

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER, ARDINGLY

England & Wales · Charity number 1133803

Details

Other names ST PETER'S PCC, ARDINGLY

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-01-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular church services, and various events throughout the year.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£91,621	£84,333	-	-
2024-12-31	£95,419	£116,584	-	-
2023-12-31	£86,278	£87,729	-	-
2022-12-31	£76,211	£77,651	-	-
2021-12-31	£104,047	£71,709	-	-
2020-12-31	£55,356	£77,243	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REV JOHN HAMILTON CRUTCHLEY	Chair	
CAROL GROSSMAN		2012-09-10
Deborah Ruse		2018-04-01
Jean Jeffery		2015-04-26
Jill Veasey		2018-04-01
John Witherington		2017-04-01
NIGEL CHEATER		2012-09-11
Sue Laker		2018-05-01

Accounts



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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

ST PETER'S CHURCH, ARDINGLY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1133803

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

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Website: www.ardinglychurch.org.uk

Incumbent: The Reverend John H Crutchley
The Rectory, Church Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UR

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Walthamstow Branch

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During the year ended 31 December 2025, the following people served as members of the parochial church council ("PCC"):

Incumbent: The Reverend John Crutchley
Ex officio members: Mr John Witherington

Chairman
Reader

Church Wardens: Mr Nigel Cheater
Mr John Witherington

Vice-Chairman

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: Mrs Jill Veasey
Mr Mervyn James

Elected members: Mrs Carol Grossman
Mrs Deb Ruse
Mrs Jill Veasey
Miss Sue Laker
Mrs Gina Paul
Mr Mervyn James
Mrs Glynis Doerr
Mrs Esther Wigmore

Secretary to the PCC and Parish Safeguarding Officer Mrs Jane Taylor Cheater

ST PETER'S ARDINGLY - TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd John Crutchley, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical;
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and, to other organisations with similar objectives.

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WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion.'

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small 'home group' situations
- Engaging with our local primary school on the Governing body and through regular weekly assemblies, services in school and church and in any other way required.
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Aiding the poor and needy of the parish
- Making gifts to missionary organisations
- Reaching out to the unchurched through 'Zoom' based services; through services held outside of the church building and in the heart of the village to mark important events and national celebrations; utilizing the graveyard as a location for services to remember those loved and lost; and in our Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance and Christmas services.
- Enhancing our worship through the use of sound and visual technology.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the village.

There were six meetings of the PCC in 2025. The current electoral roll has 55 members.

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WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

Attendance at Worship

A parish church is there to serve all of those living in the parish as the local, stable community of faith, providing regular worship, sacraments, and pastoral care to its parishioners. But more than that it also serves as "God's house" in the local area and as a central hub for evangelism, community service,

spiritual formation, and pastoral guidance for both believers and the wider neighbourhood. That is very much the essence of how St. Peter's understands its mission and role and its success in all of that can be

“A LOVELY LADY WELCOMED US IN AND WE WERE
TAKEN ON A TOUR BY A LOVELY MAN ”

COMMENT IN THE VISITORS BOOK, JUNE 2025

seen to some extent by the many encouraging comments left year after year in our visitors book. Some just call in whilst out on a walk: *'I was just walking by!'* (a comment from a visitor in January 2025). Others visit with a clear purpose: *'visiting family,' 'visiting my father's grave,' 'Thirty years ago we were married here!'* (comments left in April 2025). Others are struck by the place, by the peace, and by the beauty and so experience something of God's presence: *'The beauty shows us God!'* (a comment left in September 2025). The parish may be small, but our visitors come from across the country and the world a reminder of just how important is the outreach of an open and available church. Sadly, not all of our visitors this year came seeking the Lord or to remember a loved one. For a while in the Summer we experienced a spate of thefts and petty vandalism which is upsetting, and which forced us to keep the church locked for a short while and as we considered how best to tackle the problem. The installation of discreet CCTV cameras and a notice reminding all of our visitors that the only thing of any value we keep is the Bible and that they are welcome to take a copy seems to have solved the problem and so now the church is once again available to any who want to visit: *'So pleased the church is open again – thank you!'* (a comment left in the visitors book in September 2025). Once again the church is welcoming, it is a place of rest, a place of shelter for some and a home from home for many.

Which is exactly what we strive to be first and foremost: a place of welcome for all who visit, whether to join us in our worship and prayer or to experience the building as a place of personal spiritual rest and refreshment and welcome.

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The New Year started—as it has for several years now—with some people joining together for a short hike, followed by a longer shared lunch at the Church Centre! This event also continued the tradition of raising funds for our two local charities: Ardingly Old Jeshwang and Imara Uganda.

Sharing meals is a fundamental aspect of church life at St. Peter's. We gather for lunch on New Year's Day, share a meal together on Maundy Thursday, enjoy Hot Cross buns on Good Friday morning, and hold a bring-and-share lunch for Harvest Festival. Even during graveyard weeding and tidying up, we provide refreshments. Though the church family is small and getting older, it remains vibrant, active, and deeply committed to serving and connecting with the entire Ardingly community as we grow in both our understanding and love for Christ.

This is primarily achieved through our regular weekly worship. Our services use the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship whilst others are simply moments of quiet prayer and

personal reflection, where we are 'Open to God!' Our main service on a Sunday morning is now offered as a screen presentation that is enhanced and improved by the use of recorded/video led music for our worship and praise. This has not been exclusive, and we have

**"WHAT A KIND MESSAGE YOUR CHURCH SHOWS
TO OTHERS"**

A VISITOR FROM BERKSHIRE, MAY 2025

continued to benefit from 'live' music led by keyboard, drums, guitar and vocals and of course by our marvellous organ on occasions. However, the combination of the two allows flexibility in our worship and ensures that we can continue to worship well, week on week without too much demand being placed upon any one person. We gathered for Evening Prayer each day of Lent where we focussed daily on one of the top 50 countries where Christians continue to face persecution. This was both empowering and humbling.

All in all we have praised well, prayed well and learned well throughout the year allowing our worship and God's Word to encourage us in our mission and in the service of our community.

Each Sunday our principal morning service is offered via a Zoom link. This has enabled some who are housebound, in hospital or no longer still resident in Ardingly to continue to worship together with friends and so to feel a continuing part of the church family and the worshipping community

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Additionally, the use of a Zoom link has allowed us to open up funeral services so that family and friends from all across the world are now able to 'attend' the funeral services of loved ones. It has been a real blessing for many and a joy for us to know that many who may not otherwise have been able to share in a funeral service, have been enabled to do so. Thanks once again must go to Nigel Cheater, one of our church wardens who handles the 'tech' and who week by week arranges and manages the Zoom link.

