detectors were regularly tested
- Notice placed in hall reminding users not to store items on the heaters
- Cables for laptop, piano and microphones tidied with hooks placed on the wall
- Car park wall being monitored

St Swithun's Church

- PAT testing carried out
- Regular checks carried out
- New fire blanket purchased for kitchen area

Keith Wollerton
Deputy Warden

7. SAFEGUARDING THE CHURCH FAMILY

We appoint a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), who is based at St Peter's, the largest church of the three: there are Safeguarding Links at both St Mark's and St Swithun's.

We had no specific safeguarding incidents in 2022. Our congregation is, however, very committed to maintaining good safeguarding practices and raises possible concerns if necessary. These are dealt with appropriately.

This is a large and very busy parish which has many activities for children, young people and some adults who may be considered to be vulnerable. These activities returned to the pre-Covid norm during 2023. Covid risk assessments were no longer carried out.

Our church officials and activity leaders take their safeguarding responsibilities very seriously with 57 non-clergy people holding a current DBS certificate by the calendar year end. This is a reflection on how much activity takes place in our parish. The automatic renewal option has been taken by most people, this reduces the amount of paperwork and checking in future years.

All PCC members and activity leaders have completed the Basic and Foundation online training courses. The Safeguarding Leadership course via zoom was taken by a further four people and the Domestic Abuse course by a further seven.

The Parish Safeguarding Policy v7 plus photos and contact details of the safeguarding contacts are displayed in prominent positions in the three churches.

A Safeguarding File is located in all three churches. This contains blank copies of the following forms:

- Incident record form
- Confidential declaration form
- Registration forms for all regular children's activities e.g. Sunday Clubs and Messy Church.
- Registration forms for occasional children's activities
- Reference forms for new activity leaders and helpers.

Many activity leaders are conscientious in recording these for new members of activity teams. Attendance sheets are completed whenever Sunday clubs are held.

Completed copies of forms, which are confidential, are given to the PSO and are scanned, stored on the parish office pc and the originals then shredded.

The PSO supplies a safeguarding report for every PCC meeting.

The parish dashboard is updated monthly although, as always, it can get out-of-date very quickly because of changes in personnel plus the increasing number of activities.

Sue Allen
Parish Safeguarding Officer

8. DOVE AND DERWENT DEANERY SYNOD

Dove & Derwent Deanery held two synods, in February and November.

In February we met at St Michael's, Kirk Langley where we shared our parish round up of good news and what had worked well and what hadn't.

We welcomed Steve Johnson, the Diocesan Living Generosity advisor who spoke to us about how we could encourage growth in our communities, we watched a short presentation and discussed the four elements of the acronym MINT (Mechanisms, Impact, Need & Trust) to help develop a generous culture in our churches.

Once we have created the best environment for people to give, we also need to cultivate a generous culture where we grow an understanding of God's generosity and share that generosity throughout our ministry and mission.

There are many motives for giving whether we have faith or not, but it was up to us to make the giving as easy as possible by QR codes, Contactless Giving, Parish Giving Scheme and Legacy Giving. The Diocese can advise all parishes on additional mechanisms to make giving easy.

The deanery has gone through some changes, Area Dean Jacqueline Stober resigned and moved to Canada in the spring and sadly our Lay Chair Gordon Thornhill passed away in June.

Reverend James Hughes became our new Area Dean on his return from sabbatical in September and Reverend Stella Greenwood was made Assistant Area Dean.

We had our second deanery synod at St Paul's Church Hall in Little Eaton.

Area Dean James spoke to synod members about the need to elect a new lay chair and encourage members to think if it is a role that they would like to do.

The Diocese is updating its Vision, our parishes and benefices have a vision but synod was asked about the deanery, do we have a vision, we were asked questions, what do you want from the deanery and what don't you want from the deanery, members spent time in their own benefice groups and produced a list which James collated and the feedback will be discussed at our synod on the 7th March.

We continue to have reports from General and Diocesan synods, with time allocated for further discussion if needed, such as Net Zero.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Accounts for the individual churches may be found at each church. Many givers are now doing so via the Parish Giving Scheme or direct debit.

The accounts for St Peter's Parish are made up of the funds of the PCC and those of the three individual churches. Within the Parish accounts the funds of each church are shown as a restricted fund for that particular church, although they may be made up of several separate funds, both restricted and unrestricted, within the accounts of the individual church.

During the year a piece of land which was jointly owned by the Diocese of Derby and St Peter's Parish was sold at auction with a net income of £70,524.

This money is to be placed in a high interest account operated via Insignis. The income from this is to be used as per the PCC resolution:

The Parochial Church Council of the parish of Belper St Peter, as Administrative Trustees of the trusts established by a Conveyance dated 26th November 1942 ('the 1942 Conveyance') in relation to a piece of land situate at Openwoodgate in the parish of Belper St Peter and more particularly described in a Conveyance dated 31st December 1912 ('the 1912 Conveyance') hereby resolve to request the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance Limited, as Custodian Trustees:

- 1. In accordance with the authority and subject to obtaining the consents set out in clause 2(b) of the Schedule to the 1942 Conveyance, to extend by means of a formal Deed of Variation of Trusts the trusts set out in clause 1 of the said Schedule to incorporate also:*
 - a. essential maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the building and curtilage known as St Mark's Church, Openwoodgate*
 - b. the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the property known as St Mark's House, 11 Openwoodgate, Belper, DE56 OSD and*
 - c. missional work as defined by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 for the benefit of the whole of the parish of Belper St Peter including, but not exclusively for, the district of St Mark's Openwoodgate which is part of the parish of Belper St Peter.*
- 2. To sell the land comprised in the 1912 Conveyance which is presently used as casual allotments and which is edged green on the plan now presented to the PCC and attached to this resolution*
- 3. To authorise the use of the net capital proceeds of sale of the land referred to at 2) of this resolution in accordance with the trusts set out in clause 1 of the Schedule to the 1942 Conveyance as will be extended by a Deed of Variation of Trusts of the 1942 Conveyance*

The original conveyance indicates that income should be used for the purpose of insuring both the church and the house at 11 Openwoodgate.

Operational Matters

The expenses of Parish ministry continue to be shared among the three churches using a formula based on attendance and electoral roll to contribute to the Diocesan Common Fund and Parish expenses. The contribution from St Swithun's was reduced during 2023.

St Peter's and St Mark's now make use of contactless giving via Sum Up and donations can be made using the linked Give a Little account. Donations and payments can also be made using a Pay Pal account. During the year the PCC agreed that money that arose due to the rental of the St John's Car Park should be used for Children and Family work across the Parish.

Reserves Policy

Reserves are held in the Church of England Deposit Fund which is regularly reviewed to ensure that the best possible interest rate is being obtained. In addition, the PCC agreed that money be deposited in Derbyshire Community Bank, even though this might not give the best return, but this is in line with the mission of the church as allowed by the Charity Commission. The Parish seeks to find the highest return for reserves. The sale money from the Allotment land is being invested via Insignis which has a variable high rate of interest and easy access.

As shown in the balance sheet on page 18, the total funds for the PCC at the end of the year amounted to £144,837 with a further fixed asset in St Mark's House valued at £265,000.

The house was revalued following the completion of the refurbishment and was let until November 2023 at £950/month and the rental handled by Your Move as our agent.

The St John's land is also owned by the Parish but there is no corresponding asset fund as this asset is fully depreciated and has a "nil" book value. It is held in trust jointly by the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance and the Church Commissioners of the Church of England on behalf of the Parish, who have now been appointed the managing trustees. The land is now leased to Belper Town Council for use as a car park. The rent was reviewed in 2023 to £8021/year with a review due in 2028. The PCC agreed that this income should be ring fenced for use on Children, Young people, families and schools work across the

Parish. £2500 was used from the fund to pay towards two teachers from St John's School visiting Scot Lane School in Kolkata.

Funds held by the individual churches are treated as restricted funds for the purposes of the particular church within the context of the Parish accounts.

Reserves at St Peter's Church amounted £34557. £20,520 is in the general fund, £2910 is in the belfry fund, £133 is designated to Pop UK for October 2023, this fund will be transferred to the ring fenced St John's Car Park fund. £5726 is restricted for future work on the organ and £5267 in in the restoration fund for completion of the work on the electrical upgrades and boiler work.

Reserves at St Mark's Church amounted to £9278, the music fund has been zeroed, the Church Hall designated fund is £2155, this shows a loss on the year for the first time. Rent on the Hall is being reviewed.

Reserves at St Swithun's Church amounted to £13693.

St Swithun's is supported by the Hanson Trust an independent Trust Fund established by the founder Mrs Hanson to maintain a Christian presence in the area of "Cow Hill" Belper. This Trust contributes to major repairs and renovations and pays the annual insurance on the building. Noted in the accounts as a recurring grant.

10. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Anyone who is on the individual church's Electoral Roll may seek election onto the PCC by being nominated and seconded by anyone else who is on the Electoral Roll.

Under the governance structure nominations are made by the individual churches and elections take place at the Annual Parochial Church General Meeting. All terms of office are for three years with one third of the council standing down each year.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members of the individual churches form the Trustees Local Committee (TLC) dealing with the day to day business and mission of each individual church under the guidelines and recommendations of the PCC. Other members of each local church are encouraged to be part of groups and committees. Specialist expertise is shared across the Parish.

The full membership comprises:

Ex-officio members:

The Vicar

All other clergy licensed to serve specifically in the Parish

2 Parish Churchwardens - appointed annually at the meeting of Parishioners prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Deanery Synod members - nominated by the District Church Annual meetings and elected at the APCM

Diocesan Synod Representatives

General Synod Representatives

Elected members:

- 6 members from each of the churches, the number to include the Deputy Churchwardens and District Church Treasurers and, if possible, the Parish Treasurer.

Co-opted members:

- Up to 2 co-opted members during the year

The PCC met six times during the year, dealing with business affecting the whole Parish. The APCM took place in April with people socially distanced in St Peter's Church and also present on Zoom. Additional urgent decisions were taken via email as allowed in our constitution.

The PCC has a standing committee, made up of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC, including urgent expenditure of up to £500.

The councils of the individual churches (Trustees Local Committees TLCs) are all accountable to the PCC. Processes are in place to ensure that matters discussed at those council meetings are reported back to the PCC on a regular basis.

Administrative and other statutory information

The Parish of Belper St Peter is made up of the churches of St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's. It forms part of the Deanery of Dove and Derwent in the Diocese of Derby. It is a member of Churches Together in Belper.

The PCC is a body corporate established by the Church of England and is the actual governing body within the framework of the Parish and is a registered charity. Representatives from the PCC form the Trustee Local Committee for each Church; the PCC delegates the day to day decision making of the individual churches to those TLCs.

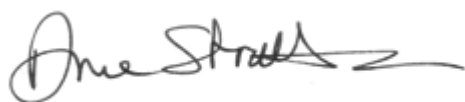
The PCC is also required to operate under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 as amended. This Measure states that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

The property of St Swithun's Church is owned by the independent charity "St Swithun's Church or Mission Hall" (registered charity no. 217994), also previously known as the "Hanson Trust". This Charity also makes grants to the St Swithun's Church TLC for major repairs and alterations in the Church and exists to serve the "social, spiritual and educational needs of the people of Cow Hill". Ex-officio members of this trust are the Vicar and the two Churchwardens of St Peter's Parish.

Under Charity Law and Church Accounting Regulations, the PCC is required to present an Annual Report together with a set of Consolidated Accounts for the whole Parish, prepared on an accruals basis and examined by an Independent Examiner.

PCC members who have served during 2023 and at the date this report was approved, are as shown in this booklet.

Approved by the PCC on 26th March 2024 and signed on their behalf

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dine Strickland', written over a horizontal line.

PCC Chair

PCC

Consolidated Financial Statement

For year ended

31 December 2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

St Peter's Parish, Belper

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1132878

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to examiner's statement undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of accounting technicians

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

15.3.24

Name:

Martin Coe

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Association of Accounting Technicians

Address:

49 Sandbed Lane, Belper DE56 0SJ

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2023

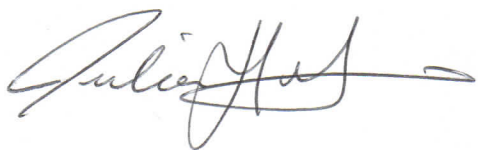
		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's	St Mark's	St Swithun's	2023	2022
				Church	Church	Church		
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources								
Activities for generating funds	2	2,784		19,780	1,499	2,575	26,638	28,744
Church activities	3	4,266		7,810	551	398	13,024	18,708
Income from investments	4	16,501		508	12,119	199	29,327	18,064
Other incoming resources	5	70,524		8,375	-	5,816	84,715	8,684
Voluntary income	6	-		93,281	33,655	17,719	144,655	133,767
Total Incoming Resources		94,076	-	129,753	47,823	26,707	298,359	207,968
Resources Used								
Cost of church activities:								
Cost of generating funds	7	243		429	-	303	976	6,471
Cost of generating voluntary income	8	46,632		38,446	12,060	13,105	110,243	81,770
Redevelopment works	9	-		11,744	-	-	11,744	6,852
Governance costs	10	442		100	50	20	612	1,405
Investment management costs	11	1,450			8,910	-	10,360	8,899
Mission and charitable giving	12			7,300	2,760	1,300	11,360	11,139
Other	13	-					-	-
Parish Share	14	-		49,950	18,163	10,582	78,695	78,697
Resources Used before transfers		48,766	-	107,969	41,944	25,310	223,990	195,233
Allocation of parish expenditure	14	(28,944)		20,850	6,677	1,418	1	(1)
Total Resources Used		19,822	-	128,819	48,621	26,728	223,990	195,232
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources		74,254	-	934	(797)	(22)	74,368	12,736
Balances brought forward		13,055	265,000	33,623	10,075	13,715	335,468	322,732
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2023		87,309	265,000	34,557	9,278	13,693	409,836	335,468

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

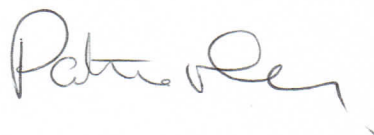
		2023		2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	16		265,000		265,000
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	17		4,576		114
Cash at bank and in hand	18		<u>150,567</u>		<u>75,856</u>
			155,143		75,970
Current Liabilities - falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	19		<u>(10,307)</u>		<u>(5,502)</u>
Net Assets			<u>409,836</u>		<u>335,468</u>
FUNDS					
Income Funds					
Unrestricted - general	20		(31)		(47)
- designated	20		92,436		18,808
Restricted	20		<u>317,431</u>		<u>316,706</u>
			<u>409,836</u>		<u>335,468</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

(PCC Member)



PCC Treasurer



**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting for Charities, issued in 2019 (SORP for Charities (FRS102)).

Funds

Unrestricted general funds represent the funds of the parish that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use, at the discretion of the Parochial Church Council, for the general purposes of the parish.

Designated funds are unrestricted but are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the Church Councils.

Restricted funds are either subject to specific conditions imposed by donors or they represent the funds of the individual churches. Funds within the individual churches themselves may be unrestricted, unrestricted but designated, or restricted. They are, however, treated as restricted in the accounts of the parish as they relate to the particular local church.

The accounts include all known transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council is responsible. 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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections, grants and income from fund raising efforts are recognised when received by or on behalf of the local Church Councils. All non gift aided giving is now under the heading Small Gift Aided giving. Small Gift Aid is reclaimed up to the HMRC limit of £8000 of this total for each building.

Planned giving receivable under Gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift aid donations is recognised when donations are received.

Statutory fees from funerals and weddings are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Grants to the individual churches are accounted for as soon as that church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt is reasonably certain.

Sales of books and the Church magazine are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Bank interest is accounted for when received.

Land owned jointly by the Parish and Diocese of Derby was sold at Auction with a net income of £70,524. This money is to be invested. The income is to be used for insurance and major fabric works at St Mark's Church. The rest available for Mission and Ministry across the whole Parish.

Related Party Transactions

No member received remuneration except for the bona fide reimbursement of expenses.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when payable.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Amounts due to the parish by the three churches are accounted for when payable.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from these accounts by virtue of Section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

St Mark's House was revalued to a gross value of £265000 in 2020. No Depreciation is applied

Items of equipment are written off when the asset is acquired.

