



# Annual Report 2024



# **VESTRY MEETING and ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

## **Agenda**

**Wednesday 30 April 2025 at 7.30pm**  
**St Peter's Church, Littleover & Blagreaves**

### **Vestry Meeting**

1. Opening worship and prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approve Minutes of the last meeting  
*(24 April 2024 Vestry meeting section, see back pages)*
  0. Election of Churchwardens  
*(nominations to be received in advance of meeting)*

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approve minutes of last APCM  
*(24 April 2024), see back pages of this document)*
  0. Matters arising
  0. Electoral Roll Report
  0. Election of Churchwardens results
  0. Election to the:
    - Parochial Church Council  
*(9 vacancies 2 for one year, 3 for two years, 4 for three years)*
    - Deanery Synod (1 vacancy)*(tellers will be appointed to count voting papers if needed)*
  0. Financial report – Mr Paul Cheetham
  0. Reviewing reports – time for questions
  0. Results of Elections to PCC and Deanery Synod
  0. Safeguarding update
  0. Chair's report and vision – Alicia
  0. Any other business NOTE:  
*Please notify any other business in writing to the Vicar or the PCC Secretary (Julie Scott) at least 48 hours in advance – this will guarantee a considered response.*
  0. Date of next APCM
  0. Closing prayer and worship

## The PCC of St Peter's Church, Littleover and Blagreaves 2024

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission, number 1133061.

The following have served as members of the PCC since the last APCM:



NAME	POSITION	NOTES
Revd Alicia Dring	Vicar and Chair	Appointed September 2013
Revd Jason Kennedy	Associate Minister	Appointed, September 2023
Revd Emma Mallord	Curate	Appointed, ordained July 2023
Jeni Baines		Until April 2024 meeting
John Bird		Until 2025 meeting
Jim Britland	Warden and Vice Chair	Until 2024 meeting
Bernie Burton	Observer	Non-voting role, left 2024 meeting
Lesley Edwards	Treasurer	From April 2023, resigned October 2024
Charlie Elston		Until 2025 meeting
Chris Jones	Warden	
Ali Marsh-Davies		Until 2027 meeting
Heather Newstead		Until 2026 meeting
Helene Roe	Warden & Vice-Chair	PCC member until April 2024 meeting
Julie Scott	PCC Secretary	Until 2026 meeting
Margit Staehr		Until 2025 meeting
Peter Vincent	Diocesan Synod	Until 2027
Ann Vincent	Deanery Synod	Until 2026
Robin Wood		Until April 2024 meeting

## The Standing Committee 2024

NAME	POSITION	ELECTED	RESIGNED
Revd Alicia Dring	Vicar	Appointed 2013	
Julie Scott	PPC Sec	April 2022	
Jeni Baines			April 2024
Chris Jones	Warden		
Helene Roe	Warden		
Lesley Edwards	Treasurer	April 2023	November 2024
Revd Emma Mallord	Curate	Appointed 2023	



## Service Attendance at St Peter's Littleover 2024

<b>Sunday Services</b> Average over four consecutive weeks in October 2023	<b>Holy Communion 10am</b>	<b>Evening Service 6.30pm</b>	
Communicants	80(76)		
Total Attendees inc children	105(90)	25(24)	
<b>Wednesday Services</b> Average over random four consecutive weeks	<b>Holy Communion</b>		
Holy Communion	27 (30)		
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Easter Sunday 2024</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>10am</b>	
Communicants	12 (12)	142 (142)	
Total Attendees inc children	12 (12)	160 (154)	
	<b>Christingle</b>	<b>Christingle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Christmas Eve 2024</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>11.15pm</b>
Communicants			35 (52)
Total Attendees inc children	230 (332)	176(220)	45 (55)
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Christmas Day 2024</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>10am</b>	
Communicants	20 (18)	66 (68)	
Total Attendees	22 (19)	84 (73)	

\* The 10am Sunday Services generally alternate between Holy Communion and Morning Worship/All Age  
(XX) Figures in brackets are for the year 2023

### Other Services held at St Peter's during 2024

Baptisms: <i>during the 10am Sunday Service</i>	5	(3)
Funerals/memorial	25	(33)
Interment of Ashes	6	
Weddings	4	(2)
St Peter's School Services	6	(6)

### Electoral Roll from April 2025

**97** resident in the parish and **55** live outside of the parish = **152 total roll**



## Building Blocks of Church Life

Every church is made up of statutory and chosen ministries, committees and obligations. Whether that is regular Sunday worship, taking care of the building, working with children or burying the dead: there are plenty of different aspects to church life.

Following the launch of our new parish in 2023, we soon launched a Mission Action Plan to focus our activities and ensure we worked more closely with one another rather than in separate cul de sacs. Our MAP covered five areas:

1. Outward facing – what is going on in our parish and how can we join in
2. Community engagement – how were we meeting the needs in the community
3. Children, families and young people – how are we encouraging the next generation
4. Communication – how are we telling people about what we are doing
5. Creation Care – following the call to take care of God's creation.

These areas became our focus and this report will show you the breadth of old and new ministries across these areas and the number of people involved. We currently have DBS checks and volunteer contracts with well over 100 people – that's a remarkable number and shows the strength of commitment and service across the parish.

And so, this report will take you through Governance and Church Structure, our Worshipping life and then our five MAP focussed areas. We hope that by grouping the ministries under our MAP heading you will be able to see the variety of areas that we cover.

We also hope it will be an inspiration – are you finding about something for the first time? What is sparking your interest? If you feel a nudge, then follow it up by having a conversation with the author of the section you have read and they should be able to point you in the right direction.

***Alicia Dring***



## From the Vicar

Well the end of 2024 didn't end quite as I had hoped when I suffered a small stroke on Friday 20 December, consequently missing all the Christmas services. I am indebted to the team who all stepped in to cover services during my recovery. Life is slowly finding a new normal.



As you will see from this report, the year has been busy, surprising and full of engagement with our local community. As a Christian community, St Peter's main purpose is to worship God and to share His love and hope with our wider parish and there has been plenty of opportunity for conversation and celebration.

It was great to rejoice with Emma at her priesting ordination in the summer and we all enjoyed a great lunch together on the Sunday after she had presided at her first Holy Communion service.

We also enjoyed holding a wedding together for Lester and Chris Freeman who had been together since the 1950s, married, divorced but soon reunited and wanted to make it official by getting married. It was very intimate with just a few family but a very special occasion to share.

We also gave thanks for the lives of some faithful members of our church family who were called home to heaven. We remember: Pam Moore, Stella Crofts, Ray Chick, Pat Childs and Hazel Saxelby.



We have so much to be thankful for as we share and learn and grow together. Our God is infinitely bigger and more gracious than we can ever imagine and sharing his love and hope with one another and our families, friends and neighbours. Church can be a scary place to visit for the first time, so it's always great to encounter a friendly face or even better to have a friend come with you. Maybe there is someone you know who might like to come to church but doesn't really know where to start. You might be the person who helps them take that first step.

A huge thank you to all who serve our life as a church, every contribution is valued and appreciated.

***Rev Alicia Dring***

## From the Curate

In July 2024 I was ordained as a Priest, which has to be the highlight of my year! I am delighted to say that over the last year I have grown in confidence in my role, and I feel that I have finally been able to fully embrace the vocation that God has called me to. In particular it has been a great joy to serve at the Communion Table, and to welcome you all into God's presence in this way.



My year has been filled with lots of activities from All-age-worship to Christmas events, along with my first Baptisms, as well as, sadly, several Funerals. I now also regularly take Holy Communion to a local care home and meet to pray with some of the residents there. This alongside all the usual events (and meetings) of parish life. Like last year, I continue to be fuelled by copious amounts of coffee from our local coffee shops, as I set up my temporary office in each of these different establishments!

Two activities in particular stand out from this year. Firstly, was the Street Fair which we ran in connection with St Peter's school in July. This was a wonderful event which saw crowds of people turn out to browse the stalls we had all along Church Street. The numbers of people from both St Peter's church and school that made this happen were amazing. But I think the star of the day was Morgan Brind, Derby's own Pantomime Dame, who not only opened the event but also then went round all the stalls and joined in many of the games. The Fair raised a good amount to help send the school to the Christmas Panto.

The other event I really enjoyed was 'Making Sense of Christmas.' It was so good to see the church decorated in such a creative way with trees celebrating each main character of the Nativity story. Thank you to Sally for the original vision for this, and for everyone who participated in this. I really enjoyed seeing how each window came together, and it was wonderful to welcome visitors to come and see this. Including a couple of babies trying out the manger for themselves!

St Peter's has been a wonderful place for a curate as you are all so encouraging and supportive. Thank you for all the many times you've given me positive feedback about my sermons, brought me cups of tea, and generally been willing to help when asked. I'm looking forward to the next year together.

***Rev Emma Mallord***

## **From the Associate Minister**

There is so much that I could write in this short report - it's been a full year, much of which might be seen to be 'business as usual'. However, in a year when I celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my priesting, it is still an enormous privilege to be called into that day-to-day ministry of preaching and teaching, leading worship, pastoral care, faith conversations and community connections and to celebrate the wonder of our Christian year. It is especially a privilege to do that alongside such an amazing team of lay and ordained colleagues working for the Kingdom of God in so many ways. But in the midst of this ongoing work, I wanted to highlight some particular personal and ministry happenings.



In January, Lesley and I moved house to take up residence in the Manse in Heatherton, associated with my 'other life' as Enabling Minister for Haven Christian Centre. We're still very grateful for so many who wielded sanders, rollers and paintbrushes to help decorate prior to us moving in!

It's been a joy to see a developing connection across two Heatherton Care Homes. In Heatherton House, a chance encounter has led to a monthly communion. In Derby Heights there is a regular congregation for communion every month (they also meet weekly to watch last week's Songs of Praise!) At the other end of life's spectrum there are more opportunities in schools, and I've taken classes in Griffie Field, with a chance to share more of the Christian Faith as we talk about baptism, the Bible and church buildings. I've been able to get more involved in the Littleover Partnership Network, convened by our Derby City Council Locality Team and including key folk from across business, charity and council. It's a great way to build relationships, make connections and seek the flourishing of our communities together. There have been times also of just sheer fun – like hosting the 'Racing Pigs' game at the St Peter's Fair and Findern Village Fete... it's amazing how competitive the dads can be!

Outside of the parish, I continue to be involved in wider church teaching and mentoring, and it's been good to have the opportunity to contribute to our Diocesan Curate Training Programme, to act as mentor in the Diocesan Leadership Programme, to offer a session at the London Campus of St Mellitus College and to take part in the Greenhouse initiative for Fresh Expressions nurture and development. Perhaps one of the most significant things for me personally, though, is that during the year it was confirmed that our student minister at The Haven, Lianne Green, will be serving her curacy from June 2025 across St Peter's, All Saints' Findern and The Haven. Lianne is a joy, and I am very much looking forward to being her Training Incumbent.

There is so much more I could say, so many things for which there isn't room – but I hope that gives you a flavour. It's wonderful to be called to ordained ministry in Littleover!



**Finance Manager**

I would like to start this year's report by thanking Lesley Edwards who was treasurer until the start of October 2024, for her dedication, hard work and financial expertise, we are certainly missing her! The examined PCC accounts for 2024 record a surplus of income over expenditure of just over £350,000 and over £540,000 in cash deposits, which is a truly amazing position to be in.

As a result of the receipt of the Ashmore Bequest (see below) our income exceeded the threshold for the use of Receipt and Payments accounts, and therefore the accounts have had to be prepared on the Accruals basis. The comparative figures for 2023 have been restated to this basis and are not directly comparable with the published Receipts and Payments Accounts for 2023.

The PCCs underlying financial performance was generally stable in 2024, thanks to the generosity of our congregation and their regular giving of £102,122. We also had donations and collections (including Gift Aid claims) of £30,376.

A significant portion of our expenditure £66,744 was paid to the Diocese for the Common Fund, which was met in full for 2024. The PCC allocated £40,000 to replace the kitchen in St Peter's Community Hub, and spent £12,000 replacing the water supply pipe to church. The PCC allocates budgets for giving to charities and for outreach and mission, spending over £16,000 in 2024 on specific donations and projects (see later article and table).

During the year we received notification of a bequest under the terms of a will that was due to the PCC, and we record our grateful thanks to God for the extraordinary generosity of the donor.

The Ashmore Bequest has been specifically given to "facilitate the Church in its activities, social and missional and to ensure the whole of the community has suitable access and transport when required." We have received an interim payment so far in October of £375,000. The remaining funds will be received when the estate is finally wound up following the sale of a property.

The PCC took immediate steps to improve "Access and transport" where needed by opening a taxi account with Chad Cars and advertising its availability.

A small group has been established by the PCC to look at what this bequest could and should be used for, and equally, what it would not and should not be used for. This small group will meet in 2025 and report to the PCC with recommendations for decisions to be made.

Finally, can I record my thanks by giving a big shout out to Iona who deals with all of our bills, cash, banking and basic financial record keeping. She is doing an amazing job. Also my thanks to our new Independent Examiners who the PCC appointed in 2024 Johnson Tidsall Limited.

**Paul Cheetham**



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	134,692	375,000	509,692	151,496
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Church activities		16,471	5,815	22,286	24,133
Investment income	3	6,500	653	7,153	3,777
Other income		34,746	-	34,746	71,525
<b>Total</b>		<u>192,409</u>	<u>381,468</u>	<u>573,877</u>	<u>250,931</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Church activities		215,950	8,019	223,969	187,490
Other		-	-	-	115
<b>Total</b>		<u>215,950</u>	<u>8,019</u>	<u>223,969</u>	<u>187,605</u>
Net gains on investments		199	-	199	746
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(23,342)</u>	<u>373,449</u>	<u>350,107</u>	<u>64,072</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		197,257	7,934	205,191	141,119
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>173,915</u>	<u>381,383</u>	<u>555,298</u>	<u>205,191</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	11	8,879	-	8,879	8,680
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	12	7,614	-	7,614	6,436
Cash at bank and in hand		159,993	381,383	541,376	192,800
		167,607	381,383	548,990	199,236
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,571)	-	(2,571)	(2,725)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		165,036	381,383	546,419	196,511
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		173,915	381,383	555,298	205,191
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		173,915	381,383	555,298	205,191
<b>FUNDS</b>	14				
Unrestricted funds				173,915	197,257
Restricted funds				381,383	7,934
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				555,298	205,191

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
A Dring - Trustee

  
H Roe - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements



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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	341,622	59,896
Net cash provided by operating activities		341,622	59,896
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(199)	(746)
Interest received		7,153	3,777
Net cash provided by investing activities		6,954	3,031
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		348,576	62,927
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		192,800	129,873
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		541,376	192,800

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## Gift Aid

For the last financial year, Tax recovered on Gift Aided regular giving and one off donations, and claimed under the Gift Aid Small Donations scheme amounted to £24,327 (£27,813 in 2023). This represented 12% (13% in 2023) of underlying church income.