"THANK YOU FOR BEING SO KIND AND
THOUGHTFUL ON SUNDAY – I NEEDED THOSE
PRAYERS. LIFE TAKES UNWANTED AND SAD
TURNS AT TIMES AND SOMETIMES IT IS SO HARD
TO UNDERSTAND WHY. YOU HELPED ME.
THANK YOU"

A COMMENT FOLLOWING A SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Our services are designed to be open and inviting to everyone. While we would always welcome more attendees, seeing large gatherings during Christmas and Easter and at Remembrance reassures us that the church's message still connects deeply with people in our village.

We've always understood that being remotely located in a rural

parish is a significant obstacle. Centuries ago, the church was built right in the heart of the village, both geographically and spiritually. However, as time has passed, the centre of the village has shifted, making the church somewhat removed from where most people live. To address this, we've taken steps to bring some services outside the church building, ensuring it remains a welcoming spiritual centre for all. This approach has surprisingly made our services more accessible—especially for those who find it challenging to attend inside the church. In recent years, for example, the annual Service of All Souls has been held in the graveyard instead of the church, drawing far more participants than usual and offering a meaningful space for collective remembrance and grieving.

A prime illustration of the benefits of holding services outside the church can be seen in the annual Service of Remembrance each November. This event takes place on the Recreation Ground, placing it at the centre of village life, with local uniform groups present. This year, a group of pupils from the local primary school also participated. Wreaths were laid by both Parish and District Council representatives, as well as on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Since moving the service outdoors and into the heart of the community, attendance has increased annually. The service now attracts more young people and members of the community who previously may not have considered attending a church service for Remembrance. It is fascinating to observe how many morning dog-walkers pause, stand in silence, and join in remembrance simply because the service is so accessible.

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This exemplifies our ongoing commitment to creating an inclusive environment and reflecting our dedication to serving the entire community. Over the past year, we provided practical assistance to the village by donating all of our harvest gifts to local families experiencing hardship. Additionally, proceeds from our Christmas services were earmarked for the Children's Society and 'Off the Fence,' a Brighton-

based
organization
supporting
individuals
experiencing
homelessness.
We have
maintained

DEAR JOHN, THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SHOW US AROUND
ST. PETER'S CHURCH.
LOVE, CUCKOO CLASS.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

support for Ardingly Old Jeshwang initiatives in The Gambia, Imara's efforts in Uganda, and Ardingly Connected Together's work within our village. Through these endeavours, as well as through our involvement in other charitable projects, our church continues to demonstrate its core values of compassion and neighbourly support.

Evangelism and Outreach

Services follow a regular schedule: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at 9:00am every Sunday, with varied 10:30am services—Morning Praise on first and third Sundays, Holy Communion (Common Worship Order One) on second and fourth Sundays, with prayer for healing on the fourth. On fifth Sundays, Morning Praise is held. The first Sunday evening each month features 'Open to God,' providing

I REALLY APPRECIATED THE
CALM.

A VISITOR FROM GERMANY, NOVEMBER
2025

peaceful reflection through different service formats. A rota of readers and prayer leaders ensures broad participation from the church family.

Evangelism and outreach aim to connect with and serve our community beyond weekly services. We maintain strong relationships across the village, including the Parish Council, Showground neighbours, Ardingly Connected Together, and both local schools.

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Ardingly College kindly manages our monthly parish magazine photocopying and the secretary at St. Peter's CEP School has for many years helped with our photocopying for Christmas and Easter services. Our thanks go to them both. The church has a very close relationship with the local Church of England Primary School, with three foundation governors from our congregation on the school governing body and with the Rector leading weekly assemblies. Primary classes also visit the church for educational activities and services are held in church for key events like Harvest, Christmas, Easter, and a summer leavers' service where departing pupils receive a bible, continuing a tradition started in 2007.

**"BEAUTIFUL CHURCH WITH WONDERFUL
BRASSES AND CLEARLY A LOVELY COMMUNITY
WHO CARE FOR IT"**

A COMMENT IN THE VISITOR BOOK,
SEPTEMBER 2025

'Meeting Point' brings together mainly older villagers every other week for coffee, cake, and fellowship. 'Angels and Urchins' meets weekly during school terms, offering a vital space for carers of young children with toys, games, singing, and refreshments. Sadly, 2025 was the final year of 'At your Service' which for many years provided rides, shopping help, and other domestic support to anyone needing assistance. Finding enough volunteers is always a problem and organizational challenges made continuing the service too difficult. Each group has helped to combat loneliness and isolation for people of all ages in the village.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

The Rector receives support in providing pastoral care for village residents from three assistants, all of whom have completed diocesan training and received authorisation from the bishop. A new team member began their ministry in 2025. Additionally, a dedicated group of church members volunteer their time and energy to care for, listen to, and assist people within the church family and the broader village community. The Rector is also helped by a Reader, John Witherington, who deserves thanks for leading services, offering insightful and thought-provoking sermons, and working tirelessly as church-warden. His contributions are invaluable to the parish.

"I JUST SAT AND SAID A PRAYER FOR MY DEAR BROTHER."

A VISITOR TO THE CHURCH, NOVEMBER 2025

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Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers.

The church remains valued by parishioners and others as a place for celebrating significant life events. Funerals, including those of some longtime members who will be greatly missed, have taken place both in the church and at the crematorium, with several services for the burial of ashes being conducted too. Teaching primarily happens through weekly sermons that relate God's word to modern life and is reinforced in home groups. Many church members participate in leading worship, which encourages both leaders and the congregation.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy.

Visitors to the church often appreciate its openness, peaceful atmosphere, and spiritual ambience. In recent years, it has hosted recitals by young musicians from Ardingly College. Guests also value the church's historical significance, architectural beauty, biblical archaeology, and careful maintenance.

St. Peter's Church is a Grade I listed 14th-century building featuring a stone tower from the late 1300s, built without a spire for defence or as a beacon. The tower houses six bells, ranging from the 14th century to one added in 1912; all were restored in 2009 and are regularly rung by local and visiting teams. It also contains a stained-glass window by James Powell and Sons from 1847.

Maintaining such a historic structure requires ongoing care. Our routine five-year report has highlighted significant repairs needed on the tower. This includes removing and restoring the West window, repairing its surrounding stonework and the protective ferramenta, replacing Victorian mortar in the masonry, fixing the upper windows' stonework, and reworking drainage channels to protect the building from water damage. While conducting these repairs, we also aim to improve access through the belfry so the tower parapet can be safely reached. The wooden stairs leading up to the belfry have become hazardous and must be replaced.