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
	P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2023	2022
2 Activities for generating funds	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	90		15,963	705	1,486	18,245	13,697
Fund raising events Gift Aided			60			60	-
Building rental			3,756	793	1,090	5,639	13,300
Magazines	2,164					2,164	1,598
Photocopying income	530					530	149
	2,784	-	19,780	1,499	2,575	26,638	28,744
3 Church activities							
Fees - Weddings and funerals	2,207		3,331	450		5,988	6,060
certificates etc	336		26			362	160
- organ			440	80		520	680
Mission, Ministry & Discipleship	318		12			330	1,203
Contributions to refreshments					98	98	297
Belfry income			1,659			1,659	1,126
Bookstall			172			172	213
Organists' fees donated back			1,750			1,750	1,750
Children & Young People	1,266					1,266	1,661
Miscellaneous Income	139		420	21	300	880	5,558
	4,266	-	7,810	551	398	13,024	18,708
4 Income from investments							
Interest received			508	1	199	708	248
Car Park rental	8,021					8,021	7,700
St Mark's house rental	8,480					8,480	10,117
Hall rental				12,118		12,118	
	16,501	-	508	12,119	199	29,327	18,065
5 Other incoming resources							
Sale of land	70,524					70,524	-
Grants			6,100		4,530	10,630	7,460
Donation for Insurance (Hanson)					1,173	1,173	1,093
Flowers and misc			25		113	138	131
VAT refund			2,250			2,250	-
	70,524	-	8,375	-	5,816	84,715	8,684
6 Voluntary							
Gift Aided donations			27,628	10,668	1,950	40,246	47,320
Small Gift Aid scheme			11,177	6,029	6,560	23,766	21,267
Non gift aided donations			15,569	4,278	1,687	21,533	21,023
Parish Giving Scheme			16,088	6,734	4,524	27,346	23,006
Income tax recoverable			12,963	5,737	2,999	21,699	20,534
Project Donations GA			4,196	209		4,405	190
Project Donations non-gift aided			2,660			2,660	220
Legacies and bequests			3,000			3,000	208
	-	-	93,281	33,655	17,719	144,655	133,768
Total Incoming resources	94,076	-	129,753	47,823	26,707	298,359	207,969

Outgoing Resources		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		TOTAL PARISH FUNDS		
	P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2023	2022	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
7	Costs of generating funds							
	Fayres and other fund raising events - expenses		48		303	352	5,389	
	Use of Church costs		110			110	70	
	Hall Maintenance					-	502	
	Website Costs	243				243	243	
	Publicity costs		270			270	267	
		243	-	429	-	303	976	
8	Cost of generating vol income							
	Parish ministry:							
	Clergy expenses	1,209				1,209	752	
	Parish Support Staff	25,511				25,511	23,413	
	Vicarage water rates	632				632	582	
	Children & Young People	6,925	2,432			9,357	3,226	
	Mission, Ministry & Discipleship	1,489	2,847		108	4,443	2,921	
	Education and outreach	660				660	285	
	Miscellaneous expenses	116			148	264	559	
	Individual churches:							
	Church premises -							
	- heat, light, water & insurance		18,874	3,446	3,358	25,677	19,256	
	- PCC cleaning	10	1,566	4,573	1,044	7,194	6,419	
	- maintenance		1,859	676	1,561	4,096	2,735	
	-local cleaning expenses		415	204	9	628	1,923	
	- major repairs		3498			3,498	3,418	
	- equipment purchased		185	56	68	308	2,546	
	-professional fees	700	1650	1,530	1,050	4,930	240	
	- churchyard		45		4,535	4,580	141	
	Corporate worship costs		435	139	257	831	1,474	
	Organists' honoraria & fees		1,820		350	2,170	1,820	
	Music and AV Costs		939	471	206	1,617	1,107	
	Subscriptions		80	60	60	200	200	
	Miscellaneous costs	5,201	299			5,499	1,483	
	Church bookstall costs		143			143	143	
	Church belfry costs		550			550	410	
	Organ upkeep		528	396	353	1,277	1,490	
	Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	1,838	15	482		2,335	2,742	
	Photocopier	2,340				2,340	2,296	
	Bank Charges other		266	27		293	190	
		46,632	-	38,446	12,060	13,105	110,243	
							81,770	

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
9	Redevelopment works			11,744			11,744	6,852
			-	11,744	-	-	11,744	6,852
10	Governance							
	Independent examination and other accountancy fees	(170)		100	50	20	-	700
	Governance costs	324					324	417
	Payroll preparation costs	288					288	288
		442	-	100	50	20	612	1,405
11	Investment mangement costs							
	Building running costs	1,450			8,910		10,360	8,899
		1,450	-		8,910	-	10,360	8,899
12	Mission and charitable giving							
	Open Doors			1,400			1,400	1,350
	Heartlink					325	325	-
	Church Army					325	325	315
	Smiles			1,400			1,400	1,350
	St Crispins, Pune			1,400			1,400	1,350
	Treetops hospice						-	315
	Deaf-initely			1,400			1,400	-
	Hope for Belper			1,400	690	325	2,415	2,378
	Cottage Project				690		690	687
	Blue Box					325	325	315
	Air Ambulance				690		690	-
	Derby Contact Centre						-	1,350
	Link for Hope			300			300	325
	MAF				690		690	-
	water aid							663
	Children's Society							55
	Special Friends belper							687
				7,300	2,760	1,300	11,360	11,140
13	Other							
	Depreciation - St. Mark's House		-				-	
			-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Parish Share							
	Diocesan Parish Share			49,950	18,163	10,582	78,695	78,697
	Proportion of Parish expenses	(28,944)		20850	6,677	1,418	1	(1)
		(28,944)	-	70,800	24,840	12,000	78,696	78,696
	Total Outgoing Resources	19,822	-	128,819	48,621	26,728	223,990	195,232

The expenditure of the Parochial Church Council is apportioned among the three churches in the ratio of the average Sunday adult attendance and electoral roll of the churches. During the year St Peter's was levied 65.77%, St Mark's 23.08% and St Swithun's 11.15% Parish share and a reduced amont levied on St Swithun's due to loss of income during Covid.

					St Mark's House		
16	Tangible fixed assets					£	
	Gross book value						
	1st Jan 2023					265,000	
	31st Dec 2023					265,000	
						-	
		P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	TOTAL 2023	2022
17	Prepayments and accrued income						
	Income tax recoverable on gift aid	-	2,687	1,178	438	4,303	0
	Other debtors	-	-	208	64	272	114
		-	2,687	1,386	502	4,576	114
18	Cash at bank and in hand						
	Short term deposit with Central Board of Finance		16,238	34	3,412	19,683	19,029
	Bank accounts	87,472	23,315	9,374	6,847	127,008	53,144
	Credit Union		115		3,118	3,234	3,182
	Cash in Hand	19	408	70	146	642	501
		87,491	40,077	9,477	13,523	150,567	75,856
19	Amounts owed and deferred income						
	Loans	-				-	-
	Agency accounts	182	(1,347)	51	7	(1,108)	2,812
	Other creditors	-	9,555	1,535	325	11,415	2,690
		182	8,208	1,586	332	10,307	5,502
20	Funds						
	Unrestricted						
	General account	(31)				(31)	(47)
	Designated - St Mark's House Account	8,000				8,000	6,649
	Designated - St. John's Hall Account	8,816				8,816	6,453
	Parish reseve account	70,524				70,524	-
		87,309	-	-	-	87,309	13,055
	Restricted						
	(Unrestricted in the individual churches' accounts)						
	General account		20,520	7,092	13,755	41,367	39,851
			20,520	7,092	13,755	41,367	39,851
	(Unrestricted but designated in the individual churches' accounts)						
	St Peter's Belfry Fund		2,910			2,910	1,806
	St. Mark's Church Hall			2,186		2,186	3,900
			2,910	2,186	-	5,096	5,706

(Restricted in the individual churches' accounts)

	PCC	St Peter's	St Mark's	St Swithun's		
Parish Asset fund	265,000				265,000	265,000
Organ Maintenance		5,726	-	1	5,727	4,065
Music Fund					-	20
Church Redevelopment fund		5,267			5,267	5,030
I Sing Pop UK		133			133	2,434
Flower Fund				(22)	(22)	(36)
Churchyard				(42)	(42)	344
	265,000	11,126	-	(62)	276,064	276,855
Total Restricted funds	265,000	34,556	9,278	13,693	317,431	316,706

	Balance at 1st Jan 2023	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2023
Movement in Funds	£	£	£	£	£
P.C.C - non TLC element					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	-47	76,308	11,617		64,644
Unrestricted but designated funds					
St Mark's House Account	6,649	8,480	1,280		13,850
St. John's Property Account	6,453	9,287	6,925	-	8,815
Parish asset fund	0	70,524	-		70,524
	13,055	94,076	19,822	-	87,309

Parish Asset Fund
Restricted

St. Mark's House	265,000	-			265,000
	265,000	-	-	-	265,000
	278,055	94,076	19,822	-	352,309

St Peter's Church
Unrestricted - general funds

	Balance at 1st Jan 2023	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2023
General fund	20,287	108,777	108,549		20,514
	20,287	108,777	108,549	-	20,514

Unrestricted but designated funds

Church Belfry fund	1,806	1,659	550		2,914
	1,806	1,659	550	-	2,915

Restricted

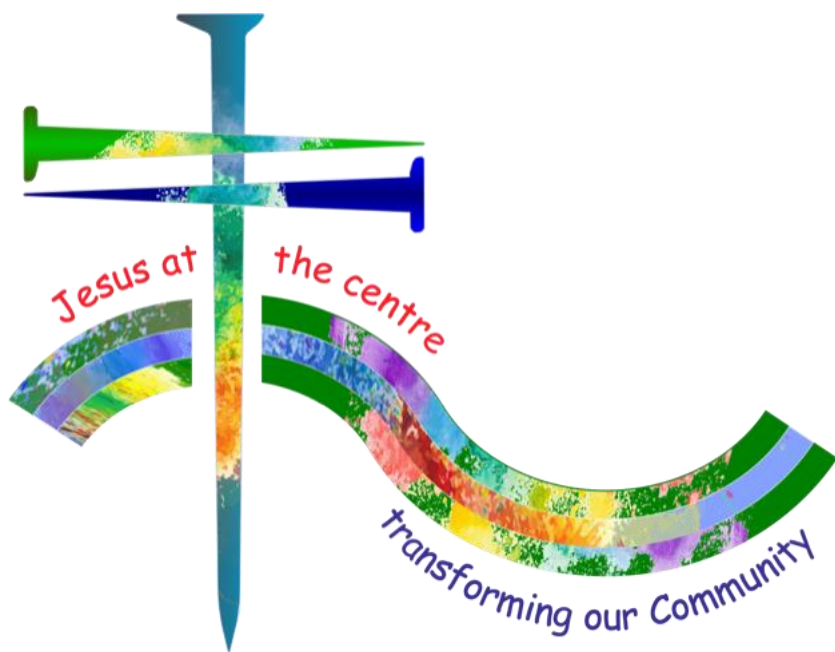
Organ Maintenance Stat fees	4,064	2,190	528		5,726
Church Redevelopment fund - part	5,030	17,128	16,892		5,267
I sing pop	2,434		2,300		134
	11,528	19,318	19,720	-	11,127
	33,621	129,753	128,819	-	34,556

	Balance at 1st Jan 2023	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2023
St Mark's Church					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	6,156	35,416	33,891	(558)	7,123
	6,156	35,416	33,891	(558)	7,123
Unrestricted but designated funds					
Church Hall fund	3,900	12,118	13,863		2,155
Music Fund	20	289	867	558	(0)
	3,919	12,408	14,730	558	2,155
Restricted					
	-	-	-	-	-
	10,076	47,823	48,621	-	9,278

	Balance at 1st Jan 2023	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2023
St Swithun's Church					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	13,407	22,444	21,743	(353)	13,756
	13,407	22,444	21,743	(353)	13,756
Restricted					
					-
Flower Fund	(36)	113	98		(22)
Churchyard	344	4,150	4,535		(42)
Organ Fund	1	-	353	353	1
	308	4,263	4,986	353	(62)
	13,715	26,707	26,728	-	13,694

Specific collections and donations are treated as agency funds and go directly to the charity or organisation for which they are intended and therefore do not form part of the Parish income or expenditure.

Accounts



The Parish of Belper St Peter

Incorporating the churches of
St Mark's, St Peter's and St Swithun's

Annual Report

Year Ended 31 December 2022

Registered Charity No 1132878



Parish Church

St Peter's Church
 Chesterfield Road
 Belper
 Derbyshire

Other Churches in the Parish

St Mark's Church
 Over Lane
 Belper
 Derbyshire

St Swithun's Church
 Holbrook Road
 Belper
 Derbyshire

Correspondence should be addressed to c/o The Vicarage, 6 Chesterfield Road, Belper, DE56 1FD.

Legal Status

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Belper, St Peter's is a registered charity, number 1132878

PCC Membership (Trustees)

Ex Officio Members:

Clergy

Anne Stratton	Vicar
April Tompkins	Retired Priest

Churchwardens

David Skelton

Diocesan and General Synod Representative

Sian Kellogg

Deanery Synod Representatives

John Hastings-Thompson	St Peter's
Anne Clark	St Peter's
Chris Craddy	St Peter's
Sandra Beresford	St Mark's

Elected Members:

Steve Bennett	St Peter's	Deputy Warden
Andrew Hardy	St Peter's	PCC and St Peter's
Patience Atkinson-Gregory	St Peter's	Treasurer
John Hastings-Thompson	St Peter's	
Tracy Drake	St Peter's	
Helen Hodgson	St Peter's	
Tracy Comber	St Peter's	Deputy Warden
Derek Adams	St Mark's	Deputy Warden
Chris Gregson	St Mark's	Treasurer
Janice Storey	St Mark's	Deputy Warden
Geraldine Comery	St Mark's	
Joan Foster	St Mark's	
Christine Catherall	St Mark's	
David Anderton	St Swithun's	Treasurer
Keith Wollerton	St Swithun's	Deputy Warden
Philip Thomas	St Swithun's	
Barbara Anderton	St Swithun's	

Co-opted

Charles Beresford	St Mark's	Retired Clergy
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Jenny Wyatt PCC Secretary non-member

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in this ecclesiastical Parish.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church House, known as St Mark's House in Openwoodgate, Belper.

1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Peter's Parish falls within the Dove and Derwent Deanery, within the Church of England Diocese of Derby and serves an area with a population of approximately 18,000 adults making it one of the largest single Parishes in the Diocese. The Parish participates ecumenically through Churches Together in Belper and Hope for Belper.

The Parish Mission Statement is "Jesus at the Centre – transforming our community". The PCC promotes this vision and is committed to enabling people to grow in discipleship through worship and teaching and to be active in supporting the community both local and worldwide and allowing people of all race, gender, learning level, sexuality to be an active part. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and makes suggestions on how the services at our three churches can involve the many groups that live within the Parish.

To facilitate the above work, it is important that the fabric of the churches of St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's and the church hall at St Mark's is maintained.

The Parish greatly benefits from the help of several active retired clergy and three fully trained Readers. They all assist in different ways in the daily life of the Church.

However, the bulk of the work and activities are carried out by the many lay volunteers who give freely of their time and effort and without whom nothing would be achieved to promote the gospel, encourage people to follow Jesus and be an active presence within the local community.

In particular Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens and Treasurers work tirelessly to ensure that everything runs smoothly, safely and efficiently. The Parish also has an administrative team and two cleaners who are paid employees.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Church Statistics

	Parish Total		St Peter's		St Mark's		St Swithun's	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Electoral Roll	180	180	125	118	32	36	23	26
Sunday attendance *(adults)	105	98*	61	56*	28	27*	16	15*
Baptisms	17	6	15	6	1	0	1	0
Thanksgivings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weddings	4	7	4	0	0	1	0	1
Renewal of Wedding vows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Funerals at Church	32	32	23	22	7	5	2	5
Funerals at Crem only	4	4	* Average October attendance after churches re-opened fully					
Thanksgiving	1	2						
	2022	2021						
Burial of Ashes St P	1	0						
Burial of Ashes Cem	0	0						
Confirmation	0	0						
Admittance to HC	4	0						

Worship and prayer

The Covid pandemic affected all our worship across the Parish. During full lockdown on-line services were prepared and transmitted via Facebook and You-tube as 'Church without Walls'. Our numbers and activities have slowly increased, being reviewed as they restarted to ensure safety for all that attend.

Services were reduced with St Peter's having a single morning service, once a month this is relaxed worship which is led by a team. St Mark's a single morning service. Once a month this includes a Family Service. St Swithun's also has a single morning service.

Morning services include Common Worship Holy Communion and Service of the Word. At times these have been taken by Wardens and people on the Diocesan Discipleship Training Course. A more relaxed style of worship was introduced in the autumn at St Peter's led by a varied team of people.

Communion was restricted to distribution of bread only at the beginning of the year; initially wine was taken by intinction of the bread, but latterly all three options were offered.

Main services at St Peter's are live streamed via YouTube, following a grant from the Raymond Ross Fund to purchase the equipment. This is also available for a small fee for weddings and funerals. Christmas services returned to their normal pattern.

Parish combined services were re-established during the year.

Service Patterns across the Parish

Week	St Peter's			St Mark's			St Swithun's	
1	10.00am	MW with Baptism		10.00 am	HC		11.00 am	MW
2	10.00 am	HC		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	MW
3	10.00 am	Relaxed Worship		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	HC
4	10.00 am	HC		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	MW
5	Flexible						11.00 am	MW may be led by Warden
	In addition, a few joint parish services in any year.							

There is a daily service of Morning Prayer offered by the Vicar on Facebook which has a new regular congregation.

Occasional Offices

38 funerals or burial of ashes or thanksgiving for a person's life were conducted during the year by clergy from the Parish, both in the Churches and at Markeaton or Amber Valley Crematorium. Burials take place at Belper cemetery and burial of ashes is available in the Garden of Remembrance at St Peter's.

During the last year four weddings were conducted in the Parish.

There were 15 Baptisms at St Peter's, one at St Mark's and one at St Swithun's. Preparation sessions are held for parents and Godparents. The parish policy is not to book baptism dates before families have attended preparation which is called 'First Steps'. Families are also expected to attend at least one worship service and a baptism or thanksgiving service within the Parish before coming to preparation. This period of preparation helps families to decide whether Thanksgiving for the birth of a child or Baptism is more appropriate for them.

3. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Children in Sunday Club

With the return from Covid restrictions, to being in church, Sunday Club resumed indoors, with either one or four children. There wasn't a week when we had no children. There was one group aged three to 14. We needed to introduce the role of helper because of safeguarding, and leaders and helpers were given a role description to sign. Currently we have four leaders and six helpers. Recently the numbers have increased from between four to nine children, but we are not there with going back to two groups, 3-10/10-14, just yet. That is a hope for the future. To do that, two more leaders will be required and the role of helper changed. The outlook is looking good.

YPF

The aims of YPF are to provide a safe, accepting and fun environment where young people from our church and beyond can feel comfortable to be themselves, make meaningful friendships and develop their relationship with God. We have met regularly throughout the year each Friday during school term times in St Peter's West End. Our usual evening programme will include a bunch of silly games alongside a Bible based teaching session with time for tuck shop and chats thrown in. Special events during the last

12 months have included the annual Christmas party, Bonfire night fireworks and the residential weekend away to the Peak Centre in Edale. This year's Edale weekend included sessions of archery and glass making along with discussions that focussed on big issues such as prejudice and bullying. The Sunday morning service in the sports' hall was organised and led by the young people themselves. The leadership continues to be Steve and Jo Richardson and Chris Blundell, but we have also added some of our older group members to the team who are now running games sessions and leading Bible based discussions. It is particularly pleasing to see this side of YPF develop as we grow young leaders.

School links

The Vicar plus two additional members of the congregation - Patience Atkinson-Gregory and Rachel Kenning, are elected by the PCC as Foundation Governors at St John's Primary School and Nursery. The Foundation Governors meet regularly in addition to full governors' meetings to encourage and support the spiritual life of the school and to pray regularly. The school regularly visits the Church for worship, learning and musical activities. The Vicar provides a weekly online Collective Worship and a face to face one on a half termly basis. In the Autumn term we set up the Lighthouse Club at St John's School in conjunction with Valley CIDS.

April Tompkins has taken two assemblies in Pottery School and Herbert Strutt School. Herbert Strutt School also returned to St Swithun's for their Christingle and Nativity services.

4. PCC SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

Meeting	Attendance
APCM	24 and 13 via zoom
PCC March	17
PCC June 21 st 2022	12
PCC August 16 th 2022	16
PCC October 25 th 2022	15
PCC December 13 th 2022	15

PCC Meetings this year were all in person despite Covid being present earlier in the year. All members attended at least one meeting. New Treasurers were elected. David Pembrington stepped down due to personal reasons and Patience Atkinson-Gregory rose to the tasks of keeping the PCC finances in order.