The figures show what an enormous difference Gift Aid continues to make to the funding of the work of our church, so a huge thank you to everyone who supports the church with donations whether through their bank or through the electronic giving terminal in church.

Please remember that it is very important for you to notify the church office if your contact details change, if your circumstances change and especially if you no longer pay an amount of income and/or capital gains tax equal to the tax that we reclaim on your donations. Further information on Gift Aid is available from the church office.



***Gift Aid Secretary Paul Cheetham***

## Church Administrator



My work in general remains unchanged – although it does feel like there's a lot more of it nowadays!! I cover a wide variety of administrative tasks, as well as being part of the finance team, which looks after the banking and church accounts. I also look after the regular hirers at both of our community Hubs and liaise with the Church Wardens on a regular basis, when things need repairing in our Church buildings. Another big part of my role is helping to arrange weddings, funerals and burial of ashes, which I find very rewarding. Thank you, as always, to Alicia, Emma, Jason, Paul, Helene, Chris and Jim for all their help and support and for being fabulous to work with!

***Iona Hague***

## **PCC Secretary**

During 2024 the Parochial Church Council (PCC) Trustees met seven times, including the short PCC meeting which followed the APCM in April 2024. Mission Action Plan (MAP) groups meet individually during the year and report into the PCC through the MAP Steering Group. The Fabric Team also meets throughout the year and their minutes are provided in advance of every meeting to ensure everyone has the information they need. In addition, the PCC Standing Committee met six times. All meetings start and end in prayer.



In 2024 Chris Jones continued as Church Warden, Helene Roe replaced Jim Britland who retired as Warden in April 2024, and Lesley Edwards served as Treasurer. Lesley then resigned as Treasurer in October 2024 and Paul Cheetham has covered the role as a non - Trustee Finance Manager since then. Margit Staehr continued as Safeguarding Lead and Heather Newstead continued to take safeguarding responsibility for vulnerable adults. Ann Vincent and Peter Vincent are Deanery Synod members. Jim Britland continues with his Health and Safety Officer duties as a non – Trustee. Both Jeni Baines and Robin Wood left the PCC in March 2024 after many years of service and Ali Marsh-Davies joined the PCC as a new member.

The Standing Committee and PCC meeting agendas are in a standard format. Most of the paperwork for the meetings is distributed and stored electronically which saves on paper and printing. The agenda for each meeting is comprehensive and means we cover many topics including finance, correspondence, church buildings, churchyard and Glebe Land, worship, staff and leaders, MAP update, Deanery Synod feedback, Littleover and Blagreaves Churches Together, St Peter's School, Joyce Harpur, Wardens and Clergy, Safeguarding, and what we have done during the meeting to further the kingdom of God in Littleover and Blagreaves. Several significant topics over the year have been discussed such as:

- Major projects led by the Fabric Team including ongoing maintenance of church buildings, churchyard and Glebe land, the refurbishment of the south aisle and creation of a library area and the refurbishment of the Welcome Area. The complete renovation of the kitchen in St Peter's Community Hub. Many thanks to the small team that work hard in this never-ending job and the involvement of Community Payback.
- Our Mission Action Plan (MAP) project continues to make a difference. Thanks go to the MAP steering group and the five teams that ensure objectives are achieved.
- Safeguarding – features as an item on every agenda. Thanks go to Margit Staehr (Children and Young People) and Heather Newstead (Vulnerable Adults) for their very important work
- The continuing support to St Peter's Junior School – part of DDAT Academy Trust – and the headteacher Frazer Smith. Our joint street fair in July was very successful and the proceeds enabled the children to go to the pantomime.

Thank you to all who have served, advised, encouraged and prayed for the PCC during this last year. We are thankful for faithful servants and sufficient resources to follow God's call.

## **Churchwardens**

***But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. 1 Samuel 12 v 24***

As we sit down to pen this report, it's hard to believe that Helene has completed an entire year as Church Warden. Chris will be starting his sixth year.

A key responsibility of the church wardens is ensuring that the fabric of the church is cared for. We retain a significant to do list at all times for the church, the churchyard and glebe lands as well as the St Peter's and St Andrew's Community Hubs. We would just like to thank everybody who has recognised the need to get involved and support the wardens in this huge undertaking.

During the past year we have: installed a bike rack for those who wish to cycle to church; replaced the old and failing lead water pipes with plastic, which should future-proof us for many years to come; completed the redecoration of the Welcome Area, including new carpet tiles and two bespoke oak radiator covers; completed the library area with new furniture for the children to enjoy as they read (thank you to Eileen Smith and family for the bequest which enabled this area to happen), and sorted the leak from the clerestory windows. We have also begun a long-term project to tidy up and organise church storage.



At St Peter's Hub, we've had a brand-new fitted kitchen installed, while down at St Andrew's Hub, a smart meter has finally been fitted for our electricity readings, and planning permission has been submitted for the replacement of the doors and windows (more about that and the Give to Go Green Fund in the Creation Care report). In addition, the 'Green Room' has been redecorated and refurnished (and is no longer green).

The Church and both Hubs all now have brand new (and very smart) name boards to identify each building.

Upcoming work on the church includes replenishing the Smart Water (anti-theft marking) on the roof and fixing mesh grills over potential entry points for bats. We also have two faculty applications in progress – one to replace the rungs in the bell tower with a retractable safety ladder to allow access to the upper belfry (and therefore, the roof), and one to remove the chipboard bench seats around the back of the balcony



and replace them with storage cupboards. Hopefully, both of these will be approved before very much longer so that work can begin.

Churchyard clear-up has restarted for the season (March until October) on the third Saturday of every month. Thank you to those faithful people who come and help. Also, thank you to Chris Woodhams who coordinates the work done by Community Payback. Without their involvement, we couldn't possibly keep the churchyard in good order!

Another group of people we would like to thank are the Vergers, Duty Wardens, Coffee teams and Welcome teams without whom our services would grind to a halt. We would like to thank everybody who has stepped up to assist with this vital piece of ministry, both as a regular commitment and for the specials.

***Chris Jones and Helene Roe***

### **Safeguarding**

On 20 April 2024 Margit and Heather attended the first ever Safeguarding Conference held at the picturesque Cliff College in Hope Valley. It was a good opportunity to meet and network with other Parish Safeguarding Officers from across Derbyshire.

Bishop Libby opened the conference with a reflection on Jesus being the gate to the sheepfold, inviting us into a safe place where we can be nourished and grow. Safeguarding is at the heart of all that we do and as we reflect on Christ, we can be that safe space for others.



*From left: Heather Newstead, Hannah Hogg, Amanda Sandland, Margit Staehr*

Julie O'Hare Deputy Director of Development, National Safeguarding Team discussed the 5 safeguarding standards and gave examples of good practice. She also discussed the Parish Safeguarding Handbook which contains all the policies and key steps that we need to take. The Dashboard helps us to see at a glance what needs to be completed, and the standards help us to understand why we do what we do and give us a framework to work from. These tools complement each other.

Detective Chief Inspector Claudia Musson from Derbyshire Police led a very interesting talk on what to look for in a vulnerable person, how we can take action before risk occurs and how we can learn to be more careful listeners. She covered areas such as domestic abuse, modern day slavery and bullying. After a delicious lunch there were a choice of workshops available to attend including Healthy Cultures, Wellbeing Workshop, Dealing with Conflict, Safe Spaces and Survivors, What Happens to a Referral, Prayer Ministry, DBS training and Safeguarding Dashboard and Hub.

We extend warm thanks to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team for organising this conference and for their dedicated support during the year via monthly drop-in meetings or on the many occasions when we approach them for advice on policies, on DBS, on training or when actual concerns and incidents are reported.

The team include, Hannah Hogg (outgoing head of team late 2024), Sue Griffin, Amanda Sandland (who succeeded Judie Fogarty), David Bowden and Nick Harding. To serve as a PSO is often felt like an octopus role as we reach out to each and every one sooner or later, typically – although not solely - reminding each leader and helper to update their DBS and safeguarding training, whereas clergy and licensed readers' compliance is taken care of by the Bishop's office.

Currently, we have around **100 volunteers** serving in church and hubs in various roles, many of them covering more than one role – you will agree that this is an impressive figure. There is good reason to salute and thank everyone involved for their willingness to help ensure we are complying with safeguarding standards. After a tough year within the higher echelons of Church of England deciding on the future structure of safeguarding, there is at parish level a demonstration of working very hard to live up to the slogan that “Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility”.

### **Safeguarding Training, DBS and Compliance**

The number of safeguarding courses completed in 2024 is very similar to last year's, and the number of processed new DBS remains high since only a handful of volunteers have signed up to the automated renewal service. Next time yours is due, please remember to sign up to the Update Service (within 30 days of receiving the certificate). It saves time on the admin of manual ID checks in future years.

Go to <https://derby.anglican.org/en/disclosure-and-barring-service-dbs/dbs-update-service.html> for more info and application.

Work went into ensuring that new volunteers have the appropriate DBS and safeguarding training before launching “Open the Book” in St Peter's Junior School, “St Andrew's Drop-In Café for parents and staff in the Little Angels' Pre-School, and the “Gentle Service” in church.

Compliance with St Peter's Film Policy, which is based on C of E Policy, was ensured before the new website was launched in the summer. You will have seen notices on the glass entrance doors of where to sit in church if you do not wish to be filmed (on zoom).

We formalised and prepared a role description/volunteer agreement for the new role of **Health & Safety Officer** which was taken up by Jim Britland in the spring. Jim works in liaison with church wardens, and the PSO (dashboard) will alert him when the annual review of risk assessment is due for each of the eleven different church activities.

PSOs submit a safeguarding report at each PCC meeting for review and approval by all trustees, and we thank Rev. Alicia and colleagues for encouragement and generous support.

### **Updating of core Safeguarding Modules**

- The Safeguarding **Basic Awareness Module** was updated by National church and revised for 2024. The new version includes the ability for participants to choose their own path through parts of the material based on the role they have within their church setting
- The Safeguarding **Foundation** and the **PtO leadership** courses have also been updated
- The **Safeguarding Leadership** course introduced last year (2023) will see a revision in 2025

### **Completed safeguarding courses during 2024**

- 34 Basic and Foundation modules (self-directed e-learning)
- 9 Team Leaders completed Safeguarding Leadership Training
- 15 completed the Domestic Abuse Awareness training
- 3 completed Safer Recruitment training

### **DBS – All checks are up to date**

- 2 Basic DBS applications
- 21 Enhanced DBS applications

### **Safeguarding Incidents/Referrals**

- A safeguarding concern regarding a person who is known to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team was reported to the Safeguarding Case Worker. The case has been resolved
- An incident in church during a service involving a vulnerable adult was referred to the police. The matter was resolved subsequently, ensuring the safety of the person in question, and a full report was sent to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team within 24 hours as required.

### **General**

The Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church, Littleover and Blagreaves, annually adopts and will continue to implement the Safeguarding Children, Young Persons and Adults Policy, Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines as published by the Diocese of Derby (<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/cofe-policy-statement.pdf>). A letter is sent to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor shortly after each APCM.

***Margit Staehr, PSO C&YP Lead***  
***Heather Newstead, PSO Vulnerable Adults***

## **Derby City Deanery**

Every parish in the deanery is represented on the Deanery Synod by its clergy & lay representatives – the number being proportional to those on the parochial electoral roll. The Deanery for St Peter's is Derby City Deanery.

In 2024 the Deanery Synod met three times – at each meeting there were reports from Diocesan & General, alongside updates in Safeguarding, Growing Faith and Finance, followed by speakers & /or workshop carousels on the main theme of the evening. Each meeting ends with Compline.

The February meeting of synod was online when elections to the Deanery Leadership Team were conducted & we looked at Growing Faith & Safeguarding.

In May Bishop Libby & Bishop Malcolm conducted a Prayer Pilgrimage around the Deanery as part of *Thy Kingdom Come*, - we worshipped together, visited new housing areas and new worshipping communities & met church led community across the deanery. Our May synod focused on Eco Church with valuable examples and support from various churches in the deanery.

The final synod of 2024 in October featured the Derby City Greenhouse Team and new ways of being church alongside carousels from the Mission, Evangelism and Parish Revitalisation Team, which varied from a how to of faculties to the use of digital giving machines.

The Deanery Chapter met regularly giving mutual support to the clergy & facilitating support for parishes in vacancy.

The Deanery Synod members elect members of the Diocesan Synod every three years & members of General Synod every five years. The Deanery leadership team member are: Area Dean – Rev Sarah Watson, Assistant Area Deans: Rev Mina Munns, Rev Susie Curtis, Lay Chair Madelaine Goddard, Treasurer Hugh Craig, Rev Alisdair Kay, Alex Dann. The team and synod are also grateful to the work of the Deanery Administrator Kelly Martin who due to reorganisation of administrative support across the diocese she moved on to another role within Church House in the Autumn.

Each church elects members to the Synod, linking the church to the Deanery and wider Diocese and St Peter's Representative is Ann Vincent,. Please speak to Ann with any matters you think should receive wider attention but above all please keep the members and mission of the Deanery in your prayers.

**Madelaine Goddard**  
**Lay Chair Derby City Deanery**

**Rev Sarah Watson**  
**Area Dean Derby City Deanery**



# **Worshipping Life**

**Our primary purpose is to be a place of worship at the heart of the community so our worshipping life is the centre of all that we do. Here we welcome everyone regardless of whether they are new to faith or seeking a new spiritual home and we never underestimate the courage it takes to step through the door for the first time.**

**Our welcome teams at the threshold are vital and so we are extremely grateful to those who serve on Wednesdays and Sundays as well as for weddings and funerals. If you would like to join either the welcome team or help as a duty vergers we would love to speak to you further.**

## **Fabric Resources Team**

We cannot worship without a functioning building and so we express heartfelt thanks to those who manage the detail of caring for our buildings. The Fabric Team comprises: Chris Jones, Helene Roe, Jim Britland, Jan Jackson, Bernie Burton, Dave Hargreaves.