**REMEMBERING ALL OF THE TIMES IN ST.PETER'S,
HAPPY AND SAD!**

**A VISITOR FORMERLY FROM ARDINGLY NOW LIVING IN CANADA NO-
VEMBER 2025**



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We've started fundraising to support this extensive restoration project for the tower and West window. Alongside local efforts, we are exploring national grant opportunities, which remain ongoing. To help with these applications and future restoration needs, we commissioned a comprehensive digital survey of the church, generously funded by members of our church community.

In addition to caring for the church building, we are also tasked with maintaining the Church Centre.

Although our worshipping community is quite small, we paid £55,000 in parish share in 2025. Sadly, this covered only 68% of the total amount requested by the diocese. The financial difficulties we face are significant, but so too is the church family's remarkable generosity in addressing these challenges.

Financial Review

Unrestricted incoming and outgoing resources

2025 was another financially challenging year for our Church. The loss of a few major donors had a significant impact on planned giving and this, with other regular income remaining fairly constant during the year, meant that we were expecting our income for the year to be some £12,000 lower than in 2024.

Having shown a net deficit of over £15,000 the previous year and with limited reserves, some difficult decisions had to be made. The key impact was to reluctantly further reduce our Parish Share contribution to £55,000. This is the amount paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs and our PCC remains committed to paying as much as we can realistically afford towards these costs. As such, the amount pledged still reflected 100% of all planned giving (including gift aid recovery) that had been received in 2024 and the PCC once again stepped out in faith that other expenditure would be met from other income sources.

This faith was rewarded when a very generous donation, described as a "gift from God" by the donor, was received towards the end of 2025. The impact of this donation and the careful control of all expenditure meant that income exceeded expenditure during the year by nearly £7,300.

The PCC remains most grateful for the continued generosity of those who faithfully give to the Church and their resilience in continuing to do so with all the financial challenges we currently face.

Restricted Income and Expenditure

Note 10 shows a breakdown of income and expenditure by fund. No significant expenditure from these restricted funds was required during the year and they generally remain at similar levels to the start of 2025.

The total value of restricted funds at the end of 2025 was £32,732 and this figure includes the Burgess Trust.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of St Peter's to aim to broadly break even in the year and to maintain reserves at a realistic level providing for any future years where a deficit is been returned. Current reserves are £15,000 and have been maintained for 2025.



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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2025

Unrestricted	As At 31/12/2025 £	As At 31/12/2024 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	1.00	1.00
Heritage Assets	150,913.83	150,913.83
Investments	4,977.30	5,184.57
	<u>155,892.13</u>	<u>156,099.40</u>
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	57,811.89	50,523.90
	<u>57,811.89</u>	<u>50,523.90</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>57,811.89</u>	<u>50,523.90</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>213,704.02</u>	<u>206,623.30</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>213,704.02</u>	<u>206,623.30</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted Funds		
Unrestricted—General Fund	15,057.35	6,771.80
Designated Funds		
Designated—General Funds	15,000.00	15,000.00
Designated—Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	150,914.83
Restricted Funds		
Restricted—Village Discretionary Fund	208.00	20.50
Restricted—Youth Worker Fund	6,820.17	7,161.80
Restricted—Church Centre Upgrade Fund	-	-
Restricted—Mission Fund	344.49	344.49
Restricted—Other Restricted Funds (note 10)	412.99	-
Restricted—West Window and Tower Fund	15,948.80	16,422.80
Restricted—Church Maintenance Fund	2,253.94	3,251.86
Restricted—Burgess Trust Fund	6,743.45	6,735.22
	<u>213,704.02</u>	<u>206,623.30</u>
Funds of the Church	<u>213,704.02</u>	<u>206,623.30</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Rev John Crutchley



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Notes to the Financial Statements

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Statement of Financial Activities

	General & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
<i>Income and Endowments</i>				
Donations and Legacies	76,077.47	3,124.22	79,201.69	83,409.01
Income from charitable activities	3,467.50	-	3,467.50	2,575.50
Other trading activities	8,089.00	-	8,089.00	8,378.15
Investments	647.47	215.50	862.97	1,056.68
Other income			-	-
<i>Total Income</i>	88,281.44	3,339.72	91,621.16	95,419.34
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	79,962.03	4,337.28	84,299.31	116,446.69
Other expenditure	33.86	-	33.86	137.03
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	79,995.89	4,337.28	84,333.17	116,583.72
<i>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</i>	8,285.55	-997.56	7,287.99	-21,164.38
<i>Transfers</i>				
Transfers between funds				-
<i>Other recognised gains/losses</i>				
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charities own use	-	-207.27	-207.27	116.01
<i>Net movements in funds</i>	8,285.55	-1,204.83	7,080.72	-21,048.37
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>				
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	172,686.63	33,936.67	206,623.30	227,671.67
<i>Total funds carried forward</i>	180,972.18	32,731.84	213,704.02	206,623.30

For further breakdown of income see Note 2,
For further breakdown of expenditure see Note 3



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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared, as far as applicable, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Charity Law, Financial Reporting Standards and the current SORP, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRSSE), effective 1st January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds - i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest;

ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the tax is recovered. Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investment is sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

d) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation to the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.



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e) Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the accounts. For other property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired since 2000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life (see note (d)).

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off on the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful life. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixture and fittings	25% straight line
Computer equipment	30% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values as high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

f) Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.



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Analysis of Income

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Note 2

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
0100 Planned giving GA	30,990.61	-	-	30,990.61	9,679.87
0110 Planned giving non-GA	3,373.42	-	-	3,373.42	36,461.47
0120 Envelope Scheme GA	15.00	-	-	15.00	159.50
0140 Church collections GA	2,589.82	-	-	2,589.82	2,569.50
0150 Church collections non-GA	-	-	-	-	-
0160 Donations GA	28,275.00	-	1,812.98	30,087.98	19,675.40
0170 Donations non GA	1,305.13	-	-	1,305.13	2,605.51
0180 Gift Aid tax recovered	8,549.35	-	398.25	8,947.60	8,509.96
0190 Legacies and endowments	-	-	-	-	-
0200 Fund-raising (non trading) income	182.00	-	-	182.00	50.00
0210 Events Receipts	500.00	-	-	500.00	-
0220 Special collections	-	-	412.99	412.99	441.32
0230 Grants received	-	-	500.00	500.00	3,068.13
0390 Other donations	256.14	-	-	256.14	188.35
0590 Other trading income	41.00	-	-	41.00	-
Donations and legacies Total	76,077.47	-	3,124.22	79,201.69	83,409.01
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
0400 Fees for services	3,467.50	-	-	3,467.50	2,575.50
Total Income from charitable activities	3,467.50	-	-	3,467.50	2,575.50
<i>Other trading activities</i>					
0500 Centre hire	7,527.00	-	-	7,527.00	7,580.00
0510 Magazine income	362.00	-	-	362.00	419.50
0520 Sale of goods for fundraising	200.00	-	-	200.00	378.65
Total Other trading activities	8,089.00	-	-	8,089.00	8,378.15
<i>Investments</i>					
0600 Deposit interest received	647.47	-	-	647.47	721.11
0610 Investment interest received	-	-	215.50	215.50	335.57
	647.47	-	215.50	862.97	1,056.68
<i>Other Income</i>					
0790 Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other incomes	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	88,281.44	-	3,339.72	91,621.16	95,419.34