Throughout the year Covid reduced its grip largely due to herd immunity and our wonderful vaccines. We all collectively sighed with relief.....how short lived this feeling of relief was as other problems soon arose influencing everyone's finances and the Church was certainly not let off easily! The war in Ukraine and the energy and cost of living crisis affected all communities and continues to do so which was reflected in our gas bills. This year was also different in that we were temporarily without our Vicar who had her much needed and delayed Sabbatical. In addition it was the 200th Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone at St Peter's. We had a celebration service accompanied by Derwent Brass and the placing of a time capsule. We also lost our beloved monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, who steadfastly guided and served our country with a Christian commitment that humbled us all. So in many ways we did not return to normal at all!! A brief "returning to near normal", has been followed by difficult discussions around finances and poses many challenges for the year to come no doubt. We live in faith that all will work out.

Individual churches returned to holding more concerts, barbecues, open mic nights, quiz nights, groups, games' afternoons, meals and Songs of Praise evenings than ever before. Concerts included: Daphne's Flight, Bob Fox, Barbara Dickson and Nick Holland, Margaret Keys, Dale Diva, Kiki Dee and Carmelo Luggeri, Derwent Brass, Opera Babes, The Bohemians, Codnor Warblers, Ray Hatfield and Max McTavish. Home-grown talent continued to excel with flourishing music in all churches, and an art exhibition of the work of the late Angela Thomas.

Outside spaces have again been utilised, the trees at St Peter's regularly being covered in thought provoking attire. St Mark's sweltered at their barbecues and summer fayres were held in record breaking temperatures. Holiday at Home had a trip up Cromford Canal, and also got together for Easter and Christmas. Platinum Jubilee lunches celebrating our Queen being especially poignant this year somehow knowing it might be her last. All too soon after these celebrations, Churches were open to allow people to watch the funeral of Her Majesty on the big screen and to sign a book of condolence; but ever hopeful that her Christian faith and example would guide the country. Our second Wydale Parish weekend away was a great success again and autumnal Harvest festivals led to Christmas Dinners, Winter Markets, Christmas Windows, and amazing shoe boxes packed full of goodies to send via Link to Hope. All churches held Christmas services and enjoyed more freedom compared to previous Covid years.

Two books were published to celebrate and mark two major events in our Church calendar. The first was "Postcards and jottings from a Celtic journey" in which Rev Anne reflected on her sabbatical journeys and "time out". This was followed by a reflective event and a book for the 200th Anniversary celebrating 200 years since the laying of the Foundation Stone at St Peter's, attended by the Duke of Devonshire and Bishop Malcolm and Archdeacon Carol Coslett. The bell ringers were kept busy this year at this event and also at the Queen's passing, making the gardens at St Peter's a reflective space in troubled or sad times. John Hastings-Thomson edits our magazine 'Three in One' and our online newsletter 'Enfold' via email and edited by Pamela Gough, has kept people informed and included throughout the year.

Who knows what 2023 will bring? The increased costs of heating our spaces will no doubt give us challenging discussions at meetings with decisions to make like never before. Digging deep in all senses and trusting in God, serving and learning and worshipping will see us through! Rev Anne has less than two years of leading us in ever changing circumstances left. So much for thinking things would be back to normal!

Jenny Wyatt

5. ST PETER'S PARISH FABRIC REPORT

All churches now have maintenance schedules drawn up so that no activity is missed during the year. Appropriate Covid Risk assessments were completed and approved by the Archdeacon for opening for individual prayer and also for enabling people to attend worship in person at each church.

St Peter's Church

Steve, Tracy and myself share the responsibility of looking after the "fabric" of the church. A list has been created of tasks that need completing in and around the church on a regular basis, to ensure that no essential tasks get missed.

- New energy efficient floodlights, uplighters fitted to the entrance outside

- The step lights renewed
- Pathway lights repaired – one still outstanding
- All of the external doors were painted
- The carpets and floors were professionally cleaned
- A survey of the window glass took place. No major concerns
- Part of the masonry work round the north vestry window needs attention
- The gutters were cleared and unblocked
- The coping slabs on the patio were put back into place
- The front door was made to open easier
- A lock was placed on the understairs cupboard so that alcohol can be stored in there
- All four boilers were serviced. These desperately need replacing
- The grounds were kept tidy and wood chip put down the side of the main path
- All items that required immediate attention on the last quinquennial report have now been carried out
- Other items are being monitored
- The bottom step of the flight leading from Church Lane was examined by a groundwork's contractor. They suggested it posed no immediate risk and might cause more problems if remedial work was carried out
- Two of the clock faces were painted. Two remain to be completed
- Work on the tower roof completed
- Downpipe internal to the tower repaired

David Skelton, Tracy Comber, Steve Bennett
Wardens

St Mark's Church and Hall

(Comprising church, vestry, church hall, kitchen and outside play area)

Church

- Carpets cleaned
- Organ serviced

Vestry

- Carpets cleaned

Church Hall

- Wooden floor revarnished
- Carpet cleaned
- Damp-proof paint applied to south wall

Kitchen

- Damp-proof paint applied to chimney breast area
- Burco water boiler replaced

Outside

- Drains regularly checked and kept clear
- Gutters and roof checked
- Garden, planters, hedges and borders kept tidy
- Leaves and moss removed from car park

- Paths pressure washed
- Gates painted
- Bell clapper removed due to rust and bell made safe
- Play area cleaned and painted
- Outside lights checked and bulbs replaced

Janice Storey, Derek Adams
Deputy Wardens St Mark's

St Swithun's Church

- Two interior gable ends decorated due to cracks appearing in the plaster
- Spinks carried out annual service of the organ
- D K Carpentry carried out work on the two internal front doors to stop them from sticking
- Boiler was serviced

Outside

- Work carried out to part of the guttering to repair a leak
- Penning Garden Services trimmed all bushes and trees around the church garden

Keith Wollerton
Deputy Warden St Swithun's

St Mark's House

- Gates have been repaired
- New tenant found
- Regular inspections carried out
- Management of rental handed to Your Move
- Gas check done

Roy Stratton

6 HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

A food hygiene course was held attended by people from all three churches.

Accidents and Near Misses

All three churches carry out Health and Safety inspections and have accident books. Completed forms are retained securely.

St Peter's

- Regular Health and Safety walkabouts take place
- The drive and steps are swept regularly
- A deep clean of the inside of the church was done for the bicentenary
- A new cleaner was appointed
- Wine was reintroduced at Communion with the chalice being wiped with antibacterial wipes each time

- Four accidents were recorded. Two were minor cuts. A visitor suffered an angina attack during a baptism. A young lady missed her footing and fell down the main steps resulting in concussion.
- The defibrillator was checked
- Fire extinguishers serviced
- PAT testing carried out

St Mark's

- Fire extinguishers checked
- Regular walkabout inspections held
- Smoke detector replaced
- PAT testing carried out
- Outside steps painted

St Swithun's Church

- Fire extinguishers serviced
- PAT testing carried out
- Regular checks carried out

Keith Wollerton
Deputy Warden

7. SAFEGUARDING THE CHURCH FAMILY

We appoint a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), who is based at St Peter's, the largest church of the three: there are two Safeguarding Links at St Mark's and St Swithun's. We meet every few months to exchange news and ideas. We had no specific safeguarding incidents in 2022. Our congregation is, however, very committed to maintaining good safeguarding practices and raises possible concerns if necessary. These are dealt with appropriately.

This is a large and very busy parish which has many activities for children, young people and some adults who may be considered to be vulnerable. The majority of these activities returned to the pre-Covid norm during 2022. Covid risk assessments were carried out for all activities. It was a bumper year for DBS applications with 10 new applications plus another 17 full renewals completed during the year. This is a wonderful reflection on how much activity takes place in our parish. If the automatic renewal option has been taken by everyone, this will reduce the amount of paperwork and checking in future years.

All PCC members and the majority of activity leaders have completed the Basic and Foundation online training courses. Parish wardens, some deputy wardens and other church officers completed the Leadership course via zoom. The face-to-face Domestic Abuse course was launched towards the end of 2022. Two leaders attended (with many more having attended in early 2023) This is an excellent response.

The Parish Safeguarding Policy v7 was issued in November 2021. The reason for the re-issue was to include safeguarding procedures specifically relating to the new Lighthouse After School Club at St John's School. The policy plus photos and contact details of the safeguarding contacts are displayed in prominent positions in the three churches.

A Safeguarding File is located in a prominent place in all three churches. This contains blank copies of the following forms:

- Incident record form
- Registration forms for all regular children's activities e.g. Sunday Clubs and Messy Church
- Registration forms for occasional children's activities
- Reference forms for new activity leaders and helpers. Since the restart of activities use of these has become standard practice

Completed copies of forms, which are confidential, are given to the PSO and are scanned, stored on the Parish Office computer and the originals then shredded.

The PSO supplies a safeguarding report for every PCC meeting.

The parish dashboard is updated monthly although it can get out-of-date very quickly because of changes in personal plus the increasing number of activities. It is very similar to painting the Forth Bridge!

Sue Allen
Parish Safeguarding Lead

8. DOVE AND DERWENT DEANERY SYNOD

In the last year, as is normal, there has been opportunity for the sharing of news, updates and practice from our constituent churches and wide-ranging discussions on a range of topics, including

- The impact of the Covid pandemic on Churches, Services and Parishioners
- Events
- Energy crisis, and what parishes were offering in the way of warm hubs
- Diocesan Vision
- Statistics for Mission

In February we were joined by our new diocesan secretary Kate Godfrey. Kate spoke to us about the new Archidiaconal structure. We also discussed our concerns regarding congregation numbers, clergy time and safeguarding. We also welcomed Matt Barnes, Director of Discipleship and Mission. In 2021 we had a Deanery Day with Bishop Libby and from that meeting Matt took all our questions and we discussed each area. We concluded we have seen and will continue to see great change in the church's life, and we were encouraged to use the mission action toolkit to start a conversation.

At our Deanery synod in July, we were joined by our new Archdeacon Carol Coslett. Archdeacon Carol told us how she is there to help whether it be to sign a Raymond Ross application or to support with building projects or to do a list B faculty so it can be submitted quicker.

Carol spoke of the amazing support networks at Church House which included

- Nigel Sherratt, Diocesan Advisory Committee for the care of churches
- Ian Blaney, the new registrars
- Communications team
- Discipleship mission and ministry team
- Steve Johnson, Living Generously Advisor

We were encouraged to send in any information that could be shared with the rural mission group as they gather information for a new leaflet, 'Faith in the Countryside' which includes the full list of dates for well dressings, agricultural shows, and lots of events across the diocese.

In our final synod of 2022 we welcomed Sarah Brown, Sarah spoke about the work that is happening in the diocese around youth and children's ministry and how as parishes we could encourage and support children and young people.

Steve Johnson was unable to give his presentation on 'Living Generously' in 2022 but David Legh did speak to us about the 'Parish Share' and gave us figures which represented the Deanery's contribution and encouraged us all to do more.

Our 2022 Deanery synods enabled us to share our thoughts and ideas which enabled us to put forward a proposal to diocesan Synod which was the need for support for clergy with administration which was recognised by all.

We make every effort to make synods as relevant and interesting as we can and would encourage members to make suggestions for future synods and finally, we would like to thank the Deanery synod members for their continued support to Dove & Derwent.

Jacqueline Stober
Area Dean

Claire Critchlow
Deanery Administrator

9. FINANCE REPORT

Accounts for the individual churches may be found at each church. Many givers are now doing so via the Parish Giving Scheme or direct debit.

The accounts for St Peter's Parish are made up of the funds of the PCC and those of the three individual churches. Within the Parish accounts the funds of each church are shown as a restricted fund for that particular church, although they may be made up of several separate funds, both restricted and unrestricted, within the accounts of the individual church.

Operational Matters

The expenses of Parish ministry continue to be shared among the three churches using a formula based on attendance and electoral roll to contribute to the Diocesan Common Fund and Parish expenses. The amount from St Swithun's was reduced this year as their income was particularly badly hit during the pandemic.

St Peter's now makes use of contactless giving via Sum Up and donations can be made using the linked Give a Little account. Donations and payments can also be made using a Pay Pal account. During the year the PCC agreed that money that arose due to the rental of the St John's Car Park should be used for Children and Family work across the Parish.

Reserves Policy

As shown in the balance sheet on page 18, the total funds for the PCC at the end of the year amounted to £70,468 with a further fixed asset in St Mark's House valued at £265,000.

The house was revalued following the completion of the refurbishment and is now let at £950/month and the rental handled by Your Move as our agent.

The St John's land is also owned by the Parish but there is no corresponding asset fund as this asset is fully depreciated and has a "nil" book value. It is held in trust jointly by the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance and the Church Commissioners of the Church of England on behalf of the Parish, who have now been appointed the managing trustees. The land is now leased to Belper Town Council for use as a car park at £7,700/year with a review due in 2023. The PCC agreed that this income should be ring fenced for use on Children, Young people and families work across the Parish and during the year funded workers from Valley CIDS to set up a children's club in St John's School.

Funds held by the individual churches are treated as restricted funds for the purposes of the particular church within the context of the Parish accounts.

Reserves at St Peter's Church amounted £33623. £20,287 is in the general fund, £1806 is in the belfry fund, £2433 is designated to Pop UK for October 2023, and £4064 is restricted for future work on the organ and £5030 in in the restoration fund for completion of the work on the clock face and other works connected to the building.

Reserves at St Mark's Church amounted to £6154 and £20 is held in a restricted music fund, the Church Hall designated fund is £3900 .

Changes were made to the trust deeds for the allotment land owned by the Parish. This change allows the allotments to be sold and the proceeds to be used for the upkeep of the fabric of St Mark's Church and Hall and St Mark's House. Other income can be used by the whole of the Parish as long as that use covers the mission and outreach work of St Mark's Openwoodgate. These have been revalued at £50 - £75,000 and we are seeking permission from the Diocese to put them up for auction.

Reserves at St Swithun's Church amounted to £13406. £344 is in a fund set aside to maintain the churchyard. The balance of the reserves is held for day to day operational requirement.

St Swithun's is supported by the Hanson Trust an independent Trust Fund established by the founder Mrs Hanson to maintain a Christian presence in the area of "Cow Hill" Belper. This Trust contributes to major repairs and renovations and pays the annual insurance on the building. Noted in the accounts as a recurring grant.

Reserves are held in the Church of England Deposit Fund which is regularly reviewed to ensure that the best possible interest rate is being obtained. In addition, the PCC agreed that money be deposited in Derbyshire Community Bank, even though this might not give the best return, but this is in line with the mission of the church as allowed by the Charity Commission.

10. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Anyone who is on the individual church's Electoral Roll may seek election onto the PCC by being nominated and seconded by anyone else who is on the Electoral Roll.

Under the governance structure nominations are made by the individual churches and elections take place at the Annual Parochial Church General Meeting. All terms of office are for three years with one third of the council standing down each year.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members of the individual churches form the Trustees Local Committee (TLC) dealing with the day to day business and mission of each individual church under the guidelines and recommendations of the PCC. Other members of each local church are encouraged to be part of groups and committees. Specialist expertise is shared across the Parish.

The full membership comprises:

Ex-officio members:

The Vicar

All other clergy licensed to serve specifically in the Parish

2 Parish Churchwardens - appointed annually at the meeting of Parishioners prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Deanery Synod members - nominated by the District Church Annual meetings and elected at the APCM

Diocesan Synod Representatives

General Synod representatives

Elected members:

- 6 members from each of the churches, the number to include the deputy church wardens and District Church Treasurers and, if possible, the Parish Treasurer

Co-opted members:

- Up to 2 co-opted members during the year

The PCC met six times during the year, dealing with business affecting the whole Parish. The APCM took place in April with people socially distanced in St Peter's Church and also present on Zoom. Additional urgent decisions were taken via email as allowed in our constitution.

The PCC has a standing committee, made up of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC, including urgent expenditure of up to £500.

The councils of the individual churches (Trustees Local Committees TLCs) are all accountable to the PCC. Processes are in place to ensure that matters discussed at those council meetings are reported back to the PCC on a regular basis.

Administrative and other statutory information

The Parish of Belper St Peter is made up of the churches of St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's. It forms part of the Deanery of Dove and Derwent in the Diocese of Derby. It is a member of Churches Together in Belper.

The PCC is a body corporate established by the Church of England and is the actual governing body within the framework of the Parish and is a registered charity. Representatives from the PCC form the Trustee Local Committee for each Church; the PCC delegates the day to day decision making of the individual churches to those TLCs.

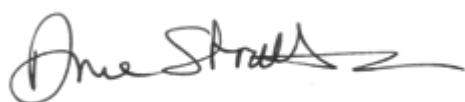
The PCC is also required to operate under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 as amended. This Measure states that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

The property of St Swithun's Church is owned by the independent charity "St Swithun's Church or Mission Hall" (registered charity no. 217994), also previously known as the "Hanson Trust". This Charity also makes grants to the St Swithun's Church TLC for major repairs and alterations in the Church and exists to serve the "social, spiritual and educational needs of the people of Cow Hill". Ex-officio members of this trust are the Vicar and the two Churchwardens of St Peter's Parish.

Under Charity Law and Church Accounting Regulations, the PCC is required to present an Annual Report together with a set of Consolidated Accounts for the whole Parish, prepared on an accruals basis and examined by an Independent examiner.

PCC members who have served during 2022 and at the date this report was approved, are as shown in this booklet.

Approved by the PCC on 28th March 2023 and signed on their behalf



PCC Chair

PCC

Consolidated Financial Statement

For year ended

31 December 2022



Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
St Peter's Parish, Belper

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1132878

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~ Income < £250,000

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

9.3.23

Name:

Martin Coe

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Association of Accounting Technicians

Address:

49 Sandbed Lane, Belper DE56 0SJ

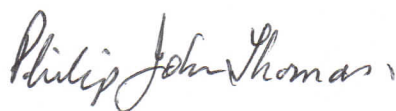
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's	St Mark's	St Swithun's	2022	2021
				Church	Church	Church		
		Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources								
Activities for generating funds	2		1,747		13,528	12,482	987	28,744
Church activities	3		4,642		12,329	1,250	487	18,708
Income from investments	4		17,817		204	-	43	18,064
Other incoming resources	5		-		7,045	-	1,639	8,684
Voluntary income	6		1,000		85,815	31,004	15,949	133,767
Total Incoming Resources			25,205	-	118,922	44,736	19,105	207,968
Resources Used								
Cost of church activities:								
Cost of generating funds	7		291		5,534	532	115	6,471
Cost of generating voluntary income	8		32,821		31,886	11,811	5,251	81,770
Redevelopment works	9		-		6,852	-	-	6,852
Governance costs	10		1,225		100	50	30	1,405
Investment management costs	11		4,995		-	3,905	-	8,899
Mission and charitable giving	12				7,075	2,804	1,260	11,139
Other	13				-			-
Parish Share	14		1		50,058	21,358	7,280	78,697
Resources Used before transfers			39,332	-	101,505	40,460	13,936	195,233
Allocation of parish expenditure	14		(25,105)		15,966	6,818	2,320	(1)
Total Resources Used			14,227	-	117,470	47,278	16,256	195,232
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources			10,978	-	1,452	(2,542)	2,848	12,736
Balances brought forward			2,076	265,000	32,171	12,617	10,867	322,732
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2022			13,055	265,000	33,623	10,075	13,715	335,468

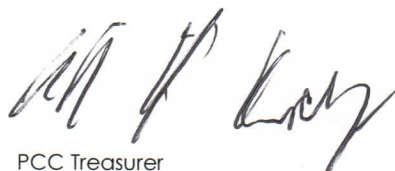
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

		2022		2021	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	16		265,000		265,000
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	17		114		6,833
Cash at bank and in hand	18		<u>75,856</u>		<u>63,087</u>
			75,970		69,920
Current Liabilities - falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	19		<u>(5,502)</u>		<u>(12,190)</u>
Net Assets			<u><u>335,468</u></u>		<u><u>322,730</u></u>
FUNDS					
Income Funds					
Unrestricted - general	20		(47)		29
- designated	20		18,808		5,586
Restricted	20		<u>316,706</u>		<u>317,114</u>
			<u><u>335,468</u></u>		<u><u>322,730</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



(PCC Member)



PCC Treasurer

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

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting for Charities, issued in 2016 (SORP for Charities (FRS102)).