Throughout the year there were five meetings.

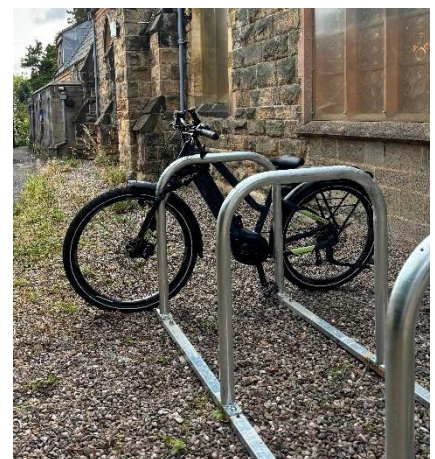
## **St Peter's Church**

- Upper clerestory windows (in Church roof valleys). Tony Roe repaired poorly fitting lead flashing (North and South side) to stop leaks into Church. Two windowsills will be replaced later. Cost £780
- Welcome Area. Using Allan Scott's funeral bequest. Plaster repaired and walls painted. Radiator covers made by Michael Pepper Ltd and installed by Sully in August. Carpet tiles fitted November. A new Console for Giving installed.
- Gullies and gutters around Church cleared by Tony Roe.
- Street Fair 13July. Road Closed; Diversion and Disabled Car Park signage erected and dismantled.
- PAT testing done by Brendan Hargreaves in April.
- Lightning conductors tested February.
- Boiler serviced by BlueFlame June.
- Plaster behind radiator in Worship area fell off. Radiator removed, Dave Morgan replastered and radiator replaced.
- Handles on West door. Outside handles removed and replaced by push plates. Inside handles reattached to a new spindle.
- Door in upper belfry, to access roof valley. Changed door furniture to brass mortice lock and handles.
- Toilet Block. An area by the main oak door to Toilets was replastered in February. Anti damp treatment and anti damp paint used on North wall, May.
- Leak in one toilet fixed by replacing entry fill valve and isolating valve.
- Outside step from the Church's South door to the kitchen (Wedding Vestry) was badly worn by centuries of footfall. Lee Smith levelled the step of soft sandstone.

- Post Barrier installed just north of the West door to ensure cars can't attempt to follow their Sat-Nav and drive into the Churchyard. Barrier is removeable, but normally locked.

### **St Peter's Churchyard**

- Churchyard Gates. Wood given two coats of Danish Oil, but showing black from water staining. Gates removed by Scott family. Iron work removed to treat all the wood. Refitted end of December.
- There were eight Churchyard Clear-Ups from March to October, with a BBQ in October.
- Water Leak near the gas meter shed was repaired by Leighton November 23.
- Severn Trent agreed to help with the high cost of the water that leaked provided we took action to replace the lead pipe from the meter in Church Street to the Church. Contract awarded to Sean McAndrew and work done in December. Just two short sections of lead pipe remained:- a) entry into Church by the North Vestry toilet. b) entry into Church for kitchen supply. Water pipe to Churchyard water tap was disconnected.
- The Scout Hut grounds. Ed Bentley did a tree survey in November. A rotten tree was removed.
- War Graves. We identified all 21 war graves by Grid References. We placed a wooden cross on the graves in November, before Remembrance Sunday.
- Drains by the West door regularly flood. They should drain to the soak-away (really a catch-pit), but this was blocked by sludge. Lanes Drainage Services flushed out the pipe to the catch-pit with high pressure water. Only partly effective as there is another pipe entering the catch-pit from the vicarage garden.
- Bicycle Rack. Installed August in gravel triangle to North of church, behind the toilets. Suitable for six bicycles. Did not need a Faculty, just a Permission.
- Douglas Fir tree near war memorial was leaning to 30 degrees and in imminent danger of coming down on top of three graves. Roots had damaged a grave from the 1970's. Ed Bentley felled it and left logs for wood burners.
- Fir tree by West door was overhanging path to Church. Trimmed back.
- Ash tree by War Memorial. Branches overhanging memorial and roof of 6 Normanton Lane were likely to fall in a storm. Ed Bentley removed branches.
- Surplus garden waste is no longer removed by Community Payback. However, they built four large compost heaps at the bottom of the Churchyard between the lower path and the neighbours' fence. Better management of the compost.



## St Peter's Community Hub



- New Kitchen. Kitchens Complete Ltd completed the work during the summer break. Specification includes two catering mid-level 900mm wide electric ovens, a 900mm four burner gas hob and a large adjoining single gas hob. A quartz work surface. A commercial Hobart dishwasher, new fridge and freezer. A new vinyl Karndean floor. Window next to back door bricked up as was the hatch to the large hall. Re-plastered and painted. Jim Britland oversaw / project managed and ensured they came in on budget at £40K, as quoted.
- Window left of Hall main entrance and emergency fire door replaced by UPVC door and window by CDS Glass and Glazing Ltd in April.
- Chairs in upper hall. Liz Eley re-covered 20 chairs (seat and back cushion) with additional foam.
- Church Hall car park. Large holes have been professionally tarmacked. Minor holes later filled by Team.
- Boiler serviced by BlueFlame in June.
- Guttering on the West wall. Tony Roe replaced a section with a longer piece.

## St Andrew's Community Hub

- 1) All 19 fluorescent 2-D tubes replaced by LED equivalents in Main Hall, Green Room, entrance vestibule and toilets.
- 2) Green Room redecorated by Fabric Team in April. New blinds fitted. New chairs and sofas assembled. New carpet fitted in May. Green Room no longer green.
- 3) Smart Meter was to be installed, but when technician visited he suspected the meter back board was asbestos and would not proceed. We understood Western Power replaced the board in the last 10 years. National Grid to replace board.
- 4) PAT testing done by Brendan Hargreaves in April.

Thanks to all who took part throughout 2024.

## **Worship Group**

We have continued to provide varied worship across the Services throughout 2024. We are fortunate indeed to not only have the usual band resources of keyboard, guitars, bass, cajon and male and female voices but we also benefit from flute and cornet. We also have organ for traditional hymns and so are able to provide a wide variety of worship styles.

We have continued to work together in friendship and unity and the leaders are indeed fortunate to have such a flexible and positive group of people with whom to work.

We look forward to continuing to lead God's people in worship in the coming year.

**David Barker and Peter Goodman**

## **Prayer Ministry Team**

In one of Paul's letters to the Ephesians (3 v 16-19) he said:

*"I pray that according to the riches of His glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through His Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God"*

What wonderful verses to know that through our faith in Christ with the power of His Spirit we are being strengthened, rooted and grounded in love and the love of Christ surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

It is always a tremendous privilege to share concerns and to be able to pray with people each week through the power and presences of the Holy Spirit.



There are so many verses of hope and peace in the Bible that come up time and again as we pray and are so encouraging for us all. We love to hear your feedback, when you are able to, or share your testimony.

The team Facilitator has been in place for over three years now, standing at the opening to the prayer space and assists members of the church or visitors to receive prayer from the team as required. You may recognise them from the lanyard they wear that asks "Need help with prayer?".

We also offer prayer at the 6pm Sunday evening worship service, the first Sunday of the month, either in the pews or at the rail as required.

Every team member completes safeguarding training every three years.



We enjoy meeting as a team throughout the year for breakfast, sharing together and praying together.

Thank you to the team for their commitment to this ministry: Ruth Allen, Bill & Maggie Browne, Julie Degg, Les Dickinson, Phil Eley, Irene Hargreaves, Heather Newstead, Joy Stanwell and Robin Wood.

*“Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen (Ephesians 3 v 20-21)*

All scriptures are taken from the NRSV Bible

**Lesley Edwards**

### **Homegroups**

There are nine homegroups that meet either weekly or fortnightly across the parish. The study programme links with the Sunday sermons to allow for deeper explorations and during 2024 there was a focus on the Old Testament for two of the terms, including the minor prophets. This was maybe tough going for some, but well done for persevering. More than 80 people in our church family are linked to a home group, which is pretty good when our average Sunday attendance is between 90-100. Each small group of 8-14 people is a place where you grow in faith, discipleship, trust, prayer and community. It is hoped a new group will start in 2025, if you would like more information please speak to the clergy.

**Alicia Dring**

### **Pastoral Visiting and Home Communions**

The faithful ministry of visiting those who are confined at home is undertaken by a small but committed group of people. In particular Joan and David Ditch who take great care to embrace those who are unable to attend services in person. While some are able to share via Zoom or Twitch on Sunday, nothing can replace an opportunity to meet face to face to share in fellowship and prayer.

In addition, some receive Holy Communion at home on a regular basis – where the intimacy of sharing bread and wine together is often infused with the gentle presence of the Holy Spirit.



**Alicia Dring**

### **Residential and Nursing Homes**

We regularly visit Cedar Tree Nursing Home, Derby Heights, Brookfields sharing a service of Holy Communion with the residents. In addition, we visit other local homes on a season basis, sharing music and prayer together.

**Alicia Dring**

## **Evening Service and Zoom Prayers**

Twice a month we meet to worship and pray on a Sunday evening for our parish and the wider world. These are now labelled as God Space – with the first Sunday of the month as an in person worship service at St Peter's and the third Sunday of the month as an Zoom meeting to pray together.

God Space in church offers time for worship, reflection and prayer – with the opportunity for personal prayer with the ministry team available to all.

The online meeting is more focussed on praying for the wider world, national issues, local community and parish priorities. We would love those who profess a heart for prayer to join us.

***Alicia Dring***

## **Mission Action Plan**

The year 2024 has continued the process of learning about and developing our mission plan that started in 2023. Much brilliant missionary activity has taken place, extending, enhancing and adding to that which was already well established.

During the year, the Steering Group (SG) was increased in size to thirteen members including two people from each mission team – Alicia, Jason, Emma, Steve Dring, Doreen Bird, Charlie Elston, Paul Taylor, Deidre Cheetham, Helen Homes, Julie Scott, Ali Marsh-Davies, Peter Maybury and John Bird – in order to broaden the representation of the church family and to recognise the amount of work being done.

The SG continued to learn about their roles, from experience, as well as through planned training sessions. Jason led two sessions drawing on his experience as Diocesan Missioner, first, 'Strategies to help volunteers stay involved' followed by 'What is an outward-facing church and how can we continue to move in that direction?'

For every new initiative a proposal is needed, answering a set of questions about how this activity will fit in with what is already going on, what people and financial resources are required and an idea of timescale. This ensures any new work isn't duplicating something else and that we are not overloading people with time or financial over commitment.

The remainder of this Annual Report covers our mission areas and helps illustrate just how much is going on at St Peter's Church. Specific MAP projects are marked with the logo.

Huge thanks are gratefully given to mission team leaders and their teams for contributing their time and talents to all that took place during the year.



***John Bird***



## Outward Facing and Community Engagement

The work of any church should not just be within the walls on a Sunday but should have an outward focus to the wider community with opportunities to serve, bless, engage and encourage.

Our first two teams – Outward Facing and Community Engagement are at the forefront of this work and we are hugely grateful for their commitment to sustaining long standing ministries as well as offering new opportunities.

### Engaging with new neighbours



Welcome bags were made available and are used by members of the congregation as a welcoming link and positive contact with new people as they move into the neighbourhood.

Bags can be found in the big trunk by the pigeonholes at the back of church – just ensure the bag includes an up to date magazine.



### Crossed Keys Cafe

The Crossed keys Café opens on a Monday morning from 9:30am till (approx.) 12:30pm. We are delighted to serve the members of the Singing Together group every week. It is pleasing that the number of regular customers has increased over the last year. From time to time we are asked to host the members of a walking group from Mickleover which roughly doubles our customer numbers!

We enjoy serving the Church and the local community. Some of our clients have said that the atmosphere is friendly and that the prices are far lower than the café in the village. We have endeavoured to maintain our prices despite the cost of many of our supplies increasing. We are pleased that we have been able to make a contribution in 2024 of £1766.65 to Church funds in addition to a nominal payment of £400 towards the use of the hall.

During the year we welcomed Doreen Bird and Rod Bassett from Findern church to our team of helpers. Our thanks are due to them and to Jacqueline Woodhams, Irene Hargreaves and Linsey Jones, especially the latter who regularly provides us with very popular carrot cake. All our lives have been made much easier with the installation of a dishwasher in the new kitchen! We also want to record our thanks to Ann Dean for regularly supplying cakes.

We were pleased to offer refreshments for the Street Fair and also for the Making Sense of Christmas event.

We always welcome new customers. Why not drop in on a Monday morning for a drink, a bite to eat and a chat?

**Paul and Fiona Taylor**

## Giveaway Day

St Andrew's Giveaway Day continued throughout the year with dates in early Spring, Summer and late Autumn offering plenty of items to our local community free of charge. We have made some changes to help make things easier to find and at the end of each session we are brutal with what to keep and what to pass on to other charity shops.

Regular refreshments were also on offer this year which has proved very successful, giving us opportunities for more conversations with our customers and offering a warm welcome.



As well as heartfelt thanks to all who donate so generously this would not be possible without the hard work of the team doing the set up on Friday, staffing the event and then clearing up. It's hefty work and many of the team are older now, so willing (and younger hands) are always welcome.

***Alicia Dring***

## St Andrew's Café

The St Andrew's Support Café was a new activity that started after the October half-term in 2024. The café meets every Friday in the Green Room at the St Andrew's Hub, from 11am to provide a space for parents and carers from the Nursery School to come for a cuppa and a chat.



The space is also designed to be a place that can provide information on the support that is available in the local area from the Local Neighbourhood board, and other charities such as Food4Thought.

The Café is a great way to build relationships with the Nursery Staff, as well as the parents and carers. We have met with several of the parents and begun to get to know them and their children. Paul Taylor leads a small team on a rota, who serve and chat with guests. The cakes which have become a regular feature are certainly a hit with the children! The café has benefited from the recent redecoration of the Green Room, along with the comfy new sofas and chairs.

***Emma Mallord***

## Prayer for Outward Facing

A small team meet monthly in St Andrew's to pray for the parish and to seek God for how we might best serve our community. This is a vital part of our work and we are always happy to welcome those who would like to pray.

### **St Peter's Junior School (Voluntary Aided Church of England)**

St Peter's Church continues to work closely with our namesake Junior School, which has an intake of over 250 children aged from 7-11 years of age. With headteacher Frazer Smith the school has worked hard to raise standards across the school. Alicia Dring and Helene Roe are on the Local Academy Committee (Governors by another name) and attend meetings twice a term as well as being involved in other subject areas in the school.