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Analysis of Expenditure

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Note 3

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure					
Raising Funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities					
2200 Parish contribution	55,000.00	-	-	55,000.00	65,156.00
2210 Charitable giving	2,750.00	-	-	2,750.00	1,250.00
2220 Church utilities	3,913.47	-	-	3,913.47	3,314.32
2230 Church service expenses	1,841.68	-	-	1,841.68	2,163.96
2240 Church maintenance and equipment	3,044.74	-	3,366.92	6,411.66	26,278.70
2250 Rectory expenses	4,634.96	-	-	4,634.96	5,605.97
2260 Rector's expenses	1,370.91	-	-	1,370.91	1,437.01
2270 Other clergy expenses	157.54	-	-	157.54	-
2280 Training costs	36.90	-	-	36.90	-
2290 Administrative expenses	192.31	-	-	192.31	187.56
2300 Children and young people	-	-	341.63	341.63	403.31
2320 Giving from special collections	-	-	-	-	701.97
2330 Gifts made	7.00	-	-	7.00	500.00
2350 Bank charges	51.26	-	-	51.26	-
2600 Centre utilities costs	4,456.46	-	-	4,456.46	4,311.04
2610 Centre running costs	2,469.35	-	628.73	3,098.08	1,226.65
2620 Centre maintenance and equipment	35.45	-	-	35.45	3,910.20
2650 Magazine costs	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	79,962.03	-	4,337.28	84,299.31	116,446.69
Other expenditure					
2990 Other expenditure	33.86	-	-	33.86	137.03
Total Other expenditure	33.86	-	-	33.86	137.03
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	79,995.89	-	4,337.28	84,333.17	116,583.72
TOTAL OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	8,285.55	-	-997.56	7,287.99	-21,164.38



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4 Staff Costs

No-one was employed by the PCC during the year and there were no transactions in respect of PCC members, or persons closely connected to them or other related persons.

5 Analysis of transfer between funds

See Note 10.

6 Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or Valuation	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
At 1 January 2025	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Additions/disposals/revaluations	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	-	-	-
Provided in year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2025	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
At 31 December 2024	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83

As a freehold building, according to the PCC accounting policies, the value of the church centre is not subject to depreciation.

The Church Centre was insured for losses up to £2,960,000 inclusive of buildings and contents, although the building is carried on the balance sheet at its cost.

b) Investments

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Market value at 1 January 2025	5,184.57	5,068.56
(Decrease)/Increase in market value	(207.27)	116.01
Market value at 31 December 2025	4,977.30	5,184.57

An investment is held by the Diocesan Board of Finance (G L Burgess Trust) as CBF Investment Fund (Income) Shares the income from which is restricted to be used for the maintenance of church notice boards or similar communication-related items.



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7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

Fund	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Fund Balances at 31/12/2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets for church use	150,914.83	-	-	-	150,914.83
Investment fixed assets	-	-	6,743.45	-	6,743.45
Current assets	15,057.35	15,000.00	25,988.39	-	56,045.74
Current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2025	165,972.18	15,000.00	32,731.84	-	213,704.02

8 Debtors

There were no debtors as at 31 December 2025.

9 Creditors

There were no creditors as at 31 December 2025.

10 Fund movement summary

Fund	Fund Balances as at 01/01/2025	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains/losses	Fund Balances as at 31/12/2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Village Discretionary Fund	20.50	187.50	-	-	-	208.00
Youth Worker Fund	7,161.80	-	341.63	-	-	6,820.17
Church Centre Upgrade Fund	-	628.73	628.73	-	-	0.00
Mission Fund	344.49	-	-	-	-	344.49
Graveyard	-	1,070.00	1,070.00	-	-	0.00
West Window and Tower Fund	16,422.80	-	474.00	-	-	15,948.80
Church Maintenance Fund	3,251.86	825.00	1,822.92	-	-	2,253.94
Special Collections	-	412.99	-	-	-	412.99
Mower	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burgess Trust Fund	6,735.22	215.50	-	-	-207.27	6,743.45
General Reserves	15,000.00	-	-	-	-	15,000.00
Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	-	-	-	-	150,914.83
	199,851.50	3,339.72	4,337.28	-	-207.27	198,646.67
General Fund	6,771.80	88,281.44	79,995.89	-	-	15,057.35
	206,623.30	91,621.16	84,333.17	-	-207.27	213,704.02



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Independent Examiner's Report 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Parochial Church Council St. Peter's Church, Ardingly

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the Parochial Church Council are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention

which give me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the members have not met the requirements:

to keep accounting in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounts records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met: or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Matthew Hunt
MPH & Associates
Delta House Bridge
Street Haywards
Heath RH16 1UA

Date 01/05/2026



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OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

ST PETER'S CHURCH, ARDINGLY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1133803

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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During the year ended 31 December 2024, the following people served as members of the parochial church council ("PCC"):

Incumbent:	The Reverend John Crutchley	Chairman
Ex officio members:	Mr John Witherington	Reader
Church Wardens:	Mr Nigel Cheater Mr John Witherington	Vice-Chairman
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Jill Veasey Mr Mervyn James	
Elected members:	Mrs Carol Grossman Mrs Deb Ruse Mrs Jill Veasey Miss Sue Laker Mrs Gina Paul Mr Mervyn James Mrs Glynis Doerr Mrs Esther Wigmore	
Secretary to the PCC and Parish Safeguarding Co-Ordinator	Mrs Jane Taylor Cheater	

ST PETER'S ARDINGLY - TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd John Crutchley, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical.
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and, to other organisations with similar objectives.