Funds

Unrestricted general funds represent the funds of the parish that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use, at the discretion of the Parochial Church Council, for the general purposes of the parish.

Designated funds are unrestricted but are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the Church Councils.

Restricted funds are either subject to specific conditions imposed by donors or they represent the funds of the individual churches. Funds within the individual churches themselves maybe unrestricted, unrestricted but designated, or restricted. They are, however, treated as restricted in the accounts of the parish as they relate to the particular local church.

The accounts include all known transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council is responsible. 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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections, grants and income from fund raising efforts are recognised when received by or on behalf of the local Church Councils. All non gift aided giving is now under the heading Small Gift Aided giving. Small Gift Aid is reclaimed up to the HMRC limit of £8000 of this total for each building.

Planned giving receivable under Gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift aid donations is recognised when donations are received.

Statutory fees from funerals and weddings are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Grants to the individual churches are accounted for as soon as that church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt is reasonably certain.

Sales of books and the Church magazine are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Bank interest is accounted for when received.

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when payable.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Amounts due to the parish by the three churches are accounted for when payable.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from these accounts by virtue of Section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

St Mark's House was revalued to a gross value of £265000 in 2020. No Depreciation is applied

Items of equipment are written off when the asset is acquired.

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2	Activities for generating funds							
	Fundraising events			11,776	1,159	763	13,697	4,174
	Fund raising events Gift Aided			-	-	-	-	-
	Building rental			1,753	11,324	224	13,300	10,656
	Magazines		1,598				1,598	1,174
	Photocopying income		149				149	117
		-	1,747	13,528	12,482	987	28,744	16,120
3	Church activities							
	Fees - Weddings and funerals		1,777	3,423	710	150	6,060	5,119
	certificates etc		144	16			160	230
	- organ			500	140	40	680	490
	Mission, Ministry & Discipleship		692	511			1,203	666
	Contributions to refreshments					297	297	78
	Belfry income			1,126			1,126	800
	Bookstall			213			213	234
	Organists' fees donated back			1,750			1,750	-
	Children & Young People		1,661				1,661	468
	Miscellaneous Income		368	4,790	400		5,558	6,795
		-	4,642	12,329	1,250	487	18,708	14,879
4	Income from investments							
	Interest received			204	1	43	248	9
	Car Park rental		7,700				7,700	5,017
	St Mark's house rental		10,117				10,117	10,200
		-	17,817	204	1	43	18,065	15,226
5	Other incoming resources							
	Revaluation of St Mark's House						-	
	Grants			6,950		510	7,460	2,250
	Donation for Insurance (Hanson)					1,093	1,093	1,041
	Flowers and misc			95		36	131	336
	VAT refund						-	8,890
		-	-	7,045	-	1,639	8,684	12,517
6	Voluntary							
	Gift Aided donations			33,655	11,940	1,725	47,320	47,315
	Small Gift Aid scheme			9,699	4,801	6,767	21,267	14,148
	Non gift aided donations		1,000	16,128	2,680	1,215	21,023	19,892
	Parish Giving Scheme			13,160	6,335	3,511	23,006	22,526
	Income tax recoverable			12,586	5,247	2,700	20,534	24,529
	Project Donations GA			190			190	37,380
	Project Donations non-gift aided			220			220	20,637
	Legacies and bequests			176		32	208	660
		-	1,000	85,815	31,004	15,949	133,767	187,087
	Total Incoming resources	-	25,205	118,922	44,736	19,105	207,969	245,829

Outgoing Resources		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	2021
							£
7	Costs of generating funds						
	Fayres and other fund raising events - expenses			5,274		115	5,389
	Use of Church costs			70			70
	Hall maintenance				502		502
	Website Costs		243				243
	Publicity giving costs		48	189	30		267
		-	291	5,534	532	115	6,471
8	Cost of generating vol income						
	Parish ministry:						
	Clergy expenses		752				752
	Parish Support Staff		23,413				23,413
	Vicarage water rates		582				582
	Children & Young People		2,907	319			3,226
	Mission, Ministry & Discipleship		768	2,099	38	16	2,921
	Education and outreach		285				285
	Miscellaneous expenses		386			173	559
	Individual churches:						
	Church premises -						
	- heat, light, water & insurance			15,094	2,049	2,113	19,256
	- PCC cleaning			1,496	4,057	866	6,419
	- maintenance			779	973	983	2,735
	-local cleaning expenses			1,050	815	58	1,923
	- major repairs			3418			3,418
	- equipment purchased			86	2,434	26	2,546
	-professional fees			240			240
	- churchyard			79		62	141
	Corporate worship costs			1,087	93	293	1,474
	Organists' honoraria & fees			1,820			1,820
	Music and AV Costs			740	362	4	1,107
	Subscriptions			80	60	60	200
	Miscellaneous costs			1,292	34	157	1,483
	Church bookstall costs			143			143
	Church belfry costs			410			410
	Organ upkeep			695	355	440	1,490
	Printing, postage, stationery and telephone		1,432	769	540		2,742
	Photocopier		2,296				2,296
	Bank Charges other			190			190
		-	32,821	31,886	11,811	5,251	81,770
							63,809

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
	P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
9 Redevelopment works			6,852			6,852	71,580
		-	6,852	-	-	6,852	71,580
10 Governance							
Independent examination and other accountancy fees		520	100	50	30	700	1,752
Governance costs		417				417	-
Payroll preparation costs		288				288	-
	-	1,225	100	50	30	1,405	1,752
11 Investment mangement costs							
Building running costs		4,995		3,905		8,899	3,488
	-	4,995	-	3,905	-	8,899	3,488
12 Mission and charitable giving							
Open Doors			1,350			1,350	1,575
Water Aid				663		663	670
Church Army					315	315	300
Smiles			1,350			1,350	1,575
St Crispins, Pune			1,350			1,350	1,575
Treetops hospice					315	315	300
Children's Society				55		55	-
Hope for Belper			1,350	713	315	2,378	2,545
Cottage Project				687		687	670
Blue Box					315	315	300
Special Friends Belper				687		687	670
Derby Contact Centre			1,350			1,350	1,575
Link for Hope			325			325	280
			7,075	2,804	1,260	11,139	12,035
13 Other							
Depreciation - St. Mark's House		-				-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Parish Share							
Diocesan Parish Share		1	50,058	21,358	7,280	78,697	75,282
Proportion of Parish expenses		(25,105)	15966	6,818	2,320	(1)	-
	-	(25,104)	66,024	28,176	9,600	78,696	75,282
Total Outgoing Resources	-	14,227	117,471	47,278	16,256	195,232	229,499

The expenditure of the Parochial Church Council is apportioned among the three churches in the ratio of the average Sunday adult attendance and electoral roll of the churches. During the year St Peter's was levied 63.61%, St Mark's 27.14% and St Swithun's 9.25% Parish share and a reduced amount levied on St Swithun's due to loss of income during Covid.

Related Party Transactions

One member of the PCC or church councils received remuneration or payment as agreed by the Charity Commission no other member received remuneration except for the bona fide reimbursement of expenses.

16	Tangible fixed assets					St Mark's House	
	Gross book value					£	
	At 1 January 2022					265,000	
	at 31st Dec 2022					265,000	
	Net Increase due to Revaluation					-	
		P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	TOTAL 2022	2021
17	Prepayments and accrued income						
	Income tax recoverable on gift aid					-	6,833
	Other debtors			114		114	-
		-	-	114	-	114	6,833
18	Cash at bank and in hand						
	Short term deposit with Central Board of Finance		15,734	33	3,263	19,029	30,483
	Bank accounts	13,032	20,007	12,649	7,455	53,144	29,021
	Credit Union		114		3,068	3,182	3,182
	Cash in Hand	24	405		72	501	402
		13,056	36,259	12,682	13,858	75,856	63,087
19	Amounts owed and deferred income						
	Loans					-	200
	Agency accounts		2,638	31	143	2,812	2,295
	Other creditors			2,690		2,690	9,695
		-	2,638	2,721	143	5,502	12,190
20	Funds						
	Unrestricted						
	General account	(47)				(47)	29
	Designated - St Mark's House Account	6,649				6,649	2,048
	Designated - St. John's Hall Account	6,453				6,453	-
		13,055	-	-	-	13,055	2,077
	Restricted						
	(Unrestricted in the individual churches' accounts)						
	General account	20,287	6,156	13,407		39,851	35,414
		20,287	6,156	13,407		39,851	35,414
	(Unrestricted but designated in the individual churches' accounts)						
	St Peter's Belfry Fund	1,806				1,806	1,090
	Church Repairs Fund	-				-	53
	St. Mark's Church Hall			3,900		3,900	2,396
		1,806	3,900	-		5,706	3,539

(Restricted in the individual churches' accounts)

	PCC	St Peter's	St Mark's	St Swithun's		
Parish Asset fund	265,000				265,000	265,000
Organ Maintenance		4,064	-	1	4,065	2,589
St. Mark's Project Fund			-		-	1,227
Music Fund			20		20	173
Church Redevelopment fund		5,030			5,030	9,768
I Sing Pop UK		2,434			2,434	2,433
Flower Fund				(36)	(36)	85
Churchyard				344	344	405
Defib		-	0		(0)	20
	265,000	11,528	20	308	276,855	281,700
Total Restricted funds	265,000	31,815	6,176	13,715	316,706	317,114

Movement in Funds	Balance at 01-Jan-22	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2022
P.C.C - non TLC element	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	29	5,729	5,804		(47)
Unrestricted but designated funds					
St Mark's House Account	2048	10,117	5,515		6,649
St. John's Property Account	0	9,360	2,907	-	6,453
	2,077	25,205	14,227	-	13,055

Parish Asset Fund
Restricted

St. Mark's House	265,000	-			265,000
	265,000	-	-	-	265,000
	267,077	25,205	14,227	-	278,055

St Peter's Church
Unrestricted - general funds

	Balance at 01-Jan-22	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2022
General fund	16,316	109,828	105,857		20,287
	16,316	109,828	105,857	-	20,287

Unrestricted but designated funds

Church Belfry fund	1,090	1,126	410		1,806
Church Repairs fund	53			(53)	-
	1,143	1,126	410	(53)	1,807

Restricted

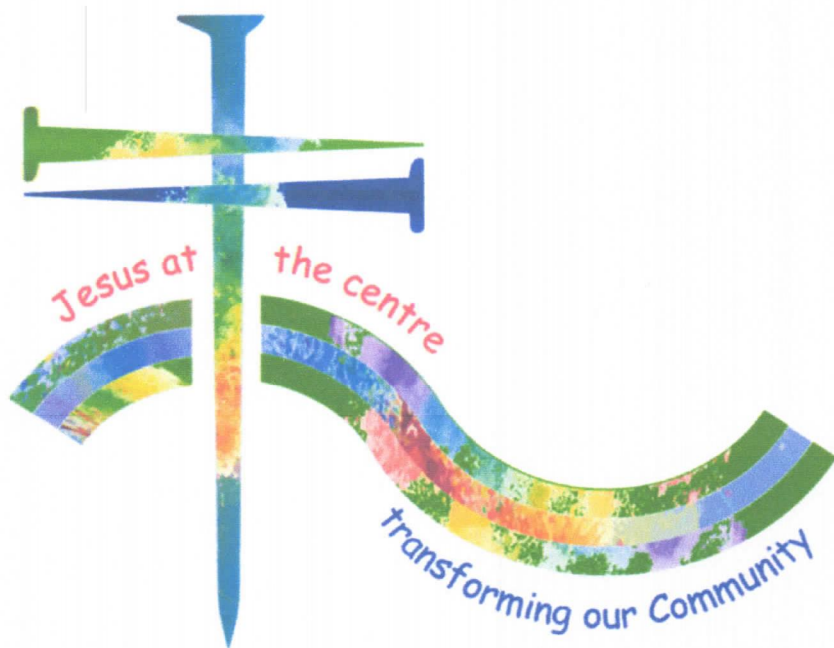
Organ Maintenance Stat fees	2,509	2,250	695		4,064
Church Redevelopment fund - part	9,768	5,718	10,509	53	5,030
I sing pop	2,433	-	-		2,434
	14,710	7,968	11,204	53	11,528
	32,170	118,922	117,471	-	33,622

	Balance at 1st January 2022	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2022
St Mark's Church					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	8,802	33,227	35,428	(445)	6,156
	8,802	33,227	35,428	(445)	6,156
Unrestricted but designated funds					
Church Hall fund	2,396	11,324	9,820		3,900
Music Fund	173	140	716	423	20
	2,569	11,464	10,536	423	3,919
Restricted					
Defib	20	46	88	22	(0)
Project funds	1,227		1,227		-
	1,247	46	1,315	22	(0)
	12,618	44,736	47,279	-	10,075

	Balance at 01-Jan-22	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2022
St Swithun's Church					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	10,296	19,029	15,597	(321)	13,407
	10,296	19,029	15,597	(321)	13,407
Restricted					
					-
Flower Fund	85	36	157		(36)
Churchyard	405	-	62		344
Organ Fund	80	40	440	321	1
	570	76	659	321	308
	10,867	19,105	16,256	-	13,715

Specific collections and donations are treated as agency funds and go directly to the charity or organisation for which they are intended and therefore do not form part of the Parish income or expenditure.

Accounts



The Parish of Belper St Peter

Incorporating the churches of
St Mark's, St Peter's and St Swithun's

Annual Report

Year Ended 31 December 2021

Registered Charity No 1132878



Parish Church

St Peter's Church
Chesterfield Road
Belper
Derbyshire

Other Churches in the Parish

St Mark's Church
Over Lane
Belper
Derbyshire

St Swithun's Church
Holbrook Road
Belper
Derbyshire

Correspondence should be addressed to c/o The Vicarage, 6 Chesterfield Road, Belper, DE56 1FD.

Legal Status

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Belper, St Peter's is a registered charity, number 1132878

PCC Membership (Trustees)

Ex Officio Members:

Clergy Anne Stratton Vicar

Churchwardens Brenda Bocock
David Skelton From APCM Sept 2020

Diocesan Synod Representative

Sian Kellogg

Deanery Synod Representatives

Sian Kellogg	St Peter's
Anne Clark	St Peter's
Kay Blissett	St Mark's
Sandra Beresford	St Mark's
Angela Thomas	St Swithun's (d. Sept 21)

Elected Members:

Steve Bennett	St Peter's	Deputy Warden
Andrew Hardy	St Peter's	PCC and St Peter's Treasurer
John Hastings-Thompson	St Peter's	
Tracy Drake	St Peter's	
Helen Hodgson	St Peter's	
Tracy Comber	St Peter's	Deputy Warden
Derek Adams	St Mark's	Deputy Warden
Chris Gregson	St Mark's	Treasurer
Janice Storey	St Mark's	Deputy Warden
Geraldine Comery	St Mark's	
Joan Foster	St Mark's	
Christine Catherall	St Mark's	
Peter Wass	St Swithun's	Deputy Warden
David Anderton	St Swithun's	Treasurer
Keith Wollerton	St Swithun's	
Philip Thomas	St Swithun's	
Margaret Brown	St Swithun's	

Co-opted

Charles Beresford	St Mark's	Retired Clergy
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Jenny Wyatt PCC Secretary

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in this ecclesiastical Parish.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church House, known as St Mark's House in Openwoodgate, Belper.

1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Peter's Parish falls within the Dove and Derwent Deanery, within the Church of England Diocese of Derby and serves an area with a population of approximately 18,000 adults making it one of the largest single Parishes in the Diocese. The Parish participates ecumenically through Churches Together in Belper and Hope for Belper.

The Parish Mission Statement is "Jesus at the Centre – transforming our community". The PCC promotes this vision and is committed to enabling people to grow in discipleship through worship and teaching and to be active in supporting the community both local and worldwide. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and makes suggestions on how the services at our three churches can involve the many groups that live within the Parish.

To facilitate the above work, it is important that the fabric of the churches of St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's and the church hall at St Mark's is maintained.

The Parish greatly benefits from the help of several active retired clergy and four fully trained Readers. They all assist in different ways in the daily life of the Church.

However, the bulk of the work and activities are carried out by the many lay volunteers who give freely of their time and effort and without whom nothing would be achieved to promote the gospel, encourage people to follow Jesus and be an active presence within the local community.

In particular Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens and Treasurers work tirelessly to ensure that everything runs smoothly, safely and efficiently. The Parish also has an administrative team and two cleaners who are paid employees.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Church Statistics

	Parish Total		St Peter's		St Mark's		St Swithun's	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Electoral Roll	180	175	118	114	36	34	26	27
Sunday attendance *(adults)	98	110	56	68	27	27	15	15
Baptisms	6	4	6	4	0	0	0	0
Thanksgivings	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Weddings	7	2	5	1	1	0	1	1
Renewal of Wedding vows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Funerals at Church	32	13	22	12	5	0	5	1
Funerals at Crem only	4	9	* Average October attendance after churches re-opened fully.					
Thanksgiving	2	1						
	2021	2020						
Burial of Ashes St P	0	0						
Burial of Ashes Cem	0	9						
Confirmation	0	0						
Admittance to HC	0	0						

Worship and prayer

The Covid pandemic affected all our worship across the Parish. During full lockdown on-line services were prepared and transmitted via Facebook and You-tube as 'Church without Walls'.

St Peter's was re-opened whenever we were legally allowed to do so but with a single morning service. St Mark's re-opened with a single morning service and no evening service. St Swithun's remained closed until Easter and then re-opened with a single morning service but limited fellowship time before hand.

Services were held outside whenever possible. Morning services include Common Worship Holy Communion and Service of the Word.