A new 'Open the Book' team (pictured) was established delivering assemblies using Open the Book material and is now well established and regularly sharing Bible stories in St Peter's school. We are particularly indebted to St John's Church in Long Eaton who had ceased their OTB ministry and generously donated their stock of costumes and props to St Peter's. Currently the team visit St Peter's Junior School once a month and there are tentative plans to go into other local schools if time commitments allow.



At the start of the school year we offer Bibles to every child in Year3 and then in the summer as the leavers head out for Senior school we offer Youth Bibles to those who would like them. Sharing the word of God with children – especially in a multi-faith intake school – is an important part of our ministry.

School Uniform Recycling and redistribution continues with over 80 of items of school uniform redistributed during the year. Huge thank you to all who laundered and mended uniform, ready to pass on to new families.

We also joined with the PTFA to hold the Street Fair in the summer – see below.

***Alicia Dring***

### **Lunch Club**

Meeting on a Tuesday and open to all older people from our local community, we offer a two course lunch – usually followed by coffee and chocolates – for just £5.50

We started back in September 2024 with a brand-new kitchen to adapt to, which we quickly did. The two lovely new extra-large ovens have proved particularly helpful although the more technically challenged amongst us took a while to work them out!! A dishwasher was included in the new kitchen, which is used many times each session. We have welcomed new cooks and more members to the team of helpers,



all who have fitted in beautifully ensuring we are able to continue providing this lovely social gathering and fellowship.

Sadly, some of our regular members who had been coming to Lunch Club for many years died quite closely

to each other and are very much missed by their fellow diners and all the team. Our members continue to look forward to catching up with each other's news and share a meal together each week and more of them are joining us at the worship service on the first Tuesday of each month.

We have continued with the special Afternoon Tea as we finish for the summer break and the special Christmas meal where some of the pupils from St Peter's school come over to sing for us.

We continue to be blessed by all involved either on the team or as members and there is room for more to join us who would be warmly welcomed. We are thankful for all that God provides for us so we can continue Lunch Club.

***Sarah Sherrington***

### **Street Fair and Making Sense of Christmas**

Two major events were held during the year and huge thank you to all involved in organising and staffing these important moments of engagement with our community.

The Street Fair in July was held together with school, combining our efforts, closing the whole of Church Street and welcoming a huge number of people from across the community (see front page photograph).

With live music from students from Littleover Community School and the Singing Together group there was a great atmosphere. The Fair was opened by Morgan Brind who plays the Dame in the Derby Area pantomime and was known to the children. The proceeds from the fair went towards the transport costs of getting the children to the pantomime in December.



In December we held 'Making Sense of Christmas' encouraging visitors, through the displays and activities to engage their senses when considering the Christmas story. Walking around the displays in sequence, items were collected into a transparent bauble that could be taken home and placed on the Christmas tree, remaining as a talking point for years to come. A particular highlight was the visit of baby Ryan, who at just a few weeks old took up residence for a snooze in the manger.



### Dementia Friendly Service



Inspired by a dementia friendly service at Lichfield Cathedral and featured on BBC's Songs of Praise, Viv Lucas and Carole Harper (whose own mothers had dementia) were encouraged to begin a similar service at St Peter's. Held on a Thursday afternoon, every other month, the hope was to offer a safe space for those living with dementia and their carers, especially with space to sing as this can be really beneficial.

The first service was a Songs of Praise service in October followed by a Carol Service in December and the congregation has continued to grow, including attendance by some from local care homes. The service is short and includes hymns, a Bible reading, short talk and prayers – and seems to have been well received so far, including some of the team from the local Alzheimer's Society who came at Christmas.

Refreshments are served at the end of the service and the chat around the tables is as important as the service itself.

We are most grateful to all those who have helped make this possible, including Maggie and Phil with music, Paul with refreshments and Iona producing the service sheets and all those members of the congregation who have come along to support.

If someone you know is living with memory loss and you think this service may be helpful, please let them know when the services are. We would value your continued prayers for this initiative.



### **Community use of the Hubs**

St Peter's and St Andrew's Community Hubs are used regularly by groups from across the village with the primary users being Littleover School of Dance and Little Angels Preschool St Andrew's. Together with weekly hires such as keep fit classes, art class and baby sensory there are also monthly meetings of local groups. These hires brought in £34,746. However, we temporarily ceased offering single hires for parties as it was taking too much administration time for too little return.

It is hoped to appoint a Bookings Manager in early 2025 to manage one-off hire queries and ensure the details of the hire agreement are met (ie clearing up, taking away rubbish etc). The hubs remain an important resource to our local community and we want to continue to make them available.

### **Joyce Harpur Charity**

***Background: The Joyce Harpur Charity was set up in the 16th century to benefit the poor of the parish and over the centuries has shared financial support with individuals in desperate need. The applicants must live within the parochial parish boundaries of St Peter's Littleover and Blagreaves and each application is assessed in the strictest confidence on a case-by-case basis. Grants are given out just before Christmas at the discretion of the trustees.***

2024 has been another busy year for the charity – especially through December as the effects of the ever-rising cost of living is sadly affecting people in our parish and beyond, although we received less applications this year than last.

The current Board of Trustees comprises seven people plus the clerk. There are five members from St Peter's Littleover and Blagreaves: our vicar, both church wardens, one church member and our curate. Two councillors appointed by Derby City Council, Emily Lonsdale and Ruth Skelton, who stepped down this year.

The AGM is held in the spring and the annual accounts are received at this time. Once accepted, the accounts are audited, many thanks to Tiffany Hey and submitted to the Charity Commission as part of the annual return. The Trustees meeting that followed on from the AGM reviewed the previous year's application process (along with the application form) and made plans for the autumn application window. At the November meeting, the finances and grants were reviewed and awarded.

In 2024, 14 applications were received including 1 out of area and 11 grants given. Twelve children received gifts from the Derby City Mission Christmas Connection, 19 adults had gifts from Derby City Council's Secret Santa and 12 families received Reverse Advent Calendar Food Hampers donated by church members. On top of this one person was encouraged to visit the Jubilee Debt Clinic and 11 people were encouraged to apply for Christmas Lunch on Jesus, who provide a Christmas Day food hamper.

Many people from the congregation have made a huge difference through their generosity to those struggling in our parish at Christmas, so THANK YOU.

If you would like to know anything further about the work of the Charity, please do ask.



***Ellen Goodman, Clerk to Joyce Harpur***

### **Foodbank**

Derby Food4Thought are one of our local mission partners and St Peter's has been working with the food hub since Covid in 2020. Food is collected on a weekly basis, either brought into church or left on the Vicarage doorstep and this year we have moved from tinned meat to longlife semi-skimmed milk which can sometimes be hard for the hub to purchase in bulk. All food that arrives at the hub is then distributed amongst the 18 foodbanks around the city on a weekly basis.

Deliveries are made to the hub every Thursday afternoon and the hallway of the Vicarage can sometimes become an assault course of stacks of food. A huge thank you to all who continue to give so generously.

Marianne Heathcote Woodbridge from Food4Thought messaged this in November: "Ongoing thanks and appreciated to you and your congregation for the continuous supply of milk and tinned meats. You are truly a Godsend and a blessing to make our supply chain a success for giving to those in need across our city."

***Alicia Dring***



### **Knit and Natter**

Knit and Natter have had a fairly busy year. We made over 100 hearts to give away for the summer fair and teddies for our table. Some teddies we gave away to help asylum seekers children and some were sent to a local care home for dementia patients. Lots of lovely hats, some for prem babies and others a bit larger went to the Derby Royal along with other hats knitted by friends and another K&N group. We were commissioned by a local business to make poppies for them in readiness for remembrance time. K&N also took on the massive task of removing over 1000 poppies from the chicken wire display frame and fixing them onto 2 long pieces of material so that they could go around the pillars either side of the dais. We have a regular group of knitters and crochet makers and welcome anyone who would like to come and join us.

***Di Learman***



### **ReCreate**

Is a group that meets twice a month on a Friday morning in St Peter's Hub offering a safe place to explore faith and creativity. During 2024 we celebrated a year of creativity in many different forms, alongside a goodbye, a hello and a cancellation.

We often say as leaders when preparing a session for ReCreate, that our main focus is to create space to be creative with Him, and around 12 people from St Peters and other local churches join us in this space, to create, to pray, to listen to Him and share conversation and silence together. In our creative themes we have explored many themes including:

- Stamping and stitching
- Music and lyrics
- Using our favourite landscape photo to inspire a creative response
- Making a scripture zine (please do ask us what this is)
- Bubble making to create and pray
- Using our hands to recount our story
- Celebrating bumble bees
- Considering Light in the darkness
- Journeys
- Layers and prayers
- Making our own journals
- Up-cycling playing cards to prayer cards
- Making flowers
- Exploring fabric painting, glass painting and creative journaling



We said hello to Carol Harper who joined our leadership team and shortly after we said goodbye to our dear co leader Sally Britland, who stepped down from the team. The cancellation we experienced was an outside tutor booked to lead a creative sketching session (for which we had saved funds to cover some of the cost) - we continue to prayerfully seek an alternative outside tutor to lead a session for us.

#### Finances for 2024

Opening Balance	£238.63	Donations Received	£261.00
		Less expenses	- £173.03
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£326.60</u>		

ReCreate remains a space where we celebrate all our creativity, recognising that we are gifted in different ways. I hesitate to use the word “expert”, or “good at” because (rightly or wrongly) there’s judgement in these words. I recently read someone advising that “if we felt we weren’t good enough at being creative, then perhaps we should look to lower our standards” - hmmm do we set too high a standard for ourselves and in doing so miss the fun and relaxation and all the other benefits of a creative space? When Father God created us and our world He paused and looked and said “It is good” not I’ll give it an A+ or a could do better. There is benefit in non-judgemental playful creativity - thank you Lord that you made each of us in your creative image.

***Carole Dickinson Joy Pomroy Carol Harper***

#### **Mission Partners**

We keep up to date with our Mission Partners through monthly articles in Keyhole magazine and they feature in our prayers each month. While we didn’t meet up with our partners this year, they remain in our thoughts and prayers.

We are in the middle of our three-year programme of commitment to our mission partners, which will continue until January 2025. We will consult with the congregation in early 2025 to consider our giving for 2026-29.

<b>Mission Partner Funding 2022-25</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>LOCAL</b>	
Derby City Mission	500

Food4Thought (foodbank)	200
Borderline Arts	500
<b>NATIONAL</b>	
Care for the Family	500
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	
CMS – Lee Family/Jigsaw	1400
Penny & Juan Carlos de Marces	1400
The Bible Society	500
PASH Kenya	500
Open Doors	500
Tearfund	500
Emergency Fund	500
	£7000

## MISSION GIVING FOR THE YEAR 2024

Name	Year 2023 Restrict ed	Year 2023 Unrestrict ed	Year 2024 Restrict ed	Year 2024 Unrestricted	Area of work
Bible Society		500		500	Overseas
CMS Jigsaw		1,400 + 295.48 donation		1,400 +1,150 fundraiser	Overseas
Barnabas Fund/ Open Doors		500		500	Overseas
de Marces		1,400		1,400	Overseas
PASH Kenya		500	3,000 concert	500	Overseas
Tearfund	605.48 for toilet twinning	500		500	Overseas
Care for the Family		500		500	National
Derby City Mission		500		500	Local
Food4Thought		200		200	Local Foodbank Hub
Borderline Arts		500		500	Local
Children's Society		989.68		696.19	National Christingle
Harvest Appeal Bishop of Derby		30		125	Overseas
Christmas Lunch on Jesus		782		800	Local and Overseas
Royal British Legion		209.82		174.89	Secular Charity/national
St Peter's School PTFA		657.65 for street fair		500	Church school
Emergency Fund		500 not spent		500 not spent	
<b>TOTAL</b>	605.48	9,464.63	3,000	9,946.08	
	<b>Total 2023</b>	10,070.11	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>12,946.08</b>	

## Children and Young People

**We have a huge responsibility to ensure we share our faith with children and young people, supporting them at church, in school and with their families. They are not only the disciples and church leaders of tomorrow, they are followers of Jesus NOW, growing and learning about what it means to have God in their lives.**

**We have a tremendous team who work together to ensure our children grow and mature in their faith over the years. They are not merely ‘carers’, looking after the children while the adults do the serious stuff in church – they are moulding the hearts and faith of our children, whatever their age. Please keep them and the work they undertake in your prayers.**

### Messy Church

Messy Church offers a space for children and their families to explore Christian themes and stories through craft, story, song and interaction – and like any good church event we always end with food.

We have held Messy Church six times this year with lots of families attending from church, Tiddlywinks and St Andrew’s Preschool. We provide crafts, baking, painting and puzzles on a Biblical theme followed by a song and talk and then finishing either with a buffet tea, pizza or pancakes.

We have a games room in the top hall with table tennis, Jenga, snooker, plus older age crafts, for the 11+ age group. They can use both rooms as they wish and we have a lot of the older children who enjoy this. Many of them have been attending over the last ten years and still enjoy the atmosphere of Messy Church. We are grateful to the Messy Youth team for their involvement in this ministry.



We also provide crafts for the King George V Preschool harvest service and St Peter’s Junior School events.

We like to offer Advent Calendars to each child and Easter eggs too and we are grateful to those who help toward the cost of this. As we use the Meaningful Chocolate Company, they include booklets outlining the story, so it’s not just more chocolate. Any spares are shared with Tiddlywinks families.

Thank you to Joan, Fiona and Paul, Charlie and Ruth, Chris and Linsey, Ann and Bernie, Dave and Irene, Ann, Joy, Sue, Angie, and Jane, for all the help in preparing the crafts games and refreshments.

***Liz Eley and Joan Ditch***

## Messy Youth



Messy Youth currently meets at St Peter's Hub on a Sunday evening once a month and has established a pattern of meeting with a mix of games, refreshments, activities and talk centered on engaging with God's Story. Messy Youth began as an initiative to help young people in our Christian community to foster and develop their own faith, apart from their families. It is on this basis that the dedicated group have worked hard to connect with the youth. It isn't an easy task and requires all of us to commit to support this work so we can see God's kingdom grow amongst this age group. Anyone between the ages of 11-14 is welcome and if you know any young people who may be interested, again, please contact Iona in the church office for dates and Consent Forms.