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WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion.'

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small 'home group' situations
- Engaging with our local primary school on the Governing body and through regular weekly assemblies, services in school and church and in any other way required.
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Aiding the poor and needy of the parish
- Making gifts to missionary organisations
- Reaching out to the unchurched through 'Zoom' based services; through services held outside of the church building and in the heart of the village to mark important events and national celebrations; utilizing the graveyard as a location for services to remember those loved and lost; and in our Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance and Christmas services.
- Enhancing our worship through the use of sound and visual technology.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the village.

There were six meetings of the PCC in 2024. The current electoral roll has 81 members.

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WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

Attendance at Worship

It is always a joy to read the church visitors book and to see how far some of our visitors have travelled and how much they have appreciated finding that the church building is open to welcome them. The building is open every day to allow those who are passing to stop, to rest awhile and maybe to pray. But also for those who simply want to explore their connection with Ardingly through family ancestors or friends or who want to appreciate the beauty of the building and so grab a moment of peace. Our very first visitor in January 2024 had come all the way from Sante Fe, in New Mexico USA but across the year she was joined by visitors from Canada, Australia, Germany, New Zealand, South Africa and many other countries all across the world as well as by those from all across this country and many who are local. What joins them all together are the comments they all leave, because they all say much the same: peaceful, tranquil, beautiful, well-kept. But above all else, so many of our visitors record exactly what we want to hear. That the church is welcoming, that it is a place of rest, a place of shelter and a home from home

“WHAT A LOVELY HAPPY FEELING CHURCH.
WE SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT OUR SLIPPERS!”

COMMENT IN THE VISITORS BOOK, MARCH 2024

This is exactly what we strive to be first and foremost: a place of welcome for all who visit, whether to join us in our worship and prayer or to experience the building as a place of personal spiritual rest and refreshment.

One of the earliest comments left by a visitor in February 2024 was as to how the church felt 'well-used'. Which is also how a church should feel, alive, used, and active. 'The atmosphere is so like home' recorded another visitor, which is also as it should be. St. Peter's is the spiritual home of the church family and that is a family that is welcoming of all. New Year's Day 2024 saw the year begin with a three and a half mile walk for some of that family (and their friends!) in soggy weather and around footpaths, roads and tracks as an appetite was built up for a meal then shared together in the church Centre. Nine walkers and twenty 'diners' enjoyed the best start to the New Year and raised a substantial sum that was donated to the work of our two locally grown charities: Ardingly Old Jeshwang and Imara Uganda. Sharing food is a regular part of church life: a meal together on Maundy Thursday; Hot Cross buns on Good Friday; Harvest Festival barbecue; graveyard weeding, tidying up and refreshments; a day of Bible study – naturally, with food! The church family is small, and it is ageing, but it is alive, active, and still actively engaged in reaching out to and serving the whole community of Ardingly as it grows together in its knowledge of and love for Christ.

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**"THE ATMOSPHERE IS SO LIKE A HOME; THE SPIRIT
IS DEFINITELY LIVING HERE!!!"**

A VISITOR FROM LONDON, APRIL 2024

Our main service on a Sunday morning is now offered as a screen presentation that is enhanced and improved by the use of recorded/video led music for our worship and praise. This has not been exclusive, and we have continued to benefit from 'live' music led by keyboard, drums, guitar and vocals and of course by our marvellous organ on occasions. However, the combination of the two allows flexibility in our worship and ensures that we can continue to worship well, week on week without too much demand being placed upon any one person. We took a deep dive into St. Paul's Letter to the Romans throughout Lent and accompanied this with a gathering for prayer each day of Lent where we focussed daily on one of the top 50 countries where Christians face persecution. It was both empowering and humbling. All in all we have praised well, prayed well and learned well throughout the year allowing our worship and God's Word to encourage us in our mission and in the service of our community.

Our main Sunday morning service is also offered via a Zoom link each week which has enabled some who are housebound, in hospital or no longer still resident in Ardingly to continue to worship together with friends and so to feel a continuing part of the church family and the worshipping community. Additionally, the use of a Zoom link has allowed us to open up funeral services so that family and friends from all across the world are now able to 'attend' the funeral services of loved ones. It has been a real blessing for many and a joy for us to know that many who may not otherwise have been able to share in a funeral service, have been enabled to do so. Thanks have to go to Nigel Cheater, one of our church wardens who handles the 'tech' and week by week arranges the Zoom link.

**"I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR THE
SERVICE. I WAS ABLE TO WATCH IT FROM NEW
ZEALAND THANKS TO THE ZOOM FACILITY THAT
WAS IN PLACE. I WAS VERY MOVED BY ALL
ASPECTS OF THE SERVICE."**

**A LETTER FROM NEW ZEALAND WRITTEN FOLLOWING A FUNER-
AL HELD AT ST. PETERS, MAY 2024**

We believe that our services are accessible and welcoming. Many more attendees would always be welcome but the many who come at Christmas and Easter give us heart that the message of the church still has a strong resonance in our village.

We have always recognised that our remote location within our rural parish presents a major challenge. Back in the fourteenth century, the church builders built the church at the very heart of the village, both geographically and spiritually. But the geographical centre of the village has now moved leaving the church building a little distant. To counter this and to keep the church as a spiritual heart that welcomes everyone we have continued to take some of our services out of the church building. Unexpectedly, this has also made them more accessible to some who may find it quite difficult to enter a church building and attend a service.

"THANK YOU FOR THE SACRED SPACE. I LOVE TO PRAY HERE ALONE"

VISITOR NOVEMBER 2024

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For the last few years, the annual Service of All Souls has been held in the church graveyard attracting a great many more people than might usually be expected for a similar service held in the church and allowing some the opportunity to grieve and remember with others and in a space that they value.

Perhaps the best example of the advantage of taking a service outside of the church building is the annual Service of Remembrance in November. Held on the Recreation Ground and so in the heart of the village and with our local uniform groups in attendance, this year we were delighted to be joined too by a group of pupils from our local primary school. Wreaths were laid in remembrance by both Parish and District Council representatives and on behalf of the Royal British Legion. This service has seen a growth in numbers attending in each year since we decided to hold the service as we now do, that is outside and in the heart of the village. We now see many more younger people attending the service and many more from across our community who may previously not have thought about attending a church service for Remembrance. It is so interesting to see how many dog-walkers, out for their morning stroll, take the opportunity to stop, to stand silent and to remember, because the service is so accessible.