Communion was restricted to distribution of bread only throughout the year with wine only being taken by the priest. Masks were worn and singing restricted throughout most of the year. Social distancing remained in place. Once restrictions were lifted areas of each church have been set aside for those who still feel less confident and want to remain at a distance from others.

The plate was no longer passed to prevent infection being transferred and electronic giving was introduced at St Peter's.

Christmas services returned to a normal pattern although no carol service was held at St Swithun's as there is not the space to spread out with the potential numbers that attend.

The town carol service was cancelled again and so an online version was again offered via Facebook.

A single combined service was held during the year due to the need for social distancing.

Service Patterns across the Parish

Week	St Peter's			St Mark's			St Swithun's	
1	10.00am	MW		10.00 am	HC		11.00 am	MW
2	10.00 am	HC		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	MW
3	10.00 am	MW		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	MW
4	10.00 am	HC		10.00 am	MW		11.00 am	HC
5	Flexible						11.00	MW
	There will be a few joint parish services in any year.							

There is a daily service of Morning Prayer offered by the Vicar on Facebook which has brought a new regular congregation.

Occasional Offices

38 funerals or burial of ashes or thanksgiving for a persons life were conducted during the year by clergy from the Parish, both in the Churches and at Markeaton or Amber Valley Crematorium. Burials take place at Belper cemetery and burial of ashes is available in the Garden of Remembrance at St Peter's.

During the last year 7 weddings were conducted in the Parish. Those at the beginning of the year with limited attendance, but later only with the requirement to wear masks.

Only 6 Baptisms were possible due to Covid restrictions at St Peter's, preparation sessions for parents and Godparents being held with a single family and led by the Vicar. The parish policy is not to book baptism dates before families have attended preparation which is called 'First Steps'. Families are also expected to attend at least one worship service and a baptism or thanksgiving service within the Parish before coming to preparation. This period of preparation helps families to decide whether Thanksgiving for the birth of a child or Baptism is more appropriate for them.

3. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Children learning more about God in Sunday Club.

We have continued to meet every Sunday, starting by weekly zoom sessions during the lockdown period. We then moved to sessions outside in the open air and happily are now back in church with our youngest members.

We continue to welcome new friends as well as regular members of our group and due to the current situation, we have all ages of children together from 3-14.

YPF

YPF aims are to provide a safe, accepting and fun environment where the young people can feel comfortable to be themselves, make meaningful friendships and develop their relationship with God.

We started the year in lockdown and so continued to meet every Friday virtually via our weekly zoom sessions. After Easter, we started meeting in person again and took the to hold many of our first sessions in the open air. In September there were more recognisable regular Friday night meetings in the West End. New members joined from different Churches in Belper and this

has led to a core group of nearly 30 young people spending time together, learning what it means to follow Jesus and be a community who have fun and support each other

School links

The Vicar plus two additional members of the congregation - Patience Atkinson-Gregory and Rachel Kenning, are elected by the PCC as Foundation Governors at St John's Primary School and Nursery. The Foundation Governors meet regularly in addition to full governors' meetings to encourage and support the spiritual life of the school and to pray regularly. The school regularly visits the Church for worship, learning and musical activities. The Vicar provides a weekly online Collective Worship and a face to face one on a half termly basis.

4. PCC SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

MEETING	ATTENDANCE
PCC Meeting 16/03/21	25
APCM 27/04/21	(24 in person, 17 on Zoom)
PCC on Zoom 15/6/21	15
PCC 17/08/21 at St Mark's PCC	17
PCC 19/10/21	12
PCC 14/12/21	17

Meetings were held in a variety of ways due to the ongoing changing COVID19 regulations.

Meetings covered many topics with standing discussions of finances, staffing, new volunteers needed for treasurer and magazine editor, and safeguarding. St Peter's Church Tower and Clock and allotments were the main fabric or land issues. Covid and its restrictions again took up much time re stopping and restarting of activities and how to move forward. Latterly there has been talk of 2022 St Peter's 200th Anniversary and the Queens Jubilee, with preparations hopefully underway for much needed celebration maybe just maybe without restrictions!! Longer term thoughts have been started re the advert of our Parish for a new Vicar when Rev Anne retires.

In the Parish year, January started with another lockdown, the magazine was covering two months and office staff were working half time. On line activities such as Services, Bible study, zooming Virtual Sunday School, and YPF on line tried to keep normality in an ever changing world of vaccine roll outs.

St Peter's Churchyard was utilised taking the Church outside: January "jokes", Lent Prayer flags, outdoor Easter garden. Poet trees, and canaries in the Churchyard in August.

Easter was allowed to happen but under covid restrictions. Again we took Easter out to King Street with give aways and Easter windows in people's houses.

June appeared to be the start of returning to semi normal activities with singing outside, and take away coffees after the Services, all socially distanced of course until the 21st June. On line Sunday services finished at this time. YPF resumed in the west end, and St Peter's had a single service on a Sunday continuing throughout the year. To celebrate there was a Celebration Parish Service on the 27th June and coffee mornings resumed in June.

Summer continued with a Summer Fair on June 26th at St Peter's and a Coffee Morning at St Mark's. However, we still remembered the losses and struggles of the year with a Commemoration Service on Sunday 25th July. This was so that people could share their grief when previously not been able. Weddings were allowed to take place in July with limited people and the wearing of masks by everyone except the bride and groom.

Holiday at Home returned in August, and there was a regular Market stall at the Belper Sunday Monthly Market. St Swithun's held a Crafts, Cakes and Coffee on the 4th September, as well as the return of Messy Church. St Mark's restarted their Prams and First shoes, Sunday Club and two young musicians arrived.

So as you can see we were not standing still and indeed were encouraged to send in pictures and Good News stories and we entered Our Churchyard and its multiple uses in and out of lockdown. Certainly not standing still were the volunteers taking part in the Belper Bucket for Christian Aid challenge on September 25th, raising a fantastic £4409.24.

This year there was a PCC Away Day on October 16th at Hazlewood Hall.

The PCC was happy to leave behind negative emotions, individuality or overbearing attitudes with unwillingness to change. Covid had meant Church closures, Mental health issues, reduced giving, loss of attendees, no singing, change in communion and lack of physical meeting.

Moving forward the Parish would like increased work across the Churches in the one Parish, continuation of on line platforms and using the trees for outreach/Church without Walls. Inclusivity and kindness and being open to all, to form a focal point for the community. All this could not be done without continued volunteers, prayer chains, and contact. Caring should be extended to our clergy and overall there should be a greater tolerance of variety of views and to be simpler, humbler and bolder!! Discussions were also around how to get more children involved and there was a proposal of a second Messy Church at St Mark's.

Come the autumn concerts returned for those comfortable with being in an audience, with the twice delayed 'Music of Queen' performed by the Bohemians on 18th September and the Church "rocked" apparently. St Swithun's had Roy Hatfield with Max McTavish on November 11th and St Mark's held their Annual Variety Sale.

It wasn't all fun and games though as 40 members attended a Living in Love and Faith course for our three Churches, exploring Sex and Gender issues. A further separate work party will look at the teaching and learning next year.

Approaching winter there was a Parish Light and Hope Service on 31st October. Christmas shoe boxes were filled with a staggering 83 being donated for Link to Hope to distribute in eastern Europe. The pre Christmas season continued with Derwent Brass Band on November 13th performing a "A night to Remember". Winter market season was upon us with a Variety sale at St Mark's on the 20th November and a Winter market at St Peter's on 27th November, all seeking ways to manage social distancing. Musical endeavours continued with an Organ playing marathon by Gary Spendlove for St Peter's Church Tower fund and a Walk for Life Kidney dialysis machine. Here it would be appropriate to mention that Richard Marsden is the new organist at St Peter's. December was a busy month with Margaret Keys and Dale Diva, and A Celebration of Christmas mid December with the Dalesman Male voice choir and the South East Derbyshire Music Centre concert band.

Christmas services were able to go ahead, and knitted Christmas Angels were distributed around town. However unfortunately Derwent Brass had to cancel their concert on Dec 22nd. This was probably due to the ugly arrival of the Omicron variant so here we go again with potential restrictions and at the very least mask wearing. Carol services went ahead at St Mark's and St Peter's, however the one at St Swithun's was cancelled.

After a year off, the Christmas Dinner at St Peter's was held with promises of delivery if things went pear shaped. It didn't fortunately. New Year celebrations were still allowed but the request to remain cautious against a backdrop of ever climbing Omicron cases is a sobering thought. At the time of writing no further restrictions have been announced yet. No doubt the three Churches will continue to adapt, develop, regroup and respond to the challenges!

Jenny Wyatt
PCC Secretary.

5. ST PETER'S PARISH FABRIC REPORT

All churches now have maintenance schedules drawn up so that no activity is missed during the year. Appropriate Covid Risk assessments were completed and approved by the Archdeacon for opening for individual prayer and also for enabling people to attend worship in person at each church.

St Peters Church

Steve, Tracy and myself share the responsibility of looking after the "fabric" of the church. A list has been created of tasks that need completing in and around the church on a regular basis, to ensure that no essential tasks get missed.

- ❖ New roof put on the tower
- ❖ Clock repaired
- ❖ 3 sides of the clock repainted
- ❖ Remaining 1 to be done this year
- ❖ New trips fitted to fuse box
- ❖ Trees trimmed in perimeter of churchyard
- ❖ Churchyard regularly swept & tidied up
- ❖ Lamp post adjacent to steps repainted
- ❖ Glory Hole tidied up
- ❖ Regular walkabout done
- ❖ Windows on South & North side monitored
- ❖ Guttering cleared
- ❖ New internal drain pipe fitted in roof area

David Skelton, Tracy Comber, Steve Bennett
Wardens

St Marks Church and Hall

(Comprising church, vestry, church hall, kitchen and outside play area)

Church

- ❖ Carpets cleaned
- ❖ Repair to church door
- ❖ Organ serviced

Vestry

- ❖ New cupboards installed along side of vestry
- ❖ Boiler boxed in matching cupboards
- ❖ New lighting pendants installed

- ❖ New uplighters installed above cupboards
- ❖ Door heater installed above vestry door to outside
- ❖ Carpets cleaned
- ❖ Vestry door repaired

Church Hall

- ❖ Problem with heating attended to
- ❖ Smoke detector replaced
- ❖ Wooden floor revarnished
- ❖ Damp-proof paint applied to south wall

Kitchen No work done

Outside

- ❖ Drains regularly checked and kept clear
- ❖ Garden hedges and borders kept tidy
- ❖ Leaves and moss removed from car park
- ❖ Area outside kitchen door pressure washed
- ❖ Gates painted
- ❖ Outside steps painted

Janice Storey, Derek Adams
Deputy Wardens St Mark's.

St Swithun's

- ❖ Fire extinguisher serviced
- ❖ Gutters repaired
- ❖ Gas boiler serviced
- ❖ Organ serviced

Keith Wollerton
Deputy Warden St Swithun's

St Mark's House

- ❖ Gates have been repaired.
- ❖ Single tenant has been present
- ❖ Regular inspections carried out.

Roy Stratton

6 HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Accidents and Near Misses

All three churches carry out H&S inspections and have accident books in which completed forms are retained securely.

St Swithun's Church

- ❖ Work carried out in the year:
- ❖ Health & Safety report carried out by Peter Wass & John Hastings-Thomson)
- ❖ The covid pandemic has had a marked effect on the congregation and we have seen less people return to the church.
- ❖ Covid requirements were kept in place throughout the year including sanitizer, face covering and social distancing.
- ❖ The coffee morning however resumed on the 1st Wednesday of the month from April and also the Fellowship Group once a month.

Keith Wollerton
Deputy Warden

St Peter's

Inside

- ❖ The Fire Extinguishers were serviced
- ❖ Regular health & Safety checks carried out.
- ❖ The Defibrillator was used once by an outside agency, it is checked regularly.
- ❖ A full Covid 19 assessment was carried out and implemented
- ❖ Hand gel placed in several areas.
- ❖ Notices positioned to advise people to wear masks wash hands, use gel. and respect social distancing.
- ❖ Personal Cleaning kits are placed in the entrance to the main church.
- ❖ Some of the pews are shut off to for social distancing in services.
- ❖ Full Protective Clothing have been provided to our cleaner

Outside

- ❖ The Patio outside and the steps were power washed and treated with vinegar to help keep algae from forming and reduce potential slipping.
- ❖ The Pathway at the side of the Garden of Remembrance was very slippery, this was cleaned and treated.
- ❖ Regular monitoring takes place

7. SAFEGUARDING THE CHURCH FAMILY

We appoint a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), who is based at St Peter's, the largest church of the three: there are two Safeguarding Links at St Mark's, Kay Blissett, and St Swithun's, Keith Wollerton. We meet every few months to exchange news and ideas.

We had no safeguarding incidents in 2021.

This is a large and very busy parish which normally has many activities for children, young people and some adults who may be considered to be vulnerable. The majority of these activities stopped during the height of the pandemic. St Peter's Sunday Club restarted online in summer 2020 continuing until summer

2021 when it became an outdoor activity in the church grounds until September 2021 when it reverted to indoors.

Many activities restarted towards the end of 2021 and Covid risk assessments were carried out for all activities.

Successful applications for DBS certificates, new (8) and renewals (5), continued throughout the year.

At the end of the year the renewal rules were tightened nationally from 5 years to 3 years. This meant an increase in applications in late 2021 which continued into 2022.

All PCC members and activity leaders completed Basic and Foundation online training courses. Parish wardens, other church officers plus some deputy wardens completed the Leadership course held via Zoom.

We updated and re-issued our Parish Safeguarding Policy v6 on 26 January 2021; all PCC members endorsed their approval. This will be re-visited and re-issued in early 2022. The policy plus photos and contact details of the safeguarding contacts are displayed in prominent positions in the three churches. A Safeguarding File is located in a prominent place in all three churches. This contains blank copies of the following forms:

- Incident record form
- Registration forms for all regular children's activities e.g. Sunday Clubs and Messy Church.
- Registration forms for occasional children's activities
- Reference forms for new activity leaders and helpers. Since the restart of activities use of these has become standard practice.

Completed copies, which are confidential, are given to the PSO and are scanned, stored on the parish office pc and the originals then shredded.

The PSO supplies a safeguarding report for every PCC meeting.

The parish dashboard is updated monthly.

Sue Allen
Parish Safeguarding Lead

8. DOVE AND DERWENT DEANERY SYNOD

The Deanery Synod met three times during the year – twice on zoom and in November face to face (at a distance!) in St Peter's.

In February Matt Barnes helped us explore the Bishop's thinking and planning for the Diocese further.

In July we looked at the Living in Love and Faith material provided by the Church of England to help churches explore sexuality and gender. Alicia Dring and Julian Hollywell presented and advised on how it could be used in the Parish. The restructuring of the Archdeaconry proposal was then presented. Making three areas across the county rather than the current two.

In November we had presentations on supporting lay ministry and the bite sized learning that is being offered by the Diocese.

The clergy conference was again held online but deaneries were encouraged to meet for a communion service followed by lunch funded by the Diocese. There was also an evening meeting set up for each deanery with a senior member of staff – the one for Dove and Derwent was held at the White Hart in Duffield and much appreciated by all those who attended.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Accounts for the individual churches may be found at each church. Many givers are now doing so via the Parish Giving Scheme which meant that much of our income was maintained during the pandemic.

The accounts for St Peter's Parish are made up of the funds of the PCC and those of the three individual churches. Within the Parish accounts the funds of each church are shown as a restricted fund for that

particular church, although they may be made up of several separate funds, both restricted and unrestricted, within the accounts of the individual church.

Operational Matters

The expenses of Parish ministry continue to be shared among the three churches using a formula based on attendance and electoral roll to contribute to the Diocesan Common Fund and Parish expenses. St Peter's now makes use of contactless giving via Sum Up and donations can be made using the linked Give a Little account. Donations and payments can also be made using a Pay Pal account.

Reserves Policy

As shown in the balance sheet on page 18, the total funds for the PCC at the end of the year amounted to £322,730

Restricted funds relating to the non-TLC element of the PCC at the end of the year on page 24 amount to £265,000 relates to the asset value of St Mark's House, an asset owned by the parish as a whole which is not available to spend unless the assets are disposed of. The house was revalued following the completion of the refurbishment and is now let at £850/month.

The St John's land is also owned by the Parish but there is no corresponding asset fund as this asset is fully depreciated and has a "nil" book value. It is held in trust jointly by the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance and the Church Commissioners of the Church of England on behalf of the Parish, who have now been appointed the managing trustees. The land is now leased to Belper town Council for use as a Car Park at £7,700/year with a review due in 2023.

Funds held by the individual churches are treated as restricted funds for the purposes of the particular church within the context of the Parish accounts.

Reserves at St Peter's Church amounted £32,169. £16,315 is in the general fund, £1,090 is in the belfry fund, £2433 is designated to Pop UK for October 2024, and £2505 is restricted for future work on the organ and £9768 in in the restoration fund for completion of the work on the tower and the clock face.

Reserves at St Mark's Church amounted to £12,617 and £173 is held in a restricted music fund, the Church Hall designated fund is £2,396 in it and the special projects fund £1,227.

Changes were made to the trust deeds for the allotment land owned by the Parish. This change allows the allotments to be sold and the proceeds to be used for the upkeep of the fabric of St Mark's Church and Hall and St Mark's house. Other income can be used by the whole of the Parish as long as that use covers the mission and outreach work of St Mark's Openwoodgate. Planning permission was turned down and again refused under appeal the space is currently being left.

Reserves at St Swithun's Church amounted to £10,866. £405 is in a fund set aside to maintain the churchyard. The balance of the reserves is held for day to day operational requirement.

St Swithun's is supported by the Hanson Trust an independent Trust Fund established by the founder Mrs Hanson to maintain a Christian presence in the area of "Cow Hill" Belper. This Trust contributes to major repairs and renovations and pays the annual insurance on the building. Noted in the accounts as a recurring grant.

Reserves are held in the Church of England Deposit Fund which is regularly reviewed to ensure that the best possible interest rate is being obtained. In addition, the PCC agreed that money be deposited in Derbyshire Community Bank, even though this might not give the best return, but this is in line with the mission of the church as allowed by the Charity Commission.

10. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Anyone who is on the individual church's Electoral Roll may seek election onto the PCC by being nominated and seconded by anyone else who is on the Electoral Roll.

Under the governance structure nominations are made by the individual churches and elections take place at the Annual Parochial Church General Meeting. All terms of office are for three years with one third of the council standing down each year.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members of the individual churches form the Trustees Local Committee (TLC) dealing with the day to day business and mission of each individual church under the guidelines and recommendations of the PCC. Other members of each local church are encouraged to be part of groups and committees. Specialist expertise is shared across the Parish.