***Helen Homes***

## Tiddlywinks

Tiddlywinks have a regular group of mums and grandmas who meet in St Peter's Hub on a Monday afternoon together with their children, where we enjoy playing with small world and construction toys, puzzles and games, and finish each session with songs and a story. There are also refreshments and opportunities to chat and share together. It's great to see some of our families coming to messy church and Christmas services. Thank you to Liz S, Fiona, Di and Irene for all your support.

***Liz Eley***

## Diddy Disciples, Sunday morning St Peter's creche room

Diddy Disciples helps our children under five to engage with God through story, play and prayer. The group has seen very regular attendance of two members and occasional attendance of three others. Each of these children have brought their own individual spark and liveliness to our sessions and to the Church Family.

Each meeting includes free play, an item in 'The Box' that introduces the week's special activity and biblical message, and concludes with prayers held in open hands and offered 'up' to God.



***Diddy Disciples***

Our aims are to know that God loves us and wants us to be his friends, to have fun, and to be confident members of the Church Family. We extend massive thanks to the Church Family for the generous and caring support offered to the Diddy Disciples and their families each week. We look forward to continuing in the year to come.

***Ruth Elston, Ann Lunn, Fiona Taylor***



## **Energise and Go! Sunday morning in St Peter's Hub**

### **Energise** (2nd and 4th Sundays)

With children aged from 5 to 15 we meet on a Sunday morning when the adults are in Church. Using storytelling, drama, crafts, puzzles, questions and games we share a Bible story with the children and young people, finishing with a game of hockey.

We use themes like relationships, bible characters and festivals.

### **Go** (3rd and 5th Sundays)

This is a Lego© themed session and the children hear a story, think about what it means and create their response to the story using Lego. It's a great way to engage with the story and it helps them to remember what they have heard.

Thank you to Richard, Joy and Ann plus others for being on the teams and all the work you do.



**Liz Eley**

### **Children in Church**

The first Sunday of the month is always All Age Worship to ensure the children have some experience of worshipping with their families and not just learning and praying separately. We are grateful to the All Age Team who work so hard to compile the services.

However, most Sundays they start over in the Hub and when they return to church there is usually space to feedback to the congregation about what they have been doing. The children always enjoy coming back into church and sharing what they have made, plus the wider congregation love to see the children in church and their families. The final worship song is now usually dubbed 'the flag song' and the children worship with the flags, offering a wider expression of our corporate engagement and is enjoyed by adults and children alike.



**Alicia Dring**

### Hot Choc and Toast

This is an afterschool ministry based at St Andrew's Hub for young people from Y7 to Y9 from Derby Moor Academy, meeting on a Wednesday on a fortnightly basis.



As the name suggests we offer hot chocolate and toast as well as a warm welcome, games and conversation. We are regularly greeting between 35-40 young people at and it is in the small conversations about our faith; about why we are there; about taking away a Bible to read that we realize the Lord is blessing the work. It has become well established and we see regular faces coming along.

**Deidre Cheetham**

### Wellbeing Wanderers at Littleover Community school

Led by our colleagues at Littleover Methodist Church, St Peter's supports the midday chaplaincy team at Littleover Community School (LCS) on Pastures Hill. LCS is a large senior school gathering pupils from all over the city and reflecting many different faiths. The pastoral team comprises people from a number of churches, known as 'Wellbeing Wanderers' they literally wander around the school playground at lunch time, chatting to the students.



The idea is to support the students with their wellbeing, to make conversation, to build relationships and to give them an opportunity to talk if they want to. This initiative is part of the safeguarding function within the school and covers all school years.

Feedback has been very good and, because it has now been in place for over a year, the 'Wellbeing Wanderers' have been able to support start and end of school terms/years, exams and all the changes that those instances bring.

'Wellbeing Wanderers' is also an all-weather affair because the students often choose to spend their lunch break outside whatever the weather!

**Julie Scott**

### Easter Egg hunt with St Peter's PTFA

We welcomed around 50 children and parents to church for a PTFA connected event, where we re-told the Easter story using a hunt around church for related artifacts. It was well received and a joyful occasion

### Derby Moor visit Year 7 visit

This is a regular visit each year to help the children explore the building and what Christianity is all about. Along with the staff the young people spend time looking around church and answering a quiz/questionnaire. Thank you to everyone who supported and spent time talking with the children.

**Deidre Cheetham**

Please pray for God's kingdom to come in the lives of our children, youth and families.

***Jesus said that the kingdom of Heaven belongs to our children – they are significant and important to God and our church family.***

## Communications

How we talk about the work and life of St Peter's is important – not only that it reflects who we are but is also welcoming, informative and easy to use.



The new logos for our three buildings are now in use and we have rolled these out into the new website, new print material and new signage. The communications team is also available to support other groups across the church with any communications needs they may have.

### New website

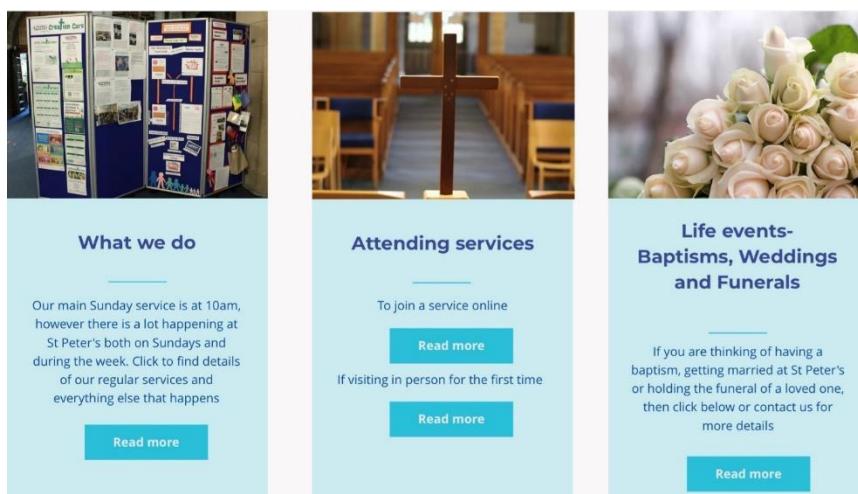
St Peter's resident Tech Master Jon Russell built a new website during 2024 with plenty of new photographs and an easy to use format.

Carrying the new logo we hope the refreshed copy and style will be more representative of St Peter's post Covid.



Seasonal material is also included to include events and major festivals. Copies of Interlink and Keyhole magazine are also available in electronic form.

The website also includes easy to use links to access Sunday morning worship through either Zoom, or the online streaming service Twitch. Attendance on the internet is now included in our service attendance figures and we are usually welcoming 12-20 people each week. For some it's a good way to see if St Peter's will suit them before attending in person.





## A Church Near You

The Church of England operates a website to offer information for every church in the country and St Peter's is no exception. This means that people can find information easily through the national format, especially important for couples wanting to get married so they can find out easily the name and location of their local church.



We are very grateful to Peter Vincent for keeping our profile on A Church Near You up to date.

## New signage

Four new signs were put in place towards the end of 2024 (two at St Peter's Church).



## Keyhole Magazine

This monthly magazine has continued to preview and advertise forthcoming events as well as report on activities afterwards, usually with plenty of photographs. This has primarily been written by Alicia but it is hoped in 2025 that the writing and compilation can be shared across the team, offering a wider variety of 'voices' and sharing the work. If you have an idea for the magazine or would like to make a regular contribution please get in touch.

## Creation Care



**Creation Care is the last of mission teams, aligning with the national Fifth Mark of Mission to safeguard and protect**

**God's creation.** Though our group is small, our commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship remains strong, working alongside others in the church to keep care for creation at the forefront of our Church's agenda.



In 2024, we proudly supported Littleover's Great Big Green Week, a nationwide celebration of community-led action against climate change and to promote sustainability. As part of this initiative, St Peter's hosted its first-ever clothes Swishing Event, encouraging the swapping of quality clothes to reduce waste; and displayed an inspiring school art competition, highlighting themes of creation and environmental awareness.

Regular litter picks took place within Littleover and Blagreaves, and we continued our efforts to recycle pill strips whenever possible.

To minimise waste, we introduced communal church Easter and Christmas cards, encouraging members to share greetings collectively rather than using individual cards, many of which cannot be recycled. We also partnered with St Peter's School to promote the reuse of old school uniforms, helping families reduce textile waste and support sustainable practices within the community.

We developed a churchyard plan to promote biodiversity, introduced wildlife monitoring; and educated both children and adults at St Peter's Street Fair about soft plastic recycling at supermarkets.

Additionally, our team facilitated a bird nest box building session, offering boxes to church members, and installing three in the churchyard—alongside newly placed hedgehog boxes.

In October, we partnered with Hannah Fields Community Garden to hold an Outdoor Harvest Festival, an extraordinary opportunity to take worship beyond the church walls—celebrating faith, gratitude, and our shared responsibility for God's creation within the wider community.

Through each of these initiatives, Creation Care remains at the heart of St Peter's mission, ensuring environmental consciousness thrives within our church and beyond.

***Ali Marsh-Davies***

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Parishioners of the Parish of St Peter's**  
**Littleover & Blagreaves held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Revd Alicia Dring, Ruth Allen, Jenifer Baines, David Barker, Jennifer Bell, Doreen Bird, John Bird, Bernie Burton, Deidre Cheetham, Paul Cheetham, Julia Cross, Philip Cross, Leslie Dickinson, Carole Dickinson, Jennifer Downing, Steve Dring, Lesley Edwards, Phil Eley, Liz Eley, Charles Elston, David Elston, Linda Elston, Ruth Elston, Michael Furniss, Julia Furniss, Janet Guy, David Hargreaves, Irene Hargreaves, Tiffany Hey, Jane Hughes, Janette Jackson, Linsey Jones, Christopher Jones, Aubrey Learman, Diane Learman, Alison Marsh-Davies, Peter Maybury, Heather Newstead, Helene Roe, Angie Rollinson, Jonathan Russell, Julie Scott, Janet Sparey, Margit Staehr, Joy Stanwell, Elizabeth Stephenson, Fiona Taylor, Ann Vincent, Peter Vincent, Richard Whitehorn, Rachel Whitehorn, Christopher Woodhams, Jacqueline Woodhams, Revd Emma Mallord, Revd Jason Kennedy, Jenny Cooper, Jim Britland (on zoom), Sally Britland (on zoom).

**Opening Prayer and Worship**

Emma Mallord read from John 10: 22-30

Jason Kennedy led the prayers including the Lord's prayer.

Alicia Dring chaired the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Bill Browne, Maggie Browne, Margaret Ditchfield, Neville Ditchfield, Roger Hey, Robin Wood, Janet Edwards, Michael Edwards, Michael King, Hana King, Penny Halfpenny, Sarah Sherrington, Les Allen, Christine Taylor
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting (1 January 2023 Vestry Meeting Section)**

The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.  
Proposed by Chris Jones and Seconded by Chris Woodhams.  
Passed and signed by Revd Alicia Dring.

**3. Election of Churchwardens**

Alicia explained the rules of voting and that she would like to thank Jim and Chris for a year of faithful and hardworking service. She went on to say we have been blessed by your organisation and dedication. Please can we show our appreciation. Jim has reached the end of his six years as warden and is stepping down. He isn't a man who likes any fuss and so he and Sally are not here in person but on zoom. We have already gifted him some amazon vouchers and a card and he said this:

*'It is with mixed feelings that I step down from my role as Church warden after six years. In that time, we, as a church, have dealt with a pandemic, which despite checking several times, was not covered in the church warden handbook. I have been privileged to serve in this role and I hope have carried out my duties with good humour and professionalism. I would like to thank everybody who has supported me in all aspects of my role.*

*It is almost wrong to mention anybody specifically but forgive me a little bit if I mention Sal who has been very supportive and patient with my disappearing acts over the years, and Chris who puts a tremendous amount of behind the scenes work into the buildings.*

*I will miss the role, but relish the freedom to spend time out with Sal and get away more often, Oh and play with my motorbikes.*

*Thank you for my leaving gift which has been invested in a new MIG welding set.*

*Thank you, Jim.'*



Alicia then said that she is delighted to announce that we have two people offering to stand as warden, Chris Jones and Helene Roe.

She explained that no further nominations have been received in advance of this meeting, which is the required protocol, and asked if anyone had a question for Chris or Helene. There were no questions. The elections then took place:

Chris Jones	Proposed: Jim Britland	Seconded: Sally Britland
Helene Roe	Proposed: Jim Britland	Seconded: Sally Britland

**Both were elected unanimously.**

The Vestry Meeting then closed and the APCM commenced.

### **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of Church Electors of the Parish of St Peter's Littleover & Blagreaves 24 April 2024**

**Present:** Revd Alicia Dring, Ruth Allen, Jenifer Baines, David Barker, Jennifer Bell, Doreen Bird, John Bird, Bernie Burton, Deidre Cheetham, Paul Cheetham, Julia Cross, Philip Cross, Leslie Dickinson, Carole Dickinson, Jennifer Downing, Steve Dring, Lesley Edwards, Phil Eley, Liz Eley, Charles Elston, David Elston, Linda Elston, Ruth Elston, Michael Furniss, Julia Furniss, Janet Guy, David Hargreaves, Irene Hargreaves, Tiffany Hey, Jane Hughes, Janette Jackson, Linsey Jones, Christopher Jones, Aubrey Learman, Diane Learman, Alison Marsh-Davies, Peter Maybury, Heather Newstead, Helene Roe, Angie Rollinson, Jonathan Russell, Julie Scott, Janet Sparey, Margit Staehr, Joy Stanwell, Elizabeth Stephenson, Fiona Taylor, Ann Vincent, Peter Vincent, Richard Whitehorn, Rachel Whitehorn, Christopher Woodhams, Jacqueline Woodhams, Revd Emma Mallord, Revd Jason Kennedy, Jenny Cooper, Jim Britland (on zoom), Sally Britland (on zoom).