It is a great example of how we are striving to make our services more welcoming and so to actively demonstrate our heartfelt call to support and work for our entire community. This year we offered practical help to the village by donating all of our harvest gifts to the support of local families in particular need. We also donated all of the 'giving' at our Christmas services to the work of the Children's Society and to 'Off the Fence' a Brighton based charity working with the homeless. We have continued to support our homegrown charities Ardingly Old Jeshwang in their work in the Gambia and Imara in their work in Uganda and Ardingly Connected Together in their work in our village. In all of this and in our support of several other charitable projects too, a small church family has tried to put into practice all that we believe about loving our neighbour.

Evangelism and Outreach.

The pattern of services is now settled around a traditional celebration of Holy Communion using the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer at 9.00am each Sunday. The 10.30am service follows a monthly pattern of a Morning Praise [Service of the Word] service on the first Sunday of each month; a service of Holy Communion using the liturgy of Common Worship Order One on the second Sunday; a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] on a Third Sunday; and a further service of Holy Communion [Common Worship Order One] on the fourth Sunday which includes each month an opportunity for prayer for healing and wholeness. Where the month includes a fifth Sunday, the main service is now usually a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] service. There is one evening service on the

**"THANK YOU FOR THE WATER. I'VE BEEN RIDING MY BIKE FOR THE PAST THREE
HOURS WITHOUT A DROP. AND WHAT A VERY NICE PIANO. I PLAYED
CLAIR DE LUNE AND BACH IN G MINOR."**

A VISITOR FROM A NEIGHBOURING VILLAGE, JUNE 2024

first Sunday in each month. This is called 'Open to God' and it attracts a

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committed congregation with a variety of services that has included Compline, Evening Prayer and Holy Communion. In whatever format 'Open to God' is intended as a moment of peaceful reflection at the end of the day. A rota of readers and intercessory prayer leaders ensures that all of our services benefit from the inclusion of gifts from across the church family.

Evangelism and outreach is also driven by our desire to connect with and to serve the community of which we are a part: our weekly services are only a part of what we do. We have endeavoured to

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE WHITE CYCLAMEN THAT WAS BROUGHT TO ME JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS. WHAT A LOVELY SURPRISE. IT CERTAINLY HELPS TO BRIGHTEN THESE DREARY DAYS.

A NOTE FROM ONE OF THOSE WHO RECEIVED A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM ST. PETER'S

build good links across the village, with the Parish Council, with our neighbours on the Showground, with Ardingly Connected Together and with our schools – both primary school and Ardingly College.

Our thanks have to go to our friends at the College who do the photocopying for our parish magazine each month. A vital village resource. We enjoy very close links with our local Church of England Primary school. Three members of the church serve as foundation governors on the school's governing body (one is a highly effective chair of the governing body) and the Rector leads a school assembly each week of term time. In addition, services have been held in church for pupils, staff and families in celebration of Harvest, Christmas and Easter. And in the Summer a special service is held for those leaving the school as they move on to secondary education with each leaver being presented with a bible. This is a tradition that we have followed in every year since 2007.

"I VISIT HERE OFTEN. MY PARENTS AND BROTHER REST IN PEACE HERE. SO CALM"

A COMMENT IN THE VISITOR BOOK, AUGUST 2024

'Meeting Point,' organized and led by church family members, meets every other week in the centre of the village drawing together a dedicated group of mainly older people for coffee, cake and above all fellowship. 'Angels and Urchins' established and run by the church and led by church members meets weekly in school term time providing a much-needed gathering place for those caring for very young children. With toys and games, singing, and of course coffee, tea and refreshments, it is a very important amenity serving a huge need within the village. 'At your Service,' also established and run by church members offers lifts to appointments, help with shopping and other small acts of 'domestic service' to any in the village who need support. The importance of what it offers has been recognised by local GP's who have referred some in need to its service. Each of these groups in their own way bring support to our community and tackle the ever-growing problems of loneliness and isolation that are experienced by so many, young and old alike.

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Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

The Rector is assisted in the pastoral care for people living in the village by two pastoral care assistants, who have completed a diocesan organized training course and who have been authorised in their work by the bishop. A new member of this team began their training in 2024 and will be authorised in the new year. In addition, we have a team of church members who give their time and energies caring, listening, and helping people in the church family and wider village community. The Rector is also assisted by a Reader, John Witherington to whom thanks need to go for his leading of our services, for his informed and challenging preaching and for his tireless work as a churchwarden. He is a great asset to our parish.

Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers.

The church continues to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others, as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. There was one wedding in 2024 and there were two baptisms. Three funerals were conducted in church and two were conducted at a crematorium. There were also two burial of ashes. Most teaching is offered through our weekly sermons which seek to explore God's word, to apply it, to bridge the context and explain its contemporary significance. This is built upon in home groups. In 2024 the biblical teaching was also enhanced by the Romans course previously mentioned. A large number of the church family have been involved in leading various aspects of worship, lending great encouragement to those involved, as well as the whole congregation.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy.

Many of those who visit the church remark not only how refreshing it is to find an open church but, also the sense of peacefulness and spirituality the church pervades. Over the last few years it has provided a marvellous venue for young musicians from Ardingly College to offer recitals. Many also remark on the sense of history within; that people of much earlier generations found life and presence there. There are also many comments on and appreciation of the architectural beauty of the building and biblical archaeology and the way in which the church is maintained. The Summer of 2024 saw a large group from the church family gather over two days to clean and maintain the interior of the building but also to attend to the needs of the graveyard that surrounds the church. Although adopted into public maintenance the graveyard still required some TLC, and much time was given to clearing the brick drainage channel around the church as required by the quinquennial inspection. Another huge

**WE WANTED TO WRITE A NOTE TO SAY THE BIGGEST
THANK YOU FOR THE MOST AMAZING SERVICE ON
SATURDAY. THE WHOLE THING WAS INCREDIBLY
MOVING, ABSOLUTELY PERFECT AND WE LOVED IT SO
MUCH. OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY KEPT MENTIONING
HOW MOVED THEY WERE BY THE WHOLE THING. WE HAD
THE BEST DAY OF OUR LIVES!!**

A NOTE FROM A COUPLE WHO MARRIED AT ST. PETER'S IN 2024



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effort was made in the Autumn by a similar group this time tidying and maintaining the newer graveyard across the road from the main church.

St. Peter's Church is a Grade I listed church dating from the 14th century with some Victorian additions. The stone tower was added towards the end of the 14th Century. This is one of the few church towers in the area with no spire. It is thought that the reason for this is for its use as a defensive structure against possible invasion or to act as a beacon to warn of any such invasion. The tower is home to six bells which vary in age from the oldest dated from the late 14th Century to the treble added in 1912. The bells were fully restored in 2009 and being extremely popular are now rung by both local and many visiting teams. The tower is also home to a stunning stain glass window created by James Powell and Sons which dates back to 1847.