The full membership comprises:

Ex-officio members:

The Vicar

All other clergy licensed to serve specifically in the Parish

2 Parish Churchwardens - appointed annually at the meeting of Parishioners prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Deanery Synod members - nominated by the District Church Annual meetings and elected at the APCM

Diocesan Synod Representatives

General Synod representatives

Elected members:

- 6 Members from each of the churches, the number to include the deputy church wardens and District Church Treasurers and, if possible, the Parish Treasurer.

Co-opted members:

- Up to 2 co-opted members during the year

The PCC met 5 times during the year, dealing with business affecting the whole Parish. Some of these were via Zoom. All but one member was able to take part. The APCM took place in September with people socially distanced in St Peter's Church and also present on Zoom. Additional urgent decisions were taken via email as allowed in our constitution.

The PCC has a standing committee, made up of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC, including urgent expenditure of up to £500.

The councils of the individual churches (Trustees Local Committees TLCs) are all accountable to the PCC. Processes are in place to ensure that matters discussed at those council meetings are reported back to the PCC on a regular basis.

Administrative and other statutory information

The Parish of Belper St Peter is made up of the churches of St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's. It forms part of the Deanery of Dove and Derwent in the Diocese of Derby. It is a member of Churches Together in Belper.

The PCC is a body corporate established by the Church of England and is the actual governing body within the framework of the Parish and is a registered charity. Representatives from the PCC form the Trustee Local Committee for each Church; the PCC delegates the day to day decision making of the individual churches to those TLCs.

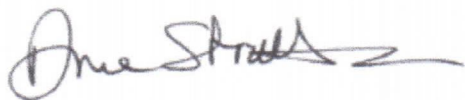
The PCC is also required to operate under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 as amended. This Measure states that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

The property of St Swithun's Church is owned by the independent charity "St Swithun's Church or Mission Hall" (registered charity no. 217994), also previously known as the "Hanson Trust". This Charity also makes grants to the St Swithun's Church TLC for major repairs and alterations in the Church and exists to serve the "social, spiritual and educational needs of the people of Cow Hill". Ex-officio members of this trust are the Vicar and the two Churchwardens of St Peter's Parish.

Under Charity Law and Church Accounting Regulations, the PCC is required to present an Annual Report together with a set of Consolidated Accounts for the whole Parish, prepared on an accruals basis and examined by an Independent examiner.

PCC members who have served during 2021 and at the date this report was approved, are as shown in this booklet.

Approved by the PCC on 15th March 2022 and signed on their behalf

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dine Strickland', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

PCC Chair

PCC

Consolidated Financial Statement

For year ended

31 December 2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

St Peter's Parish, Belper

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1132878

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

23.3.22

Name:

Martin Coe

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Association of Accounting Technicians

Address:

49 Sandbed Lane, Belper DE56 0SJ

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2021

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's	St Mark's	St Swithun's	2021	2020
				Church	Church	Church		
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources								
Activities for generating funds	2	1,291		3,329	10,665	836	16,120	10,255
Church activities	3	3,322		9,930	1,023	606	14,880	8,672
Income from investments	4	15,217		8	-	1	15,226	3,112
Other incoming resources	5		-	11,140	115	1,262	12,516	93,529
Voluntary income	6	-		129,598	42,261	15,228	187,087	118,181
Total Incoming Resources		19,829	-	154,005	54,064	17,933	245,830	233,748
Resources Used								
Cost of church activities:								
Cost of generating funds	7	291	-	662	601	-	1,554	5,962
Cost of generating voluntary income	8	27,941	-	23,683	8,418	3,767	63,809	62,997
Redevelopment works	9	5,000		58,656	7,872	-	71,528	-
Governance costs	10	1,567	-	105	50	30	1,752	1,191
Investment management costs	11	1,036	-	-	2,452	-	3,488	31,198
Mission and charitable giving	12			8,155	2,680	1,200	12,035	8,680
Other	13		-				-	-
Parish Share	14	-	-	47,151	16,576	11,555	75,282	63,960
Resources Used before transfers		35,834	-	138,412	38,650	16,552	229,448	173,988
Allocation of parish expenditure	14	(24,594)	-	15,189	5,804	3,601	-	-
Total Resources Used		11,240	-	153,601	44,454	20,153	229,448	173,988
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources								
		8,589	-	404	9,611	(2,220)	16,384	59,759
Balances brought forward		(6,513)	265,000	31,766	3,006	13,087	306,346	246,287
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2021		2,076	265,000	32,171	12,617	10,867	322,730	306,046

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

		2021		2020	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	16		265,000		265,000
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	17	6,833		6,855	
Cash at bank and in hand	18	63,087		59,226	
			69,920		66,082
Current Liabilities - falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	19		(12,190)		(25,035)
Net Assets			322,730		306,047
FUNDS					
Income Funds					
Unrestricted - general	20		29		100
- designated	20		5,586		(4,224)
Restricted	20		317,114		310,172
			322,730		306,047

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 15th March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



(PCC Member)



PCC Treasurer

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting for Charities, issued in 2016 (SORP for Charities (FRS102)).

Funds

Unrestricted general funds represent the funds of the parish that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use, at the discretion of the Parochial Church Council, for the general purposes of the parish.

Designated funds are unrestricted but are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the Church Councils.

Restricted funds are either subject to specific conditions imposed by donors or they represent the funds of the individual churches. Funds within the individual churches themselves may be unrestricted, unrestricted but designated, or restricted. They are, however, treated as restricted in the accounts of the parish as they relate to the particular local church.

The accounts include all known transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council is responsible. 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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections, grants and income from fund raising efforts are recognised when received by or on behalf of the local Church Councils. All non gift aided giving is now under the heading Small Gift Aided giving. Small Gift Aid is reclaimed up to the HMRC limit of £8000 of this total for each building.

Planned giving receivable under Gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift aid donations is recognised when donations are received.

Statutory fees from funerals and weddings are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Grants to the individual churches are accounted for as soon as that church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt is reasonably certain.

Sales of books and the Church magazine are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Bank interest is accounted for when received.

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when payable.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Amounts due to the parish by the three churches are accounted for when payable.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from these accounts by virtue of Section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

St Mark's House was revalued to a gross value of £265000 in 2020. No Depreciation is applied

Items of equipment are written off when the asset is acquired.

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2	Activities for generating funds							
	Fundraising events	-		2,235	1,103	836	4,174	442
	Fund raising events Gift Aided	-					-	-
	Building rental			1,094	9,562		10,656	8,283
	Magazines	1174		-			1,174	1,465
	Photocopying income	117		-			117	65
		1,291	-	3,329	10,665	836	16,120	10,255
3	Church activities							
	Fees - Weddings and funerals	1,496		2,507	668	448	5,119	3,423
	certificates etc	230					230	90
	- organ			310	100	80	490	135
	Mission, Ministry & Discipleship	666					666	8
	Contributions to refreshments					78	78	35
	Belfry income			800			800	263
	Bookstall			234			234	229
	I sing pop						-	-
	Children & Young People	468					468	832
	Miscellaneous Income	462		6103	230		6,795	3,656
		3,322	-	9,954	998	606	14,879	8,672
4	Income from investments							
	Interest received			8	-	1	9	133
	Car Park rental	5,017					5,017	-
	St Mark's house rental	10,200					10,200	2,979
							-	
		15,217	-	8	-	1	15,226	3,112
5	Other incoming resources							
	Revaluation of St Mark's House						-	88,000
	Grants			2,250			2,250	4,500
	Donation for Insurance (Hanson)					1,041	1,041	1,029
	Flowers and misc				115	221	336	-
	VAT refund			8,890			8,890	
		-	-	11,140	115	1,262	12,516	93,529
6	Voluntary							
	Gift Aided donations	-		33,126	12,861	1,328	47,315	49,631
	Small Gift Aid scheme	-		5,262	4,293	4,593	14,148	9,883
	Non gift aided donations	-		13,488	3,044	3,360	19,892	22,076
	Parish Giving Scheme			11,506.98	7,096	3,923	22,526	18,526
	Income tax recoverable	-		17,231	5,935	1,363	24,529	15,158
	Project Donations GA	-		28,817	8,563		37,380	1,827
	Project Donations non-gift aided	-		20,167	470		20,637	1,000
	Legacies and bequests	-				660	660	79
		-	-	129,598	42,261	15,228	187,087	118,181
	Total Incoming resources	19,829	-	154,029	54,039	17,933	245,829	233,748

Outgoing Resources

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		TOTAL PARISH FUNDS		
	P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
7 Costs of generating funds							
Fayres and other fund raising events - expenses			15			15	54
Use of Church costs			304			304	74
Hall maintenance				601		601	5,413
Website Costs	244					244	243
Publicity giving costs	47		342			389	177
	291	-	661	601	-	1,553	5,961
8 Cost of generating vol income							
Parish ministry:							
Clergy expenses	1,118					1,118	1,206
Parish Support Staff	20,093					20,093	14,713
Vicarage water rates	531					531	551
Children & Young People	1,456		1,479			2,935	3,475
Mission, Ministry & Discipleship	1,239		855		5	2,099	1,280
Education and outreach	109					109	-
Miscellaneous expenses	94					94	1,305
Individual churches:							
Church premises -							
- heat, light, water & insurance			8,100	1,388	1,566	11,054	10,689
- PCC cleaning	48		1,341	3,397	526	5,312	3,724
- maintenance			2,069	442	415	2,926	1,686
-local cleaning expenses			113	472		585	1,342
- major repairs				808		808	-
- equipment purchased			462	349	251	1,063	272
-professional fees			1848	350		2,198	15,559
- churchyard			138		204	342	359
Corporate worship costs			954	44	35	1,034	1,037
Organists' honoraria & fees			1,225			1,225	525
Music and AV Costs			260	392	160	811	702
Subscriptions			47			47	175
Miscellaneous costs	182		1,334		165	1,681	86
Church bookstall costs			191			191	146
Church belfry costs			2,520			2,520	172
Organ upkeep			605	240	141	986	540
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	1,561		82	536		2,179	1,918
Photocopier	1,511					1,511	1,533
Bank Charges other			61		300	361	1
	27,941	-	23,683	8,418	3,767	63,809	62,997

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
	P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
9 Redevelopment works							
	5,000		58,708	7,872		71,580	
	5,000	-	58,708	7,872	-	71,580	-
10 Governance							
Independent examination and other accountancy fees	1,567		105	50	30	1,752	700
Governance costs						-	491
Payroll preparation costs						-	-
	1,567	-	105	50	30	1,752	1,191
11 Investment mangement costs							
Building running costs	1,036			2,452		3,488	31,198
	1,036	-	-	2,452	-	3,488	31,198
12 Mission and charitable giving							
Open Doors			1,575			1,575	1,300
Water Aid				670		670	720
Church Army					300	300	300
Smiles			1,575			1,575	1,300
St Crispins, Pune			1,575			1,575	1,300
Treetops hospice					300	300	300
Padley Centre						-	570
Hope for Belper			1,575	670	300	2,545	300
Cottage Project				670		670	570
Blue Box					300	300	150
Special Friends Belper				670		670	570
Derby Contact Centre			1,575			1,575	1,300
Link for Hope			280			280	-
			8,155	2,680	1,200	12,035	8,680
13 Other							
Depreciation - St. Mark's House		-				-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Parish Share							
Diocesan Parish Share			47,151	16,576	11,555	75,282	63,960
Proportion of Parish expenses	(24,594)		15189	5,804	3,601	-	1
	(24,594)	-	62,340	22,380	15,156	75,282	63,961
Total Outgoing Resources	11,240	-	153,652	44,453	20,153	229,499	173,987

The expenditure of the Parochial Church Council is apportioned among the three churches in the ratio of the average Sunday adult attendance and electoral roll of the churches. During the year St Peter's was levied 62.63%, St Mark's 22.02% and St Swithun's 15.035% Parish share and a reduced amount levied due on the expenses due to covid.

Related Party Transactions

One member of the PCC or church councils received remuneration or payment as agreed by the Charity Commission no other member received remuneration except for the bona fide reimbursement of expenses.

16 Tangible fixed assets					St Mark's House	
Gross book value					£	
At 1 January 2021					265,000	
at 31st Dec 2021					265,000	
Net Increase due to Revaluation					-	
	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	TOTAL 2021	2020
17 Prepayments and accrued income						
Income tax recoverable on gift aid		5,281	1,080	472	6,833	3,532
Other debtors					-	3,323
	-	5,281	1,080	472	6,833	6,855
18 Cash at bank and in hand						
Short term deposit with Central Board of Finance	11,701	15,529	32	3,220	30,483	18,772
Bank accounts		12,929	12,181	3,911	29,021	31,732
Credit Union		114		3,068	3,182	8,182
Cash in Hand	39	161		202	402	540
	11,740	28,733	12,213	10,402	63,087	59,226
19 Amounts owed and deferred income						
Loans	200	-			200	12,900
Agency accounts	1,481	807		7	2,295	4,864
Other creditors	7,982	1,036	677		9,695	7,271
	9,663	1,843	677	7	12,190	25,035
20 Funds						
Unrestricted						
General account	29				29	100
Designated - St Mark's House Account	2,048				2,048	(6,613)
Designated - St. John's Hall Account					-	-
	2,077	-	-	-	2,077	(6,513)
Restricted						
(Unrestricted in the individual churches' accounts)						
General account		16,316	8,802	10,296	35,414	38,548
		16,316	8,802	10,296	35,414	38,548
(Unrestricted but designated in the individual churches' accounts)						
St Peter's Belfry Fund		1,090			1,090	2,809
Church Repairs Fund		53			53	286
St. Mark's Church Hall			2,396		2,396	(707)
	1,143	2,396	-		3,538	2,388

(Restricted in the individual churches' accounts)

	PCC	St Peter's	St Mark's	St Swithun's		
Parish Asset fund	265,000				265,000	265,000
Organ Maintenance		2,509	-	80	2,589	2,803
St. Mark's Project Fund			1,227		1,227	26
Music Fund			173		173	195
Church Redevelopment fund		9,768			9,768	(728)
I Sing Pop UK		2,433			2,433	3,713
Flower Fund				85	85	5
Churchyard				405	405	609
Defib			20		20	
	265,000	14,710	1,420	570	281,700	271,624
Total Restricted funds	265,000	32,169	12,618	10,866	317,114	310,172

Movement in Funds	Balance at 01-Jan-21	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2021
P.C.C - non TLC element	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	100	4,612	5,383	700	29
Unrestricted but designated funds					
St Mark's House Account	-6613	15,217	5,856	(700)	2,048
St. John's Property Account	0	-		-	-
	- 6,513	19,829	11,239	-	2,077

Parish Asset Fund**Restricted**

St. Mark's House	265,000	-			265,000
	265,000	-	-	-	265,000
	258,487	19,829	11,239	-	267,077

St Peter's Church**Unrestricted - general funds**

	Balance at 01-Jan-21	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2021
General fund	22,884	84,924	88,389	(3,104)	16,316
	22,884	84,924	88,389	(3,104)	16,316

Unrestricted but designated funds

Church Belfry fund	2,809	800	2,520		1,090
Church Repairs fund	286		233		53
	3,095	800	2,753	-	1,143

Restricted

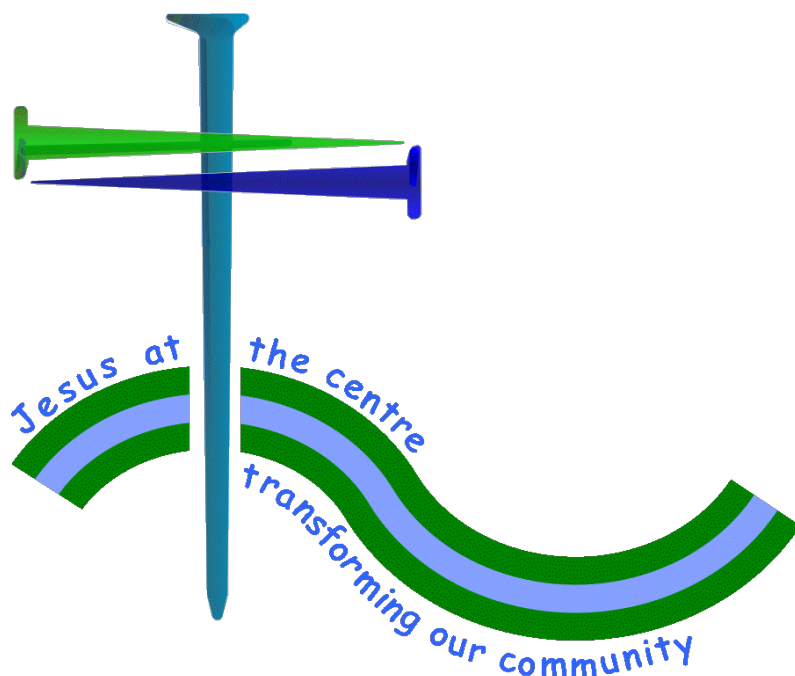
Organ Maintenance Stat fees	2,803	310	605		2,509
Church Redevelopment fund - part	(728)	67,991	60,600	3,104	9,768
I sing pop	3,713		1,280		2,433
	5,788	68,302	62,484	3,104	14,710
	31,767	154,027	153,626	-	32,170

	Balance at 01-Jan-21	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2021
St Mark's Church					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	3,471	33,765	28,434		8,802
	3,471	33,765	28,434	-	8,802
Unrestricted but designated funds					
Church Hall fund	(707)	9,562	6,459		2,396
Music Fund	195	610	632	-	173
	(512)	10,171	7,091	-	2,569
Restricted					
Defib	20		-	-	20
Project funds	26	10,103	8,902		1,227
	46	10,103	8,902	-	1,247
	3,006	54,039	44,427	-	12,618

	Balance at 01-Jan-21	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2021
St Swithun's Church					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	12,473	17,632	19,808		10,296
	12,473	17,632	19,808	-	10,296
Restricted					
					-
Flower Fund	5	221	141		85
Churchyard	609	-	204		405
Organ Fund	-	80			80
	614	301	345	-	570
	13,087	17,933	20,153	-	10,866

Specific collections and donations are treated as agency funds and go directly to the charity or organisation for which they are intended and therefore do not form part of the Parish income or expenditure.