**Revd Alicia Dring chaired the meeting.** Alicia explained that we have now moved on to our Annual Church meeting and before we began this part of the meeting, she reminded us that we can **only** vote this evening if we are on the electoral roll or membership roll of the parish. Therefore, a handwritten label means you are not on the roll and so unable to vote.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Bill Browne, Maggie Browne, Margaret Ditchfield, Neville Ditchfield, Roger Hey, Robin Wood, Janet Edwards, Michael Edwards, Michael King, Hana King, Penny Halfpenny, Sarah Sherrington, Les Allen, Christine Taylor

#### **2. Minutes of previous meeting (1 January 2023 and 26 April 2023)**

These are at the back of the published report. We have noted that the list of St Andrew's congregation was not included in the 1 January minutes – that's because there were two separate lists. Please accept our apologies. If you are from St Andrew's and know for sure you were at that meeting, please let Julie know and she can amend the minutes. There were no other amendments or comments on these minutes. The minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. There was one abstention and everyone else voted in favour.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

None

#### **4. Electoral Roll Report – Jane Hughes**

Jane confirmed that as of the latest revision there are now 107 residents and 61 non-residents on the Electoral Roll making a total of 168.

The new roll is due in 2025.

Jane Hughes proposed that the Electoral Roll be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded: Julia Cross. Passed unanimously.

On behalf of us all, Alicia thanked Jane for her time of service in keeping this roll. It's a crucial part of monitoring our life here – thank you.

Jane confirmed that she is happy to remain in the role.

#### **5. Election of Churchwarden Results**

Helene Roe and Chris Jones were duly elected as Churchwarden for the coming year at the Vestry Meeting.

#### **6. Elections to the PCC and Deanery Synod**

**PCC** - Alicia gave our thanks to Robin Wood and Jeni Baines for their service to us as they have now completed their terms of office.

Jeni particularly has been involved with the PCC in a variety of roles for nearly 30 years – including church warden, deanery synod, PCC and standing committee. In recognition of such long and faithful service Jeni was presented with some flowers.

**We have 6 PCC member vacancies, 1 for one year, 2 for two years and 3 for three years.**

Ali Marsh-Davies has been proposed by Julia Cross and seconded by Peter Maybury.

All voted in favour of electing Ali Marsh- Davies to the PCC. Term of office TBC.

There were no further nominations.

**Deanery Synod – Alicia confirmed that there are 3 vacancies.** Our current rep on Deanery Synod is Ann Vincent and we have received a nomination form from Peter Vincent who has been proposed by Bernhard Burton and seconded by Charles Elston. All voted in favour of electing Peter Vincent to the Deanery Synod.

There were no further nominations.

**Sidesmen/women** – no longer needed to approve, however Alicia expressed her thanks for the work done by the welcome teams and sides-people across our services. We are not presenting a list this year, but Alicia asked us to join with her to show our appreciation to the welcome team and duty wardens.

Alicia encouraged everyone to pray about joining the PCC or Deanery Synod.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report – Lesley Edwards**

Lesley discussed her report which is shown in the Annual Report document for 2023 and the accounts which are reported in an additional supplement to the report. This is her first year as Treasurer and she is very thankful for the support she has received and gave a particular mention to the finance team who work really hard behind the scenes. Lesley also said that we have received a thankyou from Bishop Libby for our Common Fund contribution. Bishop Libby used 1 Timothy 6:17-19 to express her thanks and Lesley read this to us:

'Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.'

There were no questions.

Lesley then proposed that the 2023 accounts be accepted and Michael Furniss seconded this.

There was one abstention and everyone else voted in favour.

Alicia thanked all involved for their work, time and efforts.

## **8. Reviewing Reports**

There were no questions. Alicia expressed her thanks to all and in particular Phil Eley who is standing back from leading the Worship Group and Chris Woodhams who has handed over his Gift Aid duties. To show our appreciation, Phil was presented with some flowers and Chris was presented with a Rose for the garden.

## **9. Election Results**

As above in Sections 5 and 6.

## **10. Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adult Procedures**

The report was published in the Annual Report.

Margit Staehr and Heather Newstead are managing this together. Margit responsible for Children and Young People and Heather Vulnerable Adults.

Margit thanked everyone for their attitude to safeguarding and their awareness of its importance.

There were no questions and both Margit and Heather said they were happy to continue in their roles.

Alicia thanked them both.

No questions.

## **11. Chair's Report and Vision – Alicia**

2023 saw a great deal of change for us as a parish and myself as incumbent.

First, on the first of January we became the new parish of Littleover & Blagreaves – combining the congregations of our churches – which, to be fair we had done throughout Covid. But this was a more formal basis, bringing our finances and building responsibilities all together.

It wasn't without its challenges, which still occasionally bite us on the bottom, but we are mostly managing to sort everything out along the way.

Emma joined us in the summer and in September Jason became a paid member of the team and he and I were also licensed to Findern Parish. Emma will officially become curate there at her priesting at the end of June. We also said farewell to Rachael as she moved to the other side of the city to work alongside Sarah Watson in Allestree, Quarndon and Darley Abbey.

It was also a year where we said goodbye to some longstanding brothers and sisters in Christ. You will have seen them listed in the report. Let us stand for a moment to hear their names and to remember them. Alicia then read out the names of those who had died in 2023. This was followed by a minute of silence.

*Thank you, Lord for the love and faithfulness shared by those we remember – we commit them to your care and pray for your comfort in our loss. AMEN*

I continued to serve at General Synod which takes me away from the parish at least three times a year – often to sit in long and sometimes volatile debates about the future of the Church of England – it's a tough job but someone has got to do it.

The primary joy of the year has been to see the flourishing of our Mission Action Teams – looking to Outward Focus, Community Engagement, Children and Families, Communication and Creation Care. We are really getting into our stride, particularly with the challenge of how we tackle projects together, rather than just doing things in isolation. This will continue, I hope, to be an area where we see God working ahead of us.

And finally, the Living in Love and Faith project will soon need us to make a decision as a parish – do we as a church, and as a leadership, want to permit same sex prayers of love and faith take place in this building? These are not prayers of blessing, as some have thought, the Anglican Church is too firmly stuck to the fence at the moment for that – but they **are** an opportunity for those who wish to bring their relationship before God, to do that in a local church.

However, both the clergy AND the church need to be willing for this to happen. And so, this will require us to talk and pray and share together. We will each have our own thoughts on the matter and I do not want it to be a subject of division for us – so to do that we need to listen with care, to respect one another's position and to not let the outcome – whatever that might be – steal us away from commitment to our church family. The only one who wants this subject to sow division is the enemy of Christ – and this isn't their church.

When I was at Sawley, all those years ago – you were either a Derby fan or a Forest fan – I was a Derby fan, my churchwarden a Forest season ticket holder. We respected one another. This is my desire in this area – we will not all agree. That's fine. God's church is diverse and welcoming to a huge range of theological interpretation and the Church of England sits on a very stretchy piece of elastic. There is more that unites us than divides us. Please keep this in your prayers – ask God to speak to you.

And finally, a huge thank you to all of you. Without you and all the time and energy and expertise you give for free, day after day – St Peter's would not be the church family we have today. One that welcomes the stranger, provides refuge and safety for those who are hurting, and space for each of us to be ourselves. How can you share St Peter's with others?

- Could you invite an elderly neighbour who might be lonely to join our lunch club?
- Or a young parent to Tiddlywinks?
- A monosyllabic teenager who doesn't know how to manage life to Messy Youth?
- Or a new church member to your home group?

There are plenty of opportunities – even if its just come along on a Sunday or Wednesday – everyone is welcome.

And finally, I would like to thank the staff team – including Iona, who is the most efficient person I know and rarely gets a mention, to our readers Carole and Paul, and soon to be Anne. To our retired colleagues David and Jenny. To Jim and Chris, to Julie, the Finance team and the wider PCC – you make things so much easier.

And last but by no means least, I'd like to thank Steve – always smiling, always helpful, always encouraging – I'm so glad that we promised to be our always 11 years ago next week – I really couldn't do any of this without you. Thank you

**12. Any Other Business** – Chris Jones, on behalf of the congregation, thanked Alicia and also Steve for all they mean and do for us.

Alicia responded to a question about support and safeguards for those locking/unlocking church buildings on their own. She explained that we do have a lone working policy and if anyone does have particular concerns then she would encourage them to ask for help.

**13. Date of Next APCM Meeting – 30 April 2025.** This is slightly later because Easter is later in the calendar in 2025.

All members of the new and present PCC were invited to a short meeting following the APCM to elect a Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and members of the Standing Committee.



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LITTLEOVER AND BLAGREAVES**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Aims and purposes**

The primary objective of St Peter's, Littleover and Blagreaves Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

St Peter's, Littleover and Blagreaves PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Alicia Dring, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Parish Church of Littleover, St Peter, the St Peter's Community Hub and the St Andrew's Community Hub.

**Objectives and activities**

Working with the Incumbent and staff team, the PCC is committed to serving the people of Littleover through various pastoral and missional initiatives as well as regular worship. While worship is the responsibility of the Incumbent, the outworking of our services through prayer, sharing Scripture, preaching, music and sacrament is shared with the PCC and wider church..

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- " Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- " Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- " Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Parish Church of Littleover, St Peter, the St Peter's Community Hub and the St Andrew's Community Hub.

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**ACHIEVMENT AND PERFORMANCE**  
Church Attendance St Peter's in 2024

<b>Sunday Services</b> Average over four consecutive weeks in October 2023	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>Evening Service</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	
Communicants	80 (76)		
Total Attendees inc children	105 (90)	25 (24)	
<b>Wednesday Services</b> Average over random four consecutive weeks	<b>Holy Communion</b>		
Holy Communion	27 (30)		
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Easter Sunday 2024</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>10am</b>	
Communicants	12 (12)	142 (142)	
Total Attendees inc children	12 (12)	160 (154)	
<b>Christmas Eve 2024</b>	<b>Christingle</b> <b>3pm</b>	<b>Christingle</b> <b>5pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>11.15pm</b>
Communicants			35 (52)
Total Attendees inc children	230 (332)	176 (220)	45 (55)
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Christmas Day 2024</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>10am</b>	
Communicants	20 (18)	66 (68)	
Total Attendees	22 (19)	84 (73)	

\* The 10am Sunday Services generally alternate between Holy Communion and Morning Worship/All Age  
(XX) Figures in brackets are for the year 2023

**Other Services held at St Peter's during 2024**

Baptisms: <i>during the 10am Sunday Service</i>	5	(3)
Funerals/memorial	25	(33)
Interment of Ashes	6	(19)
Weddings	4	(2)
St Peter's School Services	6	(6)

**Electoral Roll 2024**

107 resident in the parish and 61 live outside of the parish = 168 total roll

**Electoral Roll from April 2025**

97 resident in the parish and 55 live outside of the parish = 152 total roll

Further information may be found in the reports from Church Officers and organisations circulated with this Report and Accounts.



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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Overview of Financial Performance**

I would like to start this year's report by thanking Lesley Edwards who was treasurer until the start of October 2024, for her dedication, hard work and financial expertise, we are certainly missing her!

The examined PCC accounts for 2024 record a surplus of income over expenditure of just over £350,000, and show over £540,000 in cash deposits, which is a truly amazing position to be in.

As a result of the receipt of the Ashmore Bequest (see below) our income exceeded the threshold for the use of Receipts and Payments accounts, and therefore the accounts have had to be prepared on the Accruals basis. The comparative figures for 2023 have been restated to this basis and are not directly comparable with the published Receipts and Payments Accounts for 2023.

The PCC's underlying financial performance was generally stable in 2024, thanks to the generosity of our congregation and their regular giving of £102,122. We also had donations and collections (including Gift Aid claims) of £30,376.

A significant portion of our expenditure, £66,744 was paid to the Diocese for the Common Fund, which was met in full for 2024. The PCC allocated £40,000 to replace the kitchen in St Peter's Community Hub, and spent £12,000 replacing the water supply pipe to Church.

The PCC allocates budgets for giving to charities and for outreach and mission, spending over £16,000 in 2024 on specific donations and projects.

During the year we received notification of a bequest under the terms of a will that was due to the PCC, and first we need to record our grateful thanks to God for the extraordinary generosity of the donor.

The 'Ashmore Bequest' has been specifically given to "facilitate the Church in its activities, social and missional and to ensure the whole of the community has suitable access and transport when required" We have received an interim payment so far in October of £375,000. The remaining funds will be received when the estate is finally wound up following the sale of a property.

The PCC took immediate steps to improve "access and transport" where needed, by opening a taxi account with Chads Cars and advertising it's availability.

A small group has been established by the PCC to look at what this bequest could and should be used for, and equally what it could not and should not be used for. This small group will meet in 2025 and report to the PCC with recommendations for decisions to be made.

Finally, can I record my thanks by giving a big shout out to Iona who deals with all of our bills, cash, banking and basic financial record keeping, she is doing an amazing job! Also, my thanks to our new Independent Examiners who the PCC appointed in 2024 Johnson Tidsall Limited

**Reserves policy**

Three months operational expenditure is to be held equating to £42,500, to be reviewed annually. There is currently £173,915 held in the general unrestricted reserves.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) became a registered charity with the Charity Commission on 2 December 2009. (Registered Charity Number 1133061). The PCC governing document is "The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) measure 1956 as amended" and the Church Representation Rules, contained in schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The method of appointment of PCC members/trustees is set out in the Church Representative Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

St Peter's Church is situated in Church Street, Littleover, Derby. St Peter's Community Hub is situated on Normanton Lane Littleover Derby and St Andrew's Community Hub is situated in Blagreaves Lane, Blagreaves, Derby. The Charity's working name with effect from 1st January 2023 is St Peter's, Littleover and Blagreaves PCC.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**  
1133061

**Principal address**  
St Peter's Church  
Church Street  
Littleover  
DERBY  
DE23 6GF

**Trustees**

**Trustees who have served from 1 January 2024 until the date this report was approved**

Revd A Dring	Vicar and Chair
Revd J Kennedy	Associate Minister
Revd E Mallord	Curate
C Jones	Churchwarden
J Britland	Churchwarden (until 24 April 2024)
H Roe	Elected member to 24 April 2024
	Churchwarden (from 24 April 2024)
J Scott	PCC Secretary
L Edwards	Treasurer (until 1 October 2024)
J Baines	until 24 April 2024
J Bird	
C Elston	
A Marsh-Davies	from 24 April 2024
H Newstead	
M Staehr	Safeguarding Officer
P Vincent	Member of the Diocesan Synod
	Member of the Deanery Synod (from 24 April 2024)
A Vincent	member of the Deanery Synod
R Wood	until 24 April 2024

**Independent Examiner**

David Mellor FCA  
Johnson Tidsall Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
81 Burton Road  
Derby  
Derbyshire  
DE1 1TJ

**Bankers**

Barclays Bank plc  
22-26 St Peters Street  
Derby  
DE1 1SH

CCLA Investment Management Limited  
One Angel Lane  
London  
EC4R 3AB

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Rev'd A Dring - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter's Littleover and Blagreaves**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter's Littleover and Blagreaves (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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