Such a building requires constant and sympathetic maintenance. In the Summer of 2024, a leak in the roof to the north aisle was fixed at a cost of £11,500 an expense that was generously met by members

of the church family. However, our

regular quinquennial report has also revealed major repairs required to the tower. This will entail the removal and repair of the West window, the removal and repair of the stonework around it and the fer-

**A LOVELY CHURCH. SO WELL CARED FOR. THANK
YOU FOR BEING OPEN!**

A COMMENT IN THE VISITOR BOOK

ramenta protecting it; the Victorian mortar in the masonry needs replacing, the stonework of the upper windows needs repair, and we will have to re-channel the drainage to keep water away from the structure. Whilst undertaking this work and so as to address further issues raised in our quinquennial inspection we also want to improve access through the belfry to allow the tower parapet to be reached in safety. The wooden stairs leading to the belfry are in need of replacing having become dangerous to climb.

Fundraising has begun to enable us to undertake this major restoration project of the tower and west window. So far we have raised over £16,000 of the approximately £110,000 that is required. In addition to fundraising locally we are investigating possible national grant funding and this continues. To properly facilitate such applications and future works and restoration work that may be required we have commissioned and received a full digital survey of the building, the costs of which were also met through the generosity of church family members.

**MANY THANKS TO THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY
FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY.**

FROM THE RECTOR

Alongside of the church building we are also responsible for the maintenance of the Church Centre. The Summer of 2024 saw repairs to the roof of the Centre completed at a cost of £2,500, again, an expense that was met through the generosity of church family members.

As a small church with a small worshipping community we paid £65,000 in parish share in 2024 (an increase of £6,000 on that paid in 2023) but this was still only 80% of the total sum requested. The financial challenges we face cannot be overstated and neither can the generosity of the church family in meeting those challenges.



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Financial Review

Unrestricted incoming and outgoing resources

2024 was a challenging year for our Church. Whilst planned giving through our preferred method of collection (the Parish Giving Scheme) remained constant, the death of a major giver meant that other planned giving was down compared to 2023. There were some generous one-off donations made during the year and nearly £4,000 was received in Gift Aid, which continued to be claimed on a quarterly. However, both of these were lower than had been received during 2023.

Lettings for the year were higher as four terms hire charges were collected from one regular user, instead of just two in 2023.

Overall, unrestricted giving was approximately £10,000 lower than the previous year.

These factors, combined with a pledged commitment to increase our Parish Contribution (see below), meant that a significant shortfall during the year was expected. Despite other outgoings being contained as far as possible the shortfall for the year was in line with early expectations at just over £15,000

Despite this, the PCC remains most grateful for the continued generosity of those who faithfully give to the Church and their resilience in continuing to do so with all the financial challenges we currently face.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £65,156 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. In 2024, we pledged to pay 80% of the amount asked by the Diocese. This was an increase of 5% of that paid in 2023. The Diocese are conscious of the financial pressures facing both individuals and congregations and have once again expressed their extreme gratitude to Parishes who have been able to meet their pledged giving in these financially challenging times.

Overall, the unrestricted spend for the year was just under £86,000.

Restricted Income and Expenditure

Note 10 shows a breakdown of income and expenditure by fund.

The largest expenditure over the year was in respect of the repair work that was needed to the roof over the North aisle. This was largely met from some generous gifts that were received. Other significant expenditure was in relation to church maintenance and upkeep of the graveyard. In 2024, a grant of £500 was again received from the Parish Council towards the cost of maintaining the graveyard. All other costs are met by the church family itself. A grant of £3,000 was also received towards the ongoing costs.

Just over £24,000 of restricted income was received, and £30,500 was paid out during the year.

The total value of restricted funds at the end of 2024 was £33,485 and this figure includes the Burgess Trust.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of St Peter's to aim to return to a surplus in the year and to transfer to reserves an amount equal to or less than this surplus. The objective is to provide for future years where a deficit has been returned. Current reserves are £15,000 and have been maintained for 2024. It is the policy of St Peter's to invest these funds on a short-term basis with CBF Church of England deposit fund.



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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2024

Unrestricted	As At 31/12/2024 £	As At 31/12/2023 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	1.00	1.00
Heritage Assets	150,913.83	150,913.83
Investments	5,184.57	5,068.56
	<u>156,099.40</u>	<u>155,983.39</u>
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	50,523.90	71,688.28
	<u>50,523.90</u>	<u>71,688.28</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>50,523.90</u>	<u>71,688.28</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>206,623.30</u>	<u>227,671.67</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>206,623.30</u>	<u>227,671.67</u>

Represented by

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted—General Fund	6,771.80	22,115.83
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Designated Funds

Designated—General Funds	15,000.00	15,000.00
Designated—Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	150,914.83

Restricted Funds

Restricted—Village Discretionary Fund	20.50	640.50
Restricted—Youth Worker Fund	7,161.80	7,411.12
Restricted—Church Centre Upgrade Fund	-	1,640.85
Restricted—Mission Fund	344.49	344.49
Restricted—Other Restricted Funds (note 10)	-	845.18
Restricted—West Window and Tower Fund	16,422.80	16,135.30
Restricted—Church Maintenance Fund	3,251.86	6,339.93
Restricted—Burgess Trust Fund	6,735.22	6,283.64

Funds of the Church

206,623.30 227,671.67

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on  and signed on its behalf 21.05.25



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For the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	General & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>Income and Endowments</i>				
Donations and Legacies	59,310.95	24,098.06	83,409.01	77,577.74
Income from charitable activities	2,575.50	-	2,575.50	3,095.00
Other trading activities	8,117.50	260.65	8,378.15	4,934.85
Investments	721.11	335.57	1,056.68	599.24
Other income	-	-	-	71.10
<i>Total Income</i>	70,725.06	24,694.28	95,419.34	86,277.93
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	85,932.06	30,514.63	116,446.69	86,361.72
Other expenditure	137.03	-	137.03	1,367.32
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	86,069.09	30,514.63	116,583.72	87,729.04
<i>Net expenditure before transfers</i>	-15,344.03	-5,820.35	-21,164.38	-1,451.11
<i>Transfers</i>				
Transfers between funds				-
<i>Other recognised gains/losses</i>				
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charities own use	-	116.01	116.01	435.86
<i>Net movements in funds</i>	-15,344.03	-5,704.34	-21,048.37	-1,015.25
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>				
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	188,030.66	39,641.01	227,671.67	228,686.92
<i>Total funds carried forward</i>	172,686.63	33,936.67	206,623.30	227,671.67

For further breakdown of income see Note 2,
For further breakdown of expenditure see Note 3



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1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared, as far as applicable, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Charity Law, Financial Reporting Standards and the current SORP, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRSSE), effective 1st January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds - i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest;

ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the tax is recovered. Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investment is sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

d) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation to the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.