Accounts



The Parish of Belper St Peter

Incorporating the churches of
St Mark's, St Peter's and St Swithun's

Annual Report

Year Ended 31 December 2020

Registered Charity No 1132878

Parish Church

St Peter's Church
 Chesterfield Road
 Belper
 Derbyshire

Other Churches in the Parish

St Mark's Church
 Over Lane
 Belper
 Derbyshire

St Swithun's Church
 Holbrook Road
 Belper
 Derbyshire

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Legal Status

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Belper, St Peter's is a registered charity, number 1132878

PCC Membership (Trustees)

Ex Officio Members:

Clergy

Anne Stratton

Vicar

Churchwardens

Brenda Bocock

Judie Fogarty

David Skelton

To APCM Sept 2020

From APCM Sept 2020

Diocesan Synod Representative

Sian Kellogg

Deanery Synod Representatives

Sian Kellogg

St Peter's

Anne Clark

St Peter's

Kay Blissett

St Mark's

Sandra Beresford

St Mark's

Angela Thomas

St Swithun's

Dinah Dawson

Reader representative to Dec 2020

Elected Members:

Andy Hills

St Peter's

Deputy Warden

Andrew Hardy

St Peter's

PCC and St Peter's

Treasurer

John Hastings-Thompson

St Peter's

Deputy Warden

Tracy Drake

St Peter's

Helen Hodgson

St Peter's

Tracy Comber

St Peter's

Deputy Warden

Vicki Walker

St Mark's

Deputy Warden

Chris Gregson

St Mark's

Treasurer

Geraldine Comery

St Mark's

Derek Adams

St Mark's

Deputy Warden

Joan Foster

St Mark's

Christine Catherall

St Mark's

Keith Wollerton

St Swithun's

Deputy Warden

David Anderton

St Swithun's

Treasurer

Peter Wass

St Swithun's

Viv Tillin

St Swithun's

Philip Thomas

St Swithun's

Margaret Brown

St Swithun's

Co-opted

Charles Beresford

St Mark's

Retired Clergy

Jenny Wyatt PCC Secretary

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in this ecclesiastical Parish.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church House, known as St Mark's House in Openwoodgate, Belper.

1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Peter's Parish falls within the new Deanery of Dove and Derwent, within the Church of England Diocese of Derby and serves an area with a population of approximately 18,000 adults making it one of the largest single Parishes in the Diocese. The Parish participates ecumenically through Churches Together in Belper and Hope for Belper.

The Parish Mission Statement is "Jesus at the Centre – transforming our community". The PCC promotes this vision and is committed to enabling people to grow in discipleship through worship and teaching and to be active in supporting the community both local and worldwide. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and makes suggestions on how the services at our three churches can involve the many groups that live within the Parish.

To facilitate the above work, it is important that the fabric of the churches of St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's and the church hall at St Mark's is maintained.

The Parish greatly benefits from the help of several active retired clergy and four fully trained Readers. They all assist in different ways in the daily life of the Church.

However, the bulk of the work and activities are carried out by the many lay volunteers who give freely of their time and effort and without whom nothing would be achieved to promote the gospel, encourage people to follow Jesus and be an active presence within the local community.

In particular Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens and Treasurers work tirelessly to ensure that everything runs smoothly, safely and efficiently. The Parish also has an administrative team and two cleaners who are paid employees.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Church Statistics

	Parish Total		St Peter's		St Mark's		St Swithun's	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Electoral Roll	175	177	114	109	34	38	27	30
Sunday attendance (adults)	110	128	68	77	27	31	15	20
Baptisms	4	19	4	14	0	5	0	0
Thanksgivings	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
Weddings	2	11	1	11	0	0	1	0
Renewal of Wedding vows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Funerals at Church	13	34	12	28	0	3	1	3
Funerals at Crem only	9	8						
Thanksgiving	1	1						

	2020	2019
Burial of Ashes St P	0	1
Burial of Ashes Cem	9	1

Confirmation	0	0
Admittance to HC	0	8

Worship and prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the year across the three churches that our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

Morning services include Common Worship Holy Communion and Service of the Word. Evening services are held weekly at St Mark's and normally follow the Common Worship outline. A new time of Reflection and Prayer has been started at St Peter's on the first Sunday of the month.

St Mark's has continued with a style of morning worship called 'Crossroads' where the congregation is encouraged to move around and discuss the topic for the day.

St Swithun's normally has services in the round, although this creates the need to re-arrange the chairs for weddings, funerals and other events.

St Peter's offers two services every Sunday morning. There is a formal service at 9am followed by an informal service at 10.45am, with refreshments served between the two services. This allows the two congregations to meet each other socially. There is also Café style worship on 4th Sunday mornings at St Peter's which is proving very popular.

A regular pattern of joint services has been established across the Parish so that we all come together from time to time as a single celebratory congregation.

Service Patterns across the Parish

Week	St Peter's		St Mark's		St Swithun's	
1	9.00 am	MW	10.00 am	Crossroads HC	11.00 am	MW
	10.45 am	MW (+Bapt)	6.30 pm	EP		
	7.00 pm	Prayer and reflection				
2	9.00 am	HC	10.00 am	Crossroads	11.00 am	MW
	10.45 am	MW (+ Thank)	6.30 pm	EP		
3	9.00 am	MW	10.00 am	Crossroads	11.00 am	MW
	10.45 am	HC	6.30 pm	HC - BCP		
4	9.00 am	HC	10.00 am	Crossroads	11.00 am	HC
	10.45 am	Café Church	6.30 pm	EP		
5	As decided by the Vicar.				11.00am	Flexible
	There will be a few joint Parish services in any year.					

Effect of the Covid Pandemic

All three churches were shut when required to do so. However, St Peter's and St Mark's were re-opened upon submission to the Archdeacon of a risk assessment. Services were reduced to one per Sunday to preclude the need for cleaning. Services were not able to continue after Christmas at St Swithun's due to the high level of shielding of both the congregation and retired clergy.

There is a daily service of Morning Prayer offered by the Vicar on Facebook and YouTube and via the Parish website. A weekly streamed service is offered each Sunday with contributions from a range of clergy in the Parish and Diocese; also, from other links and charities. This has been produced by a Parish team who have learned new skills to achieve this support of a congregation which reaches much further than the Parish.

Occasional Offices

22 funerals or burial of ashes were conducted during the year by clergy and Readers from the Parish, both in the churches and at Markeaton or Amber Valley Crematorium. Burials take place at Belper Cemetery and burial of ashes is available in the Garden of Remembrance at St Peter's. The majority of these were held under Covid restrictions of either 15 or later 30 people being present.

During the last year two weddings were conducted in the Parish.

Only four baptisms were possible due to Covid restrictions at St Peter's; preparation sessions for parents and Godparents being led by members of the Church. The Parish policy is not to book baptism dates before families have attended preparation which is called 'First Steps'. Families are also expected to attend at least one worship service and a baptism or thanksgiving service within the Parish before coming to preparation. This period of preparation helps families to decide whether 'thanksgiving for the birth of a child' or baptism is more appropriate for them. Last year there were 4 baptisms and 1 thanksgiving.

3. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Our face-to-face children's and youth work took place as usual at the beginning of the year, but post lockdown this was severely reduced.

Sunday Club initially was sent out via email weekly then took place on a monthly basis on Zoom, but later increased to weekly.

YPF continues on a weekly basis on Zoom.

School links

The Vicar plus two additional members of the congregation - Patience Atkinson-Gregory and Rachel Kenning, are elected by the PCC as Foundation Governors at St John's Primary School and Nursery. The Foundation Governors meet regularly in addition to full governors' meetings to encourage and support the spiritual life of the school and to pray regularly. There is also a Chaplain for the staff based at the school. The school regularly visits the Church for worship, learning and musical activities. The Church has supported two members of staff to go to link schools in Kolkata to enhance the experience of both school and church.

Christingles were provided for every child in St John's, Pottery and Herbert Strutt schools with a recorded service for each school.

The Vicar provided weekly recorded Collective worship services for St John's School throughout the pandemic.

4. PCC SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

MEETING	ATTENDANCE
PCC Meeting 21st January 2020	19
APCM 8th September 2020	41 (24 in person, 17 on Zoom)
PCC Meeting 17th November 2020	25 (Zoom only)
Average attendance	28

Well, what a start to our Church year, deep in Lockdown 1 from March 23rd 2020. Suddenly things taken for granted such as services, meetings, tea and coffee, sharing experiences, getting the Church magazine, celebrating life and Christian events were put into turmoil. Even a cheery welcome by handshake or hug were off the cards and there had to be some pretty quick education and steep learning curves negotiated on how to use Zoom with some managing this better than others! Services went online with a daily appearance of Rev Anne and others and we may have even gained a few more in the virtual congregation.

It's been a very strange time, listening to our favourite songs but not being able to sing, and only hum under a face mask. A second shorter lockdown in November was kinder as church services had resumed but social distancing strictly observed. At the time of writing, we are now in Lockdown 3, or tier five by another name. Services can still continue but the shock of a new more easily spread variant means that hopes of two vaccines on the horizon are somewhat tempered. We have to remain very cautious, patient and trust in God to steer us safely through this unusual, and dare I say it, as it's been said so much, unprecedented time.

I may have missed so much this year, so apologies in advance if this report omits any activity. It's been hard to keep going, and some may even have lost their faith a bit with the loss of normality in our churches, whereas others may have responded to a call in different and creative ways. We have been challenged to find new ways to do things, and no doubt some of this will stay.

The usual list of events, concerts, markets, lunches, fairs, groups and the like has been replaced by cancelled sabbaticals, events and meetings and no weekend away at Wyedale. There has been emergence of new words such as furlough and social distancing and news channels were dominated by COVID19. Food hubs and support networks have never been more important. There has been live streaming of morning prayer, Zooming coffees, outdoor carol singing, door to door delivery of the Parish magazine, and setting up a buddy system.

Not to be outdone, 83 shoeboxes were still completed, 900 Christingle packs, and Stars and Doves of hope have been made. Christmas cards were given to Belper businesses to encourage them in a very difficult time. Courses that would normally have been held in our churches took place online such as Bible Study and Alpha online. Christmas was not cancelled but went outside with a tremendous display of knitted and other crafted artwork depicting the Advent Calendar. To quote from one of the Parish magazines "the building may be closed but the Church is still open" – this could not be more true.

We didn't hold our APCM until September and members were able to attend in person or by Zoom. There have been fewer official PCC meetings but the following statistics pre and during COVID19 have been:

21/01/2020 PCC meeting, attended by 19 PCC members

Various meetings of PCC and the Annual Meeting were cancelled due to Covid 19

PCC notes from various email conversations done May 2020. Unable to record "attendees"

APCM Sept 8th 2020, attended by 41 people (24 in person, 17 by Zoom)

17/11/2020 PCC meeting held on Zoom, attended by 25 PCC members.

19/01/2021 PCC meeting not held. Safeguarding information circulated.

All PCC members have attended a PCC meeting at some point during the year.

Looking forward with the prospect of vaccines and churches and Belper returning to some normality, there will undoubtedly be further challenges and changes. We can however take heart and strength from knowing how well the Church has responded and been a guiding light in these times. We may have been physically apart but anticipate how special it will be to meet up in the future rather than being in an isolated bubble. Next year's report may hopefully be a bumper issue!! We live and pray in hope.

Jenny Wyatt
PCC Secretary

5. ST PETER'S PARISH FABRIC REPORT

All churches now have maintenance schedules drawn up so that no activity is missed during the year. Appropriate Covid risk assessments were completed and approved by the Archdeacon for opening for individual prayer and also for enabling people to attend worship in person at each church.

St Peter's Church

Since taking over in April 2019 Tracy Comber and I share the responsibility of looking after the "fabric" of the church. A list has been created of tasks that need completing in and around the church on a regular basis, to ensure that no essential tasks get missed.

- ❖ An external and internal walk around are done regularly. No obvious faults/damage were found.
- ❖ The main problem is the ongoing issue with the tower roof which needs completely replacing.
- ❖ Following surveys by the Architect and a Structural Engineer, a contractor submitted an estimate of around £50 k (£50,000).
- ❖ A temporary 'fix' was done to stop water coming in, this seems to be working.
- ❖ A faculty was obtained to repair the clock and we are awaiting the contractor to start work.
- ❖ During the first lockdown the pillars in the West End were painted.
- ❖ The patio and steps were power washed and treated to remove algae. We plan to do this twice yearly.
- ❖ The grounds were kept clean and tidy. More bulbs were planted which should give a lovely display in spring.
- ❖ The trees are in desperate need of pollarding, but due to budgetary restraints it is highly unlikely that Amber Valley will do this.
- ❖ Work was started to repair and upgrade the clock to include a self-winding mechanism.

David Skelton
Parish Warden

St Mark's Church and Hall

(comprising Church, Vestry, Church Hall, Kitchen and outside play area)

Welcome to Derek Adams who was elected Deputy Warden in 2020.

Hall

- ❖ Plaster removed from walls
- ❖ Walls and woodwork painted
- ❖ Wooden floor restained
- ❖ Carpets cleaned
- ❖ Damp-proof paint applied to the south wall
- ❖ New window fitted to the north side
- ❖ Porch repainted
- ❖ Ceiling panels firmly refixed
- ❖ Toilet seat repaired

No significant jobs done in the church.

Kitchen

- ❖ Damp-proof paint used on the walls
- ❖ Chimney lined
- ❖ Vent fitted
- ❖ Running tap repaired
- ❖ Many thanks to all the volunteers who have enabled the hall refurbishments to be completed during this difficult time.

Brenda Bocock
Parish Warden

St Swithun's

- ❖ Trees in church garden trimmed
- ❖ There has been continual work throughout the year
- ❖ Church carpet cleaned (before Lockdown)
- ❖ Chubb Fire Service did their annual check and replaced an extinguisher
- ❖ PAT testing carried out by Chris Gregory
- ❖ External doors painted at the side
- ❖ Boiler serviced and new parts fitted

The church has been closed for many weeks due to Covid-19 and no further work has been done.

Keith Wollerton
Deputy Warden St Swithun's

St Mark's House

- ❖ A full refurbishment of the property has been carried out
- ❖ New damp-proof course installed
- ❖ New kitchen
- ❖ New floors
- ❖ Heating upgraded
- ❖ Redecorated throughout
- ❖ Garden cleared and improved
- ❖ The property is now to be directly managed by the Parish rather than via an agent

Roy Stratton

6 HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Accidents and Near Misses

All three churches carry out H&S inspections and have accident books in which completed forms are retained securely.

St Swithun's Church

- ❖ Regular inspections were carried out, both internally and externally
- ❖ The boiler was serviced
- ❖ All PAT testing and fire extinguisher checks completed
- ❖ Most areas caused no concern
- ❖ There were zero reported accidents or near misses at St Swithun's

Keith Wollerton
Deputy Warden

St Mark's Church and Hall

- ❖ A full Health & Safety survey was carried out by both parish wardens and a person who does not usually attend St Mark's
- ❖ Fire extinguishers serviced
- ❖ Defibrillator checked
- ❖ Power light checked
- ❖ PAT testing done
- ❖ 2 new kettles purchased
- ❖ Roof tiles checked
- ❖ Fire escape signs and assembly point notices displayed
- ❖ First aid kit checked
- ❖ Cables and microphones tidied up
- ❖ Screens put up for singers and pianist
- ❖ Full Covid risk assessment carried out
- ❖ Track and trace on entering church
- ❖ Hand sanitizer at entrances
- ❖ Surface spray available for regular cleaning on equipment & surfaces

Brenda Bocock - Parish Warden & Vicki Walker - Deputy Warden

St Peter's

Inside

- ❖ There was one minor incident at the beginning of the year. (A mother sustained a minor scald whilst holding a cup of coffee in one hand and a child in the other.)
- ❖ The Fire extinguishers were serviced
- ❖ Regular Health & Safety checks carried out
- ❖ Occasionally one of the trips causes the lights to go out, this has been identified and a new trip has been ordered
- ❖ Electrician checked the wiring and reported no dangers
- ❖ The Defibrillator was used once by an outside agency, it is checked regularly
- ❖ A full Covid 19 assessment was carried out and implemented
- ❖ Hand gel placed in several areas
- ❖ Notices are positioned to advise people to wear masks wash hands, use gel and respect social distancing
- ❖ Personal cleaning kits are placed in the entrance to the main church
- ❖ Some of the pews are shut off to for social distancing in services
- ❖ All loose paperwork and books were safely stored away
- ❖ Full protective clothing has been provided to our cleaner

Outside

- ❖ The patio outside and the steps were power washed and treated with vinegar to help keep algae from forming and reduce potential slipping
- ❖ The pathway at the side of the Garden of Remembrance was very slippery, this was cleaned and treated
- ❖ Regular monitoring takes place

7. SAFEGUARDING THE CHURCH FAMILY

We appoint a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), who is based at the largest church of the three in the Parish: there is a Safeguarding Link at each of the other two.

This is a large and normally very busy Parish. The last year, however, has seen a drastic reduction in our activities for children, young people and some adults who may be considered to be vulnerable. One exception is the Sunday Club for children aged from 0 to 14 at one church which has continued online; the children are supervised at home by their parents. Safeguarding of children and young people taking part was adhered to.

We are hoping that many of our activities will resume during 2021 and, in preparation for this, routine DBS and training work has continued.

If all activities re-start, 68 individuals will require a current DBS certificate with a further 27 possibles, depending on the nature of their work. All of the current PCC plus Readers have been successfully checked. New PCC members appointed after the APCM on 27 April will be processed by the end of May 2021.

One new DBS remains outstanding. Nine renewals are due sometime in 2021: three are already in process.

The Parish Safeguarding Policy document has been updated, agreed formally by all PCC members and published. It is on display, together with contact details for the PSO, in a prominent place in all three churches.

A database of children attending our regular activities and containing safeguarding-relevant information, has been developed. This will be available to children's leaders and will facilitate action needed on, for example, food allergies. It is compliant with our GDPR policy and contains insufficient information for anyone else to identify the child.

Some online safeguarding training has continued at Basic, Fundamental and Leadership levels. Most of this will recommence after the APCM and the resumption of activities. The status of the Parish Dashboard is unchanged from 2010's report.

Sue Allen
Parish Safeguarding Lead

8. DOVE AND DERWENT DEANERY SYNOD

Sadly, due to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic the first two meetings of Dove and Derwent Deanery Synod in 2020 were cancelled. But the meeting called in November was worth the wait. Held via video conferencing facility, the focus of the evening was guest speaker Bishop Libby who updated Deanery Synod on her emerging vision for the diocese, which is:

"To see life in all its fullness flourish across our Diocese, through faith, hope and love, built on the Kingdom of God: Good News for All"
'To see Transformed lives: through growing church and building community'

And the framework for this change:

VISION: The need for change has led us to set our Vision in an eternal truth:
'The Kingdom of God: Good News for all'

MISSION: Our Mission, measured through what we do right now, is:
'to proclaim afresh in this generation the good news of the Kingdom'

AIMS: Our Aims are, in fulfilling that Mission is to be Good News for all, through:
‘Transformed Lives, that Grow Church and Build Communities’

Within this update Bishop Libby discussed the following strands of her vision:

Equipping people for Mission

Effective structures for Mission

Sustainable resources for Mission

Archdeaconry restructure, clergy deployment and a focus on empowering lay ministry within our diocese were all areas of discussion during the meeting and Synod members were encouraged to reflect on the information shared before the topic is revisited at future Synod meetings in 2021. Deanery Synod representatives look forward to updating St Peter’s PCC on the diocesan vision and providing an opportunity for feedback to be relayed to Synod.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Accounts for the individual churches may be found at each church.

