

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

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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
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 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.

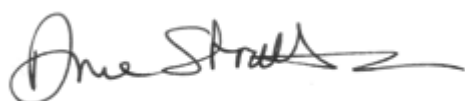
The PCC is also required to operate under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 as amended. This Measure states that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

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

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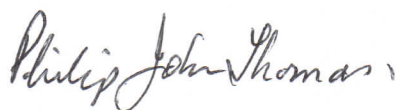
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds			TOTAL PARISH FUNDS	
		P.C.C.	P.C.C.	St Peter's Church	St Mark's Church	St Swithun's Church	2022	2021
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources								
Activities for generating funds	2	1,747		13,528	12,482	987	28,744	16,120
Church activities	3	4,642		12,329	1,250	487	18,708	14,880
Income from investments	4	17,817		204	-	43	18,064	15,226
Other incoming resources	5	-		7,045	-	1,639	8,684	12,516
Voluntary income	6	1,000		85,815	31,004	15,949	133,767	187,087
Total Incoming Resources		25,205	-	118,922	44,736	19,105	207,968	245,830
Resources Used								
Cost of church activities:								
Cost of generating funds	7	291		5,534	532	115	6,471	1,554
Cost of generating voluntary income	8	32,821		31,886	11,811	5,251	81,770	63,809
Redevelopment works	9	-		6,852	-	-	6,852	71,528
Governance costs	10	1,225		100	50	30	1,405	1,752
Investment management costs	11	4,995		-	3,905	-	8,899	3,488
Mission and charitable giving	12			7,075	2,804	1,260	11,139	12,035
Other	13			-			-	-
Parish Share	14	1		50,058	21,358	7,280	78,697	75,282
Resources Used before transfers		39,332	-	101,505	40,460	13,936	195,233	229,448
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	229,448
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources		10,978	-	1,452	(2,542)	2,848	12,736	16,384
Balances brought forward		2,076	265,000	32,171	12,617	10,867	322,732	306,346
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2022		13,055	265,000	33,623	10,075	13,715	335,468	322,730

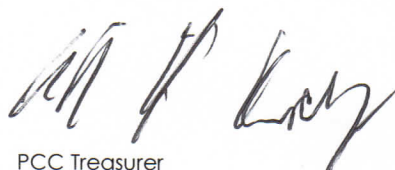
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

		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	15	
	Use of Church costs		70			70	304	
	Hall maintenance			502		502	601	
	Website Costs	243				243	244	
	Publicity giving costs	48	189	30		267	389	
		-	291	5,534	532	115	6,471	
8	Cost of generating vol income							
	Parish ministry:							
	Clergy expenses	752				752	1,118	
	Parish Support Staff	23,413				23,413	20,093	
	Vicarage water rates	582				582	531	
	Children & Young People	2,907	319			3,226	2,935	
	Mission, Ministry & Discipleship	768	2,099	38	16	2,921	2,099	
	Education and outreach	285				285	109	
	Miscellaneous expenses	386			173	559	94	
	Individual churches:							
	Church premises -							
	- heat, light, water & insurance		15,094	2,049	2,113	19,256	11,054	
	- PCC cleaning		1,496	4,057	866	6,419	5,312	
	- maintenance		779	973	983	2,735	2,926	
	-local cleaning expenses		1,050	815	58	1,923	585	
	- major repairs		3418			3,418	808	
	- equipment purchased		86	2,434	26	2,546	1,063	
	-professional fees		240			240	2,198	
	- churchyard		79		62	141	342	
	Corporate worship costs		1,087	93	293	1,474	1,034	
	Organists' honoraria & fees		1,820			1,820	1,225	
	Music and AV Costs		740	362	4	1,107	811	
	Subscriptions		80	60	60	200	47	
	Miscellaneous costs		1,292	34	157	1,483	1,681	
	Church bookstall costs		143			143	191	
	Church belfry costs		410			410	2,520	
	Organ upkeep		695	355	440	1,490	986	
	Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	1,432	769	540		2,742	2,179	
	Photocopier	2,296				2,296	1,511	
	Bank Charges other		190			190	361	
		-	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.