David Mellor FCA

Johnson Tidsall Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
81 Burton Road  
Derby  
Derbyshire  
DE1 1TJ

Date: 8 APRIL 2025

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	134,692	375,000	509,692	151,496
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Church activities		16,471	5,815	22,286	24,133
Investment income	3	6,500	653	7,153	3,777
Other income		34,746	-	34,746	71,525
<b>Total</b>		<u>192,409</u>	<u>381,468</u>	<u>573,877</u>	<u>250,931</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Church activities		215,950	8,019	223,969	187,490
Other		-	-	-	115
<b>Total</b>		<u>215,950</u>	<u>8,019</u>	<u>223,969</u>	<u>187,605</u>
Net gains on investments		199	-	199	746
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(23,342)</u>	<u>373,449</u>	<u>350,107</u>	<u>64,072</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		197,257	7,934	205,191	141,119
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>173,915</u>	<u>381,383</u>	<u>555,298</u>	<u>205,191</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

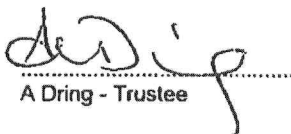


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**BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	11	8,879	-	8,879	8,680
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	12	7,614	-	7,614	6,436
Cash at bank and in hand		159,993	381,383	541,376	192,800
		<u>167,607</u>	<u>381,383</u>	<u>548,990</u>	<u>199,236</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,571)	-	(2,571)	(2,725)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>165,036</u>	<u>381,383</u>	<u>546,419</u>	<u>196,511</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>173,915</u>	<u>381,383</u>	<u>555,298</u>	<u>205,191</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>173,915</u>	<u>381,383</u>	<u>555,298</u>	<u>205,191</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	14				
Unrestricted funds				173,915	197,257
Restricted funds				<u>381,383</u>	<u>7,934</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>555,298</u>	<u>205,191</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10 MARCH 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
A Dring - Trustee

  
H Roe - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	341,622	59,896
Net cash provided by operating activities		341,622	59,896
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(199)	(746)
Interest received		7,153	3,777
Net cash provided by investing activities		6,954	3,031
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		348,576	62,927
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		192,800	129,873
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		541,376	192,800

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**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>350,107</b>	<b>64,072</b>
Adjustments for:		
Gain on investments	<b>(199)</b>	<b>(746)</b>
Interest received	<b>(7,153)</b>	<b>(3,777)</b>
Movement in investment	<b>199</b>	<b>746</b>
Increase in debtors	<b>(1,178)</b>	<b>(514)</b>
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<b>(154)</b>	<b>115</b>
Net cash provided by operations	<b>341,622</b>	<b>59,896</b>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	<b>At 1/1/24</b>	<b>Cash flow</b>	<b>At 31/12/24</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>192,800</b>	<b>348,576</b>	<b>541,376</b>
	<b>192,800</b>	<b>348,576</b>	<b>541,376</b>
Total	<b>192,800</b>	<b>348,576</b>	<b>541,376</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have received the funds or have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income relates to bank deposit accounts and is recognised when received.

Tax recoverable for the year on covenanted and gift aid donations is included in the income and expenditure account on an accruals basis.

**Grants**

Income from grants is recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Debtors**

Other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due less any discount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Irrecoverable VAT**

The PCC is not registered for VAT and all irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

**Creditors**

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

The Parochial Church Council has both unrestricted and restricted funds.

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

Restricted funds relate to donations and grants which are specified for a particular purpose. Income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when received. The relevant expenditure is then matched as restricted expenditure.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Legacies	377,000	1,000
Gift aid	92,194	100,031
Non gift aid	10,122	11,000
Income tax recoverable on gift aid	23,670	28,118
Collections (open plate) at all services	3,481	2,849
Sundry donations	3,225	8,498
	<u>509,692</u>	<u>151,496</u>

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	6,912	3,540
Dividends and interest	241	237
	<u>7,153</u>	<u>3,777</u>

**4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Activity	2024	2023
		£	£
Parish magazine	Church activities	825	607
Fees	Church activities	4,432	8,546
Sundry	Church activities	8,106	6,378
Lunch club	Church activities	5,815	5,576
Crossed keys cafe	Church activities	3,108	3,026
		<u>22,286</u>	<u>24,133</u>



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**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Church activities	<u>191,565</u>	<u>8,582</u>	<u>23,822</u>	<u>223,969</u>

**6. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	2024 £	2023 £
Church activities	<u>8,582</u>	<u>9,286</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Home missions and other church societies	<u>8,321</u>	<u>9,076</u>
Grants to secular charities	<u>261</u>	<u>210</u>
	<u>8,582</u>	<u>9,286</u>

**7. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Church activities	<u>21,417</u>	<u>2,405</u>	<u>23,822</u>

**8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

Expenses incurred during the year totalling £1,938 (2023:£766) were reimbursed to 4 trustees (2023:4) of the Parochial Church Council.

**9. STAFF COSTS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	<u>18,506</u>	<u>15,403</u>
	<u>18,506</u>	<u>15,403</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Number of staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The number of full time equivalent staff was 1 (2023: 1).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	150,581	915	151,496
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Church activities	18,557	5,576	24,133
Investment income	3,594	183	3,777
Other income	71,525	-	71,525
<b>Total</b>	<b>244,257</b>	<b>6,674</b>	<b>250,931</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Church activities	181,270	6,220	187,490
Other	115	-	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>181,385</b>	<b>6,220</b>	<b>187,605</b>
Net gains on investments	746	-	746
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>63,618</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>64,072</b>
Transfers between funds	52	(52)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>63,670</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>64,072</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	133,587	7,532	141,119
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>197,257</b>	<b>7,934</b>	<b>205,191</b>

**11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Other	8,879	8,680

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Investments (neither listed nor unlisted) were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
CCLA Fund	8,879	8,680

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	5,570	6,227
Prepayments and accrued income	2,044	209
	<u>7,614</u>	<u>6,436</u>

**13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>2,571</u>	<u>2,725</u>

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/1/24	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31/12/24
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	98,428	(24,955)	3,032	76,505
Ashes digging	3,390	33	(3,032)	391
St Andrew's building reserve	29,770	1,580	-	31,350
Recreate	112	-	-	112
Capital fund	65,557	-	-	65,557
	<u>197,257</u>	<u>(23,342)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,915</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Legacy - Mrs Pilling	5,560	(470)	-	5,090
Tiddlywinks	214	(86)	-	128
Lunch Club	892	(491)	-	401
Churches together	938	(534)	-	404
Other funds	330	(330)	-	-
Ashmore bequest	-	375,360	-	375,360
	<u>7,934</u>	<u>373,449</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>381,383</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>205,191</u>	<u>350,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>555,298</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER'S  
LITTLEOVER AND BLAGREAVES**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	190,244	(215,398)	199	(24,955)
Ashes digging	585	(552)	-	33
St Andrew's building reserve	1,580	-	-	1,580
	<u>192,409</u>	<u>(215,950)</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>(23,342)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Legacy - Mrs Pilling	283	(753)	-	(470)
Tiddlywinks	-	(86)	-	(86)
Lunch Club	5,815	(6,306)	-	(491)
Churches together	10	(544)	-	(534)
Other funds	-	(330)	-	(330)
Ashmore bequest	375,360	-	-	375,360
	<u>381,468</u>	<u>(8,019)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>373,449</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>573,877</u>	<u>(223,969)</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>350,107</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	60,516	68,943	52	129,511
Ashes digging	1,442	20	-	1,462
Chair fund	6,072	(6,072)	-	-
St Andrew's building reserve	-	565	-	565
Recreate	-	162	-	162
Capital fund	65,557	-	-	65,557
	<u>133,587</u>	<u>63,618</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>197,257</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Legacy - Mrs Pilling	5,387	173	-	5,560
Tiddlywinks	171	43	-	214
Lunch Club	725	167	-	892
Churches together	1,197	(259)	-	938
Other funds	52	330	(52)	330
	<u>7,532</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>(52)</u>	<u>7,934</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>141,119</u>	<u>64,072</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205,191</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	243,159	(174,962)	746	68,943
Ashes digging	20	-	-	20
Chair fund	13	(6,085)	-	(6,072)
St Andrew's building reserve	565	-	-	565
Recreate	500	(338)	-	162
	<u>244,257</u>	<u>(181,385)</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>63,618</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Legacy - Mrs Pilling	173	-	-	173
Tiddlywinks	160	(117)	-	43
Lunch Club	5,576	(5,409)	-	167
Churches together	10	(269)	-	(259)
Other funds	755	(425)	-	330
	<u>6,674</u>	<u>(6,220)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>454</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>250,931</u>	<u>(187,605)</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>64,072</u>

**Restricted Funds**

Legacy Mrs Pilling - Restricted income to be kept for the upkeep of the Pilling Grave B245 for 99 years from 2004

Tiddlywinks - Groups for under 5's and parents who meet once a week.

Lunch Club - A weekly outreach meeting for older people to meet together and share a prepared lunch.

Churches Together - This fund was moved to St Peter's during lockdown for ease of management and with the consent of the church leaders. The fund Primarily pays for insurance and advertising for joint events at Christmas and Easter. An account of annual transactions is available for partner churches upon request. Including them in a restricted account within the parish accounts ensures transparency.

Ashmore Bequest - Restricted fund to facilitate the Church in its activities, social and missional and to ensure the whole of the community has suitable access and transport when required.

Other Funds - Funds held at the end of 2024 relate to a leaving gift.

**15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Legacies	377,000	1,000
Gift aid	92,194	100,031
Non gift aid	10,122	11,000
Income tax recoverable on gift aid	23,670	28,118
Collections (open plate) at all services	3,481	2,849
Sundry donations	3,225	8,498
	<b>509,692</b>	<b>151,496</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	6,912	3,540
Dividends and interest	241	237
	<b>7,153</b>	<b>3,777</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Parish magazine	825	607
Fees	4,432	8,546
Sundry	8,106	6,378
Lunch club	5,815	5,576
Crossed keys cafe	3,108	3,026
	<b>22,286</b>	<b>24,133</b>
<b>Other income</b>		
Community hubs lettings etc	34,746	36,620
Adverts - magazine	-	125
Transfer from previous PCC	-	34,780
	<b>34,746</b>	<b>71,525</b>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>573,877</b>	<b>250,931</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Sundries	8,433	12,163
Ministry: Diocesan common fund	66,744	75,710
Ministry: Clergy expenses	2,654	2,587
Church - running expenses	11,793	15,475
Church - maintenance and roof repairs	21,436	11,569
Upkeep of churchyard	2,067	7,036
Upkeep of services	4,762	3,713
Community hubs running costs	57,339	16,596
Education	-	1,928
Crossed keys expenses	1,340	1,307
Carried forward	<b>176,568</b>	<b>148,084</b>

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	176,568	148,084
Lunch club	6,306	5,409
Events	743	1,530
Mission action plan	4,872	-
Children's youth and school work	3,076	-
Grants to institutions	8,582	9,286
	<u>200,147</u>	<u>164,309</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
Management		
Wages	18,506	15,403
Rates and water	654	572
Postage and stationery	2,257	4,426
	<u>21,417</u>	<u>20,401</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy	2,405	2,895
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>223,969</u>	<u>187,605</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>349,908</u>	<u>63,326</u>

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024  
FOR  
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER'S  
LITTLEOVER AND BLAGREAVES**

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Aims and purposes**

The primary objective of St Peter's, Littleover and Blagreaves Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

St Peter's, Littleover and Blagreaves PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Alicia Dring, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Parish Church of Littleover, St Peter, the St Peter's Community Hub and the St Andrew's Community Hub.

**Objectives and activities**

Working with the Incumbent and staff team, the PCC is committed to serving the people of Littleover through various pastoral and missional initiatives as well as regular worship. While worship is the responsibility of the Incumbent, the outworking of our services through prayer, sharing Scripture, preaching, music and sacrament is shared with the PCC and wider church..

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- " Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- " Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- " Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Parish Church of Littleover, St Peter, the St Peter's Community Hub and the St Andrew's Community Hub.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**ACHIEVMENT AND PERFORMANCE**  
Church Attendance St Peter's in 2024

<b>Sunday Services</b> Average over four consecutive weeks in October 2023	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>Evening Service</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	
Communicants	80 (76)		
Total Attendees inc children	105 (90)	25 (24)	
<b>Wednesday Services</b> Average over random four consecutive weeks	<b>Holy Communion</b>		
Holy Communion	27 (30)		
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Easter Sunday 2024</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>10am</b>	
Communicants	12 (12)	142 (142)	
Total Attendees inc children	12 (12)	160 (154)	
<b>Christmas Eve 2024</b>	<b>Christingle</b> <b>3pm</b>	<b>Christingle</b> <b>5pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>11.15pm</b>
Communicants			35 (52)
Total Attendees inc children	230 (332)	176 (220)	45 (55)
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Christmas Day 2024</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>10am</b>	
Communicants	20 (18)	66 (68)	
Total Attendees	22 (19)	84 (73)	

\* The 10am Sunday Services generally alternate between Holy Communion and Morning Worship/All Age  
(XX) Figures in brackets are for the year 2023

**Other Services held at St Peter's during 2024**

Baptisms: <i>during the 10am Sunday Service</i>	5	(3)
Funerals/memorial	25	(33)
Interment of Ashes	6	(19)
Weddings	4	(2)
St Peter's School Services	6	(6)

**Electoral Roll 2024**

107 resident in the parish and 61 live outside of the parish = 168 total roll

**Electoral Roll from April 2025**

97 resident in the parish and 55 live outside of the parish = 152 total roll

Further information may be found in the reports from Church Officers and organisations circulated with this Report and Accounts.



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Overview of Financial Performance**

I would like to start this year's report by thanking Lesley Edwards who was treasurer until the start of October 2024, for her dedication, hard work and financial expertise, we are certainly missing her!

The examined PCC accounts for 2024 record a surplus of income over expenditure of just over £350,000, and show over £540,000 in cash deposits, which is a truly amazing position to be in.

As a result of the receipt of the Ashmore Bequest (see below) our income exceeded the threshold for the use of Receipts and Payments accounts, and therefore the accounts have had to be prepared on the Accruals basis. The comparative figures for 2023 have been restated to this basis and are not directly comparable with the published Receipts and Payments Accounts for 2023.