The accounts for St Peter's Parish are made up of the funds of the PCC and those of the three individual churches. Within the Parish accounts the funds of each church are shown as a restricted fund for that particular church, although they may be made up of several separate funds, both restricted and unrestricted, within the accounts of the individual church.

Operational Matters

The expenses of Parish ministry continue to be shared among the three churches using a formula based on attendance and electoral roll to contribute to the Diocesan Common Fund and Parish expenses.

Reserves Policy

As shown in the balance sheet on page 18, the total funds for the PCC at the end of the year amounted to £306,347.

Restricted funds relating to the non-TLC element of the PCC at the end of the year on page 24 amount to £265,000 relates to the asset value of St Mark’s House, an asset owned by the parish as a whole, this is not available to spend unless the assets are disposed of. The house was revalued following the completion of the refurbishment and is now let at £850/month.

The St John’s land is also owned by the Parish but there is no corresponding asset fund as this asset is fully depreciated and has a “nil” book value. It is held in trust jointly by the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance and the Church Commissioners of the Church of England on behalf of the Parish, who have now been appointed the managing trustees. The land is now leased to Belper Town Council for use as a car park. The rent has been waived until February 2021 as the Council has resurfaced and upgraded the area at their expense.

Funds held by the individual churches are treated as restricted funds for the purposes of the particular church within the context of the Parish accounts.

Reserves at St Peter's Church amounted to £31,768. £2,284 is in the general fund, £2,809 is in the belfry fund, £3,713 is designated to Pop UK for October 2021, and £2,803 is restricted for future work on the organ.

Reserves at St Mark's Church amounted to £3,006. £195 is held in a restricted music fund, the Church Hall designated fund is -£707. A loan was made from St Peter’s of £5,000 to cover cash flow issues during the hall refurbishment. This is being paid back over 2 years at £200/month.

Changes were made to the trust deeds for the allotment land owned by the Parish. This change allows the allotments to be sold and the proceeds to be used for the upkeep of the fabric of St Mark’s Church and Hall and St Mark’s House. Other income can be used by the whole of the Parish as long as that use covers

the mission and outreach work of St Mark's Openwoodgate. Proceedings have started to get planning permission for the land and subsequently put it up for sale. The planning permission was turned down and the decision is currently under appeal.

Reserves at St Swithun's Church amounted to £13,087. £609 is in a fund set aside to maintain the churchyard. The balance of the reserves is held for day-to-day operational requirement.

St Swithun's is supported by the Hanson Trust an independent Trust Fund established by the founder Mrs Hanson to maintain a Christian presence in the area of "Cow Hill" Belper. This Trust contributes to major repairs and renovations and pays the annual insurance on the building. Noted in the accounts as a recurring grant. During the pandemic a grant of £4,000 was made by the trust to St Swithun's.

Reserves are held in the Church of England Deposit Fund which is regularly reviewed to ensure that the best possible interest rate is being obtained. In addition, the PCC agreed that money be deposited in Derbyshire Community Bank, even though this might not give the best return, but this is in line with the mission of the Church as allowed by the Charity Commission.

10. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Anyone who is on the individual church's Electoral Roll may seek election onto the PCC by being nominated and seconded by anyone else who is on the Electoral Roll.

Under the governance structure nominations are made by the individual churches and elections take place at the Annual Parochial Church General Meeting. All terms of office are for three years with one third of the council standing down each year.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members of the individual churches form the Trustees Local Committee (TLC) dealing with the day-to-day business and mission of each individual church under the guidelines and recommendations of the PCC. Other members of each local church are encouraged to be part of groups and committees. Specialist expertise is shared across the Parish.

The full membership comprises:

Ex-officio members:

The Vicar

All other clergy licensed to serve specifically in the Parish

One Reader from those licensed to the Parish

2 Parish Churchwardens - appointed annually at the meeting of Parishioners prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Deanery Synod members - nominated by the District Church Annual meetings and elected at the APCM

Diocesan Synod Representatives

General Synod representatives

Elected members:

- Six members from each of the churches, the number to include the deputy Churchwardens and District Church Treasurers and, if possible, the Parish Treasurer.

Co-opted members:

- Up to two co-opted members during the year

The PCC met six times during the year, dealing with business affecting the whole Parish. Two of these were face to face and four via Zoom. All but one member was able to take part. The APCM took place in

September with people socially distanced in St Peter's Church and also present on Zoom. Additional urgent decisions were taken via email as allowed in our constitution.

The PCC has a standing committee, made up of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC, including urgent expenditure of up to £500.

The councils of the individual churches (Trustees Local Committees TLCs) are all accountable to the PCC. Processes are in place to ensure that matters discussed at those council meetings are reported back to the PCC on a regular basis.

Administrative and other statutory information

The Parish of Belper St Peter is made up of the churches of St Peter's, St Mark's and St Swithun's. It forms part of the Deanery of Dove and Derwent in the Diocese of Derby. It is a member of Churches Together in Belper.

The PCC is a body corporate established by the Church of England and is the actual governing body within the framework of the Parish and is a registered charity. Representatives from the PCC form the Trustee Local Committee for each Church; the PCC delegates the day-to-day decision making of the individual churches to those TLCs.

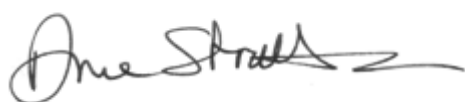
The PCC is also required to operate under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 as amended. This Measure states that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

The property of St Swithun's Church is owned by the independent charity "St Swithun's Church or Mission Hall" (registered charity no. 217994), also previously known as the "Hanson Trust". This Charity also makes grants to the St Swithun's Church TLC for major repairs and alterations in the Church and exists to serve the "social, spiritual and educational needs of the people of Cow Hill". Ex-officio members of this trust are the Vicar and the two churchwardens of St Peter's Parish.

Under Charity Law and Church Accounting Regulations, the PCC is required to present an Annual Report together with a set of Consolidated Accounts for the whole Parish, prepared on an accruals basis and examined by an Independent Examiner.

PCC members who have served during 2020 and at the date this report was approved, are as shown in this booklet.

Approved by the PCC on 16th March 2020 and signed on their behalf



PCC Chair

PCC

Consolidated Financial Statement

For year ended

31 December 2020

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

St Peter's Parish, Belper

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1132878

Set out on pages

18 to 26

**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. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Accounting Technicians

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to 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 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 connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Martin Coe

Date:

16.3.21

Name:

Martin Coe

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):**

Association of Accounting Technicians

Address:

49 Sandbed Lane, Belper. DE56 0SJ

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2020

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's	St Mark's	St Swithun's	2020	2019
				Church	Church	Church		
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources								
Activities for generating funds	2	1,530		620	7,282	824	10,255	21,255
Church activities	3	5,264		3,043	-	364	8,672	17,379
Income from investments	4	2,979		83	0	49	3,112	4,278
Other incoming resources	5		88,000	500	-	5,029	93,529	1,733
Voluntary income	6	-		74,759	27,909	15,513	118,181	178,454
Total Incoming Resources		9,773	88,000	79,005	35,191	21,779	233,748	223,099
Resources Used								
Cost of church activities:								
Cost of generating funds	7	321	-	219	5,421	-	5,962	50,828
Cost of generating voluntary income	8	33,145	-	18,919	7,145	3,788	62,997	88,264
Redevelopment works	9			-		-	-	-
Governance costs	10	1,011	-	100	50	30	1,191	1,125
Investment management costs	11	28,226	-	-	2,972	-	31,198	11,050
Mission and charitable giving	12			5,200	2,280	900	8,380	11,767
Other	13	-	-		-		-	1,500
Parish Share	14	-	-	40,160	13,888	9,912	63,960	68,456
Resources Used before transfers		62,703	-	64,599	31,756	14,630	173,688	232,990
Allocation of parish expenditure	14	(27,801)	-	16,930	6,561	4,311	1	(44)
Total Resources Used		34,902	-	81,529	38,317	18,941	173,688	232,946
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources								
		(25,129)	88,000	(2,524)	(3,126)	2,838	60,059	(9,847)
Balances brought forward		18,616	177,000	34,290	6,132	10,249	246,288	256,134
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2020		(6,513)	265,000	31,766	3,006	13,087	306,347	246,287

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

		2020		2019	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	16		265,000		177,000
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	17	6,856		4,699	
Cash at bank and in hand	18	59,526		75,107	
			66,382		79,805
Current Liabilities - falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	19		(25,035)		(10,517)
Net Assets			306,347		246,288
FUNDS					
Income Funds					
Unrestricted - general	20		100		(18)
- designated	20		(4,224)		22,730
Restricted	20		310,472		223,576
			306,347		246,288

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

(PCC Member)





PCC Treasurer

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting for Charities, issued in 2016 (SORP for Charities (FRS102)).

Funds

Unrestricted general funds represent the funds of the parish that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use, at the discretion of the Parochial Church Council, for the general purposes of the parish.

Designated funds are unrestricted but are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the Church Councils.

Restricted funds are either subject to specific conditions imposed by donors or they represent the funds of the individual churches. Funds within the individual churches themselves may be unrestricted, unrestricted but designated, or restricted. They are, however, treated as restricted in the accounts of the parish as they relate to the particular local church.

The accounts include all known transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council is responsible. 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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections, grants and income from fund raising efforts are recognised when received by or on behalf of the local Church Councils. All non gift aided giving is now under the heading Small Gift Aided giving. Small Gift Aid is reclaimed up to the HMRC limit of £8000 of this total for each building.

Planned giving receivable under Gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift aid donations is recognised when donations are received.

Statutory fees from funerals and weddings are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Grants to the individual churches are accounted for as soon as that church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt is reasonably certain.

Sales of books and the Church magazine are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Bank interest is accounted for when received.

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when payable.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Amounts due to the parish by the three churches are accounted for when payable.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from these accounts by virtue of Section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

St Mark's House was depreciated on a straight line basis over 50 years, but was revalued to a gross value of £265,000 in 2020

Items of equipment are written off when the asset is acquired.

Incoming resources	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
	P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2 Activities for generating funds							
Fundraising events	-		202	-	240	442	6,175
Fund raising events Gift Aided	-					-	-
Building rental			418	7,282	584	8,283	13,827
Magazines	1465		-			1,465	1,022
Photocopying income	65		-			65	231
	1,530	-	620	7,282	824	10,255	21,255
3 Church activities							
Fees - Weddings and funerals	1,396		1,698		329	3,423	7,957
certificates etc	90		-	-		90	209
- organ	-		135	-	-	135	960
Mission, Ministry & Discipleship	8		-			8	429
Contributions to refreshments	-		-		35	35	176
Belfry income	-		263			263	2,568
Bookstall	-		229			229	171
I sing pop	-		-			-	1,500
Children & Young People	762		70			832	2,001
Miscellaneous Income	3,008		648	-		3,656	1,408
	5,264	-	3,043	-	364	8,672	17,379
4 Income from investments							
Interest received	-		83	0	49	133	113
Car Park rental	-		-			-	-
St Mark's house rental	2,979		-			2,979	4,165
	2,979	-	83	0	49	3,112	4,278
5 Other incoming resources							
Revaluation of St Mark's House	88,000					88,000	-
Grants			500		4000	4,500	1,484
Donation for Insurance (Hanson)			-		1029	1,029	-
Flowers and misc						-	249
	88,000	-	500	-	5,029	93,529	1,733
6 Voluntary							
Gift Aided donations	-		37,954	8,673	3,004	49,631	51,556
Small Gift Aid scheme	-		2,731	2,512	4,640	9,883	23,364
Non gift aided donations	-		15,865	3,181	3,031	22,076	25,412
Parish Giving Scheme			8,673	7,077	2,776	18,526	-
Income tax recoverable	-		9,456	3,640	2,062	15,158	20,705
Project Donations GA	-			1,827		1,827	8,014
Project Donations non-gift aided	-			1,000		1,000	44,325
Legacies and bequests	-		79	-		79	5,078
	-	-	74,759	27,909	15,513	118,181	178,454
Total Incoming resources	97,773	-	79,005	35,191	21,779	233,748	223,099

Outgoing Resources		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
	P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
7 Costs of generating funds							
Fayres and other fund raising events - expenses			46	8	-	54	620
Use of Church costs			74			74	78
Hall maintenance				5,413		5,413	49,887
Website Costs	243					243	243
Publicity giving costs	78		99			177	-
	321	-	218	5,421	-	5,961	50,828
8 Cost of generating vol income							
Parish ministry:							
Clergy expenses	1,206		-			1,206	1,528
Parish Support Staff	14,713		-			14,713	20,922
Vicarage water rates	551		-			551	539
Children & Young People	537		2,903		35	3,475	2,383
Mission, Ministry & Discipleship	1,024		256		-	1,280	3,360
Education and outreach	-		-			-	665
Miscellaneous expenses	560		745		-	1,305	1,521
Individual churches:							
Church premises -							
- heat, light, water & insurance			6,414	2,377	1,897	10,689	10,607
- PCC cleaning	(0)		1,397	1,679	649	3,724	4,915
- maintenance			977	200	209	1,386	3,351
-local cleaning expenses			218	1,058	66	1,342	1,003
- major repairs					-	-	5,559
- equipment purchased			4	268	-	272	11,545
-professional fees	11,683		3336	540		15,559	5,999
- churchyard			18		641	659	523
Corporate worship costs			883	134	20	1,037	1,480
Organists' honoraria & fees			525	-	-	525	2,120
Music and AV Costs			293	252	157	702	2,496
Subscriptions			90	60	25	175	335
Miscellaneous costs					86	86	199
Church bookstall costs			146			146	158
Church belfry costs			172			172	2,587
Organ upkeep			540			540	1,234
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	1,338		2	575	3	1,919	1,909
Photocopier	1,533					1,533	1,325
Bank Charges other				1		1	-
	33,145	-	18,919	7,145	3,788	62,997	88,264

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
	P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
9 Redevelopment works						-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 Governance							
Independent examination and other accountancy fees	520		100	50	30	700	700
Governance costs	491					491	425
Payroll preparation costs						-	-
	1,011	-	100	50	30	1,191	1,125
11 Investment mangement costs							
Building running costs	28,226			2,972		31,198	11,050
	28,226	-	-	2,972	-	31,198	11,050
12 Mission and charitable giving							
AIM						-	1,944
Open Doors			1,300			1,300	1,540
Water Aid				570	150	720	550
Church Army					300	300	404
Smiles			1,300			1,300	-
St Crispins, Pune			1,300			1,300	1,540
Treetops hospice					300	300	404
Padley Centre				570		570	
Hope for Belper						-	2,494
Cottage Project				570		570	550
Blue Box					150	150	
Special Friends Belper				570		570	550
Derby Contact Centre			1,300			1,300	1,540
Link for Hope						-	250
			5,200	2,280	900	8,380	11,767
13 Other							
Depreciation - St. Mark's House		-				-	1,500
		-	-	-	-	-	1,500
14 Parish Share							
Diocesan Parish Share	-		40,160	13,888	9,912	63,960	68,456
Proportion of Parish expenses	(27,801)		16,930	6,561	4,311	1	(44)
	(27,801)	-	57,090	20,449	14,223	63,961	68,412
Total Outgoing Resources	34,902	-	81,527.57	38,316.98	18,941	173,687	232,946

The expenditure of the Parochial Church Council is apportioned among the three churches in the ratio of the average Sunday adult attendance and electoral roll of the churches. During the year St Peter's was levied 62.79%, St Mark's 21.71% and St Swithun's 15.50% of all parish expenses.

Related Party Transactions

One member of the PCC or church councils received remuneration or payment as agreed by the Charity Commission no other member received remuneration except for the bona fide reimbursement of expenses.

(Restricted in the individual churches' accounts)

	PCC	St Peter's	St Mark's	St Swithun's		
Parish Asset fund	265,000				265,000	177,000
Organ Maintenance		2,803			2,803	3,228
St. Mark's Project Fund			26		26	-
Music Fund			195		195	448
Church Redevelopment fund		(728)			(728)	18
I Sing Pop UK		3,713			3,713	3,573
Flower Fund				6	6	91
Churchyard				609	609	-
	265,000	5,788	221	615	271,624	184,358
Total Restricted funds	265,000	31,768	3,006	13,087	310,472	223,576

	Balance at 1 Jan 2020	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Movement in Funds					
P.C.C - non TLC element					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	-18	6,794	6,676		100
Unrestricted but designated funds					
St Mark's House Account	18634	2,979	28,226		(6,613)
St. John's Property Account	0	-		-	-
	18,617	9,773	34,902	-	(6,512)

Parish Asset Fund
Restricted

St. Mark's House	177,000	88,000			265,000
	177,000	88,000	-	-	265,000
	195,617	97,773	34,902	-	258,488

St Peter's Church
Unrestricted - general funds

	Balance at 1 Jan 2020	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2020
General fund	24,467	75,697	77,280		22,884
	24,467	75,697	77,280	-	22,884

Unrestricted but designated funds

Church Belfry fund	2,718	463	372		2,809
Church Repairs fund	286		-		286
	27,472	76,160	372	-	3,096

Restricted

Organ Maintenance Stat fees	3,228	115	540		2,803
Church Redevelopment fund - part	18	2,590	3,336		(728)
I sing pop	3,573	140	-		3,713
	6,819	2,845	3,876	-	5,788
	34,291	79,005	4,248	-	31,768

	Balance at 1 Jan 2020	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2020
St Mark's Church					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	4,593	24,467	25,589		3,471
	4,593	24,467	25,589	-	3,471
Unrestricted but designated funds					
Church Hall fund	1,091	7,469	6,955	(2,312)	(707)
Defib	-	20	-	-	20
	1,091	7,489	6,955	(2,312)	(687)
Restricted					
Music Fund	448	-	252	-	195
Project funds	-	1,451	2,347	922	26
Window fund		1,784	3,174	1,390	-
	448	3,235	5,773	2,312	221
	6,132	35,191	38,317	-	3,006

	Balance at 1 Jan 2020	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Fund transfers	Balance at 31st Dec 2020
St Swithun's Church					
Unrestricted - general funds					
General fund	10,158	20,529	18,214		12,473
	10,158	20,529	18,214	-	12,473
Unrestricted but designated funds					
Stuart MacArthur Bequest	-	-			-
	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted					
Flower Fund	91		86		6
Churchyard	-	1,250	641		609
	91	1,250	727	-	615
	10,249	21,779	18,941	-	13,087

Specific collections and donations are treated as agency funds and go directly to the charity or organisation for which they are intended and therefore do not form part of the Parish income or expenditure.