The PCC's underlying financial performance was generally stable in 2024, thanks to the generosity of our congregation and their regular giving of £102,122. We also had donations and collections (including Gift Aid claims) of £30,376.

A significant portion of our expenditure, £66,744 was paid to the Diocese for the Common Fund, which was met in full for 2024. The PCC allocated £40,000 to replace the kitchen in St Peter's Community Hub, and spent £12,000 replacing the water supply pipe to Church.

The PCC allocates budgets for giving to charities and for outreach and mission, spending over £16,000 in 2024 on specific donations and projects.

During the year we received notification of a bequest under the terms of a will that was due to the PCC, and first we need to record our grateful thanks to God for the extraordinary generosity of the donor.

The 'Ashmore Bequest' has been specifically given to "facilitate the Church in its activities, social and missional and to ensure the whole of the community has suitable access and transport when required" We have received an interim payment so far in October of £375,000. The remaining funds will be received when the estate is finally wound up following the sale of a property.

The PCC took immediate steps to improve "access and transport" where needed, by opening a taxi account with Chads Cars and advertising it's availability.

A small group has been established by the PCC to look at what this bequest could and should be used for, and equally what it could not and should not be used for. This small group will meet in 2025 and report to the PCC with recommendations for decisions to be made.

Finally, can I record my thanks by giving a big shout out to Iona who deals with all of our bills, cash, banking and basic financial record keeping, she is doing an amazing job! Also, my thanks to our new Independent Examiners who the PCC appointed in 2024 Johnson Tidsall Limited

**Reserves policy**

Three months operational expenditure is to be held equating to £42,500, to be reviewed annually. There is currently £173,915 held in the general unrestricted reserves.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) became a registered charity with the Charity Commission on 2 December 2009. (Registered Charity Number 1133061). The PCC governing document is "The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) measure 1956 as amended" and the Church Representation Rules, contained in schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The method of appointment of PCC members/trustees is set out in the Church Representative Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

St Peter's Church is situated in Church Street, Littleover, Derby. St Peter's Community Hub is situated on Normanton Lane Littleover Derby and St Andrew's Community Hub is situated in Blagreaves Lane, Blagreaves, Derby. The Charity's working name with effect from 1st January 2023 is St Peter's, Littleover and Blagreaves PCC.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**  
1133061

**Principal address**  
St Peter's Church  
Church Street  
Littleover  
DERBY  
DE23 6GF

**Trustees**

**Trustees who have served from 1 January 2024 until the date this report was approved**

Revd A Dring	Vicar and Chair
Revd J Kennedy	Associate Minister
Revd E Mallord	Curate
C Jones	Churchwarden
J Britland	Churchwarden (until 24 April 2024)
H Roe	Elected member to 24 April 2024
	Churchwarden (from 24 April 2024)
J Scott	PCC Secretary
L Edwards	Treasurer (until 1 October 2024)
J Baines	until 24 April 2024
J Bird	
C Elston	
A Marsh-Davies	from 24 April 2024
H Newstead	
M Staehr	Safeguarding Officer
P Vincent	Member of the Diocesan Synod
	Member of the Deanery Synod (from 24 April 2024)
A Vincent	member of the Deanery Synod
R Wood	until 24 April 2024

**Independent Examiner**

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Rev'd A Dring - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER'S  
LITTLEOVER AND BLAGREAVES**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter's Littleover and Blagreaves**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter's Littleover and Blagreaves (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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



David Mellor FCA

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Date: 8 APRIL 2025

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	134,692	375,000	509,692	151,496
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Church activities		16,471	5,815	22,286	24,133
Investment income	3	6,500	653	7,153	3,777
Other income		34,746	-	34,746	71,525
<b>Total</b>		<u>192,409</u>	<u>381,468</u>	<u>573,877</u>	<u>250,931</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Church activities		215,950	8,019	223,969	187,490
Other		-	-	-	115
<b>Total</b>		<u>215,950</u>	<u>8,019</u>	<u>223,969</u>	<u>187,605</u>
Net gains on investments		199	-	199	746
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(23,342)</u>	<u>373,449</u>	<u>350,107</u>	<u>64,072</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		197,257	7,934	205,191	141,119
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>173,915</u>	<u>381,383</u>	<u>555,298</u>	<u>205,191</u>

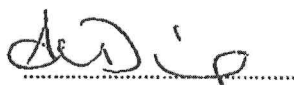
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
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**BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	11	8,879	-	8,879	8,680
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	12	7,614	-	7,614	6,436
Cash at bank and in hand		159,993	381,383	541,376	192,800
		<u>167,607</u>	<u>381,383</u>	<u>548,990</u>	<u>199,236</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,571)	-	(2,571)	(2,725)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>165,036</u>	<u>381,383</u>	<u>546,419</u>	<u>196,511</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>173,915</u>	<u>381,383</u>	<u>555,298</u>	<u>205,191</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>173,915</u>	<u>381,383</u>	<u>555,298</u>	<u>205,191</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	14				
Unrestricted funds				173,915	197,257
Restricted funds				<u>381,383</u>	<u>7,934</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>555,298</u>	<u>205,191</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10 MARCH 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
A Dring - Trustee

  
H Roe - Trustee

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	341,622	59,896
Net cash provided by operating activities		341,622	59,896
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(199)	(746)
Interest received		7,153	3,777
Net cash provided by investing activities		6,954	3,031
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		348,576	62,927
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		192,800	129,873
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		541,376	192,800

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**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>350,107</b>	<b>64,072</b>
Adjustments for:		
Gain on investments	<b>(199)</b>	<b>(746)</b>
Interest received	<b>(7,153)</b>	<b>(3,777)</b>
Movement in investment	<b>199</b>	<b>746</b>
Increase in debtors	<b>(1,178)</b>	<b>(514)</b>
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<b>(154)</b>	<b>115</b>
Net cash provided by operations	<b>341,622</b>	<b>59,896</b>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	<b>At 1/1/24</b>	<b>Cash flow</b>	<b>At 31/12/24</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>192,800</b>	<b>348,576</b>	<b>541,376</b>
	<b>192,800</b>	<b>348,576</b>	<b>541,376</b>
Total	<b>192,800</b>	<b>348,576</b>	<b>541,376</b>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have received the funds or have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income relates to bank deposit accounts and is recognised when received.

Tax recoverable for the year on covenanted and gift aid donations is included in the income and expenditure account on an accruals basis.

**Grants**

Income from grants is recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Debtors**

Other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due less any discount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Irrecoverable VAT**

The PCC is not registered for VAT and all irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

**Creditors**

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

The Parochial Church Council has both unrestricted and restricted funds.

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

Restricted funds relate to donations and grants which are specified for a particular purpose. Income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when received. The relevant expenditure is then matched as restricted expenditure.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Legacies	377,000	1,000
Gift aid	92,194	100,031
Non gift aid	10,122	11,000
Income tax recoverable on gift aid	23,670	28,118
Collections (open plate) at all services	3,481	2,849
Sundry donations	3,225	8,498
	<u>509,692</u>	<u>151,496</u>

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	6,912	3,540
Dividends and interest	241	237
	<u>7,153</u>	<u>3,777</u>

**4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Activity	2024	2023
		£	£
Parish magazine	Church activities	825	607
Fees	Church activities	4,432	8,546
Sundry	Church activities	8,106	6,378
Lunch club	Church activities	5,815	5,576
Crossed keys cafe	Church activities	3,108	3,026
		<u>22,286</u>	<u>24,133</u>

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**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Church activities	<u>191,565</u>	<u>8,582</u>	<u>23,822</u>	<u>223,969</u>

**6. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	2024 £	2023 £
Church activities	<u>8,582</u>	<u>9,286</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Home missions and other church societies	<u>8,321</u>	<u>9,076</u>
Grants to secular charities	<u>261</u>	<u>210</u>
	<u>8,582</u>	<u>9,286</u>

**7. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Church activities	<u>21,417</u>	<u>2,405</u>	<u>23,822</u>

**8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

Expenses incurred during the year totalling £1,938 (2023:£766) were reimbursed to 4 trustees (2023:4) of the Parochial Church Council.

**9. STAFF COSTS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	<u>18,506</u>	<u>15,403</u>
	<u>18,506</u>	<u>15,403</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Number of staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The number of full time equivalent staff was 1 (2023: 1).

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**10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	150,581	915	151,496
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Church activities	18,557	5,576	24,133
Investment income	3,594	183	3,777
Other income	71,525	-	71,525
<b>Total</b>	<b>244,257</b>	<b>6,674</b>	<b>250,931</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Church activities	181,270	6,220	187,490
Other	115	-	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>181,385</b>	<b>6,220</b>	<b>187,605</b>
Net gains on investments	746	-	746
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>63,618</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>64,072</b>
Transfers between funds	52	(52)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>63,670</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>64,072</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	133,587	7,532	141,119
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>197,257</b>	<b>7,934</b>	<b>205,191</b>

**11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Other	8,879	8,680

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Investments (neither listed nor unlisted) were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
CCLA Fund	8,879	8,680



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**12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	5,570	6,227
Prepayments and accrued income	2,044	209
	<u>7,614</u>	<u>6,436</u>

**13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>2,571</u>	<u>2,725</u>

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/1/24	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31/12/24
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	98,428	(24,955)	3,032	76,505
Ashes digging	3,390	33	(3,032)	391
St Andrew's building reserve	29,770	1,580	-	31,350
Recreate	112	-	-	112
Capital fund	65,557	-	-	65,557
	<u>197,257</u>	<u>(23,342)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,915</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Legacy - Mrs Pilling	5,560	(470)	-	5,090
Tiddlywinks	214	(86)	-	128
Lunch Club	892	(491)	-	401
Churches together	938	(534)	-	404
Other funds	330	(330)	-	-
Ashmore bequest	-	375,360	-	375,360
	<u>7,934</u>	<u>373,449</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>381,383</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>205,191</u>	<u>350,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>555,298</u>

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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	190,244	(215,398)	199	(24,955)
Ashes digging	585	(552)	-	33
St Andrew's building reserve	1,580	-	-	1,580
	<u>192,409</u>	<u>(215,950)</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>(23,342)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Legacy - Mrs Pilling	283	(753)	-	(470)
Tiddlywinks	-	(86)	-	(86)
Lunch Club	5,815	(6,306)	-	(491)
Churches together	10	(544)	-	(534)
Other funds	-	(330)	-	(330)
Ashmore bequest	375,360	-	-	375,360
	<u>381,468</u>	<u>(8,019)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>373,449</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>573,877</u>	<u>(223,969)</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>350,107</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	60,516	68,943	52	129,511
Ashes digging	1,442	20	-	1,462
Chair fund	6,072	(6,072)	-	-
St Andrew's building reserve	-	565	-	565
Recreate	-	162	-	162
Capital fund	65,557	-	-	65,557
	<u>133,587</u>	<u>63,618</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>197,257</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Legacy - Mrs Pilling	5,387	173	-	5,560
Tiddlywinks	171	43	-	214
Lunch Club	725	167	-	892
Churches together	1,197	(259)	-	938
Other funds	52	330	(52)	330
	<u>7,532</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>(52)</u>	<u>7,934</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>141,119</u>	<u>64,072</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205,191</u>

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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	243,159	(174,962)	746	68,943
Ashes digging	20	-	-	20
Chair fund	13	(6,085)	-	(6,072)
St Andrew's building reserve	565	-	-	565
Recreate	500	(338)	-	162
	<u>244,257</u>	<u>(181,385)</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>63,618</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Legacy - Mrs Pilling	173	-	-	173
Tiddlywinks	160	(117)	-	43
Lunch Club	5,576	(5,409)	-	167
Churches together	10	(269)	-	(259)
Other funds	755	(425)	-	330
	<u>6,674</u>	<u>(6,220)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>454</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>250,931</u>	<u>(187,605)</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>64,072</u>

**Restricted Funds**

Legacy Mrs Pilling - Restricted income to be kept for the upkeep of the Pilling Grave B245 for 99 years from 2004

Tiddlywinks - Groups for under 5's and parents who meet once a week.

Lunch Club - A weekly outreach meeting for older people to meet together and share a prepared lunch.

Churches Together - This fund was moved to St Peter's during lockdown for ease of management and with the consent of the church leaders. The fund Primarily pays for insurance and advertising for joint events at Christmas and Easter. An account of annual transactions is available for partner churches upon request. Including them in a restricted account within the parish accounts ensures transparency.

Ashmore Bequest - Restricted fund to facilitate the Church in its activities, social and missional and to ensure the whole of the community has suitable access and transport when required.

Other Funds - Funds held at the end of 2024 relate to a leaving gift.

**15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Legacies	377,000	1,000
Gift aid	92,194	100,031
Non gift aid	10,122	11,000
Income tax recoverable on gift aid	23,670	28,118
Collections (open plate) at all services	3,481	2,849
Sundry donations	3,225	8,498
	<b>509,692</b>	<b>151,496</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	6,912	3,540
Dividends and interest	241	237
	<b>7,153</b>	<b>3,777</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Parish magazine	825	607
Fees	4,432	8,546
Sundry	8,106	6,378
Lunch club	5,815	5,576
Crossed keys cafe	3,108	3,026
	<b>22,286</b>	<b>24,133</b>
<b>Other income</b>		
Community hubs lettings etc	34,746	36,620
Adverts - magazine	-	125
Transfer from previous PCC	-	34,780
	<b>34,746</b>	<b>71,525</b>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>573,877</b>	<b>250,931</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Sundries	8,433	12,163
Ministry: Diocesan common fund	66,744	75,710
Ministry: Clergy expenses	2,654	2,587
Church - running expenses	11,793	15,475
Church - maintenance and roof repairs	21,436	11,569
Upkeep of churchyard	2,067	7,036
Upkeep of services	4,762	3,713
Community hubs running costs	57,339	16,596
Education	-	1,928
Crossed keys expenses	1,340	1,307
Carried forward	<b>176,568</b>	<b>148,084</b>

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	176,568	148,084
Lunch club	6,306	5,409
Events	743	1,530
Mission action plan	4,872	-
Children's youth and school work	3,076	-
Grants to institutions	8,582	9,286
	<u>200,147</u>	<u>164,309</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
Management		
Wages	18,506	15,403
Rates and water	654	572
Postage and stationery	2,257	4,426
	<u>21,417</u>	<u>20,401</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy	2,405	2,895
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>223,969</u>	<u>187,605</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>349,908</u>	<u>63,326</u>

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