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e) Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the accounts. For other property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired since 2000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life (see note (d)).

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off on the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful life. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixture and fittings	25% straight line
Computer equipment	30% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values as high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

f) Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.



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Analysis of Income

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Note 2

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
0100 Planned giving GA	9,679.87	-	-	9,679.87	12,030.95
0110 Planned giving non-GA	36,461.47	-	-	36,461.47	35,176.40
0120 Envelope Scheme GA	159.50	-	-	159.50	383.00
0140 Church collections GA	2,569.50	-	-	2,569.50	2,545.49
0150 Church collections non-GA	-	-	-	-	30.43
0160 Donations GA	4,800.00	-	14,875.40	19,675.40	15,170.00
0170 Donations non GA	1,465.51	-	1,140.00	2,605.51	3,580.22
0180 Gift Aid tax recovered	3,936.75	-	4,573.21	8,509.96	6,911.24
0190 Legacies and endowments	-	-	-	-	-
0200 Fund-raising (non trading) income	50.00	-	-	50.00	-
0220 Special collections	-	-	441.32	441.32	667.64
0230 Grants received	-	-	3,068.13	3,068.13	500.00
0390 Other donations	188.35	-	-	188.35	582.37
Donations and legacies Total	59,310.95	-	24,098.06	83,409.01	77,577.74
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
0400 Fees for services	2,575.50	-	-	2,575.50	3,095.00
Total Income from charitable activities	2,575.50	-	-	2,575.50	3,095.00
<i>Other trading activities</i>					
0500 Centre hire	7,580.00	-	-	7,580.00	4,276.00
0510 Magazine income	419.50	-	-	419.50	259.50
0520 Sale of goods for fundraising	118.00	-	260.65	378.65	399.35
Total Other trading activities	8,117.50	-	260.65	8,378.15	4,934.85
<i>Investments</i>					
0600 Deposit interest received	721.11	-	-	721.11	421.90
0610 Investment interest received	-	-	335.57	335.57	177.34
	721.11	-	335.57	1,056.68	599.24
<i>Other Income</i>					
0790 Other income	-	-	-	-	71.10
Total Other incomes	-	-	-	-	71.10
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	70,725.06	-	24,694.28	95,419.34	86,277.93



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Analysis of Expenditure

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Note 3

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure					
Raising Funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities					
2200 Parish contribution	65,156.00	-	-	65,156.00	59,096.00
2210 Charitable giving	1,250.00	-	-	1,250.00	1,250.00
2220 Church utilities	3,314.32	-	-	3,314.32	1,824.88
2230 Church service expenses	993.01	-	1,170.95	2,163.96	1,427.11
2240 Church maintenance and equipment	2,902.31	-	23,376.39	26,278.70	9,243.89
2250 Rectory expenses	4,656.97	-	949.00	5,605.97	4,142.26
2260 Rector's expenses	1,437.01	-	-	1,437.01	1,410.67
2290 Administrative expenses	187.56	-	-	187.56	280.39
2300 Children and young people	18.99	-	384.32	403.31	155.21
2320 Giving from special collections	-	-	701.97	701.97	917.64
2330 Gifts made	-	-	500.00	500.00	-
2600 Centre utilities costs	4,311.04	-	-	4,311.04	4,036.64
2610 Centre running costs	1,226.65	-	-	1,226.65	1,198.79
2620 Centre maintenance and equipment	478.20	-	3,432.00	3,910.20	1,378.24
2650 Magazine costs	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	85,932.06		30,514.63	116,446.69	86,361.72
Other expenditure					
2990 Other expenditure	137.03	-	-	137.03	1,367.32
Total Other expenditure	137.03		-	137.03	1,367.32
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	86,069.09	-	30,514.63	116,583.72	87,729.04
TOTAL OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-15,344.03		-5,820.35	-21,164.38	-1,451.11



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4 Staff Costs

No-one was employed by the PCC during the year and there were no transactions in respect of PCC members, or persons closely connected to them or other related persons.

5 Analysis of transfer between funds

See Note 10.

6 Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or Valuation	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
At 1 January 2024	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Additions/disposals/revaluations	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	-	-	-
Provided in year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2024	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
At 31 December 2023	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83

As a freehold building, according to the PCC accounting policies, the value of the church centre is not subject to depreciation.

The Church Centre was insured for losses up to £2,960,000 inclusive of buildings and contents, although the building is carried on the balance sheet at its cost.

b) Investments

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Market value at 1 January 2024	5,068.56	4,632.70
Increase in market value	116.01	435.86
Market value at 31 December 2024	5,184.57	5,068.56

An investment is held by the Diocesan Board of Finance (G L Burgess Trust) as CBF Investment Fund (Income) Shares the income from which is restricted to be used for the maintenance of church notice boards or similar communication-related items.



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7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

Fund	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Fund Balances at 31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets for church use	150,914.83	-	-	-	150,914.83
Investment fixed assets	-	-	6,735.22	-	6,735.22
Current assets	6,771.80	15,000.00	27,201.45	-	48,973.25
Current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2024	152,686.63	15,000.00	33,936.67	-	206,623.30

8 Debtors

There were no debtors as at 31 December 2024.

9 Creditors

There were no creditors as at 31 December 2024.

10 Fund movement summary

Fund	Fund Balances as at 01/01/2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains/losses	Fund Balances as at 31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Village Discretionary Fund	640.50	15.00	635.00			20.50
Youth Worker Fund	7,411.12	-	249.32			7,161.80
Church Centre Upgrade Fund	1,640.85	1,791.15	3,432.00			-
Mission Fund	344.49	-	-			344.49
Graveyard	730.63	755.71	1,486.34			-
West Window and Tower Fund	16,135.30	287.50	-			16,422.80
Church Maintenance Fund	6,339.93	18,801.98	21,890.05			3,251.86
Bibles		1,056.40	1,056.04			-
Flowers	114.55	-	114.55			
Christmas Collections		701.97	701.97			
Mower		949.00	949.00			
Burgess Trust Fund	6,283.64	335.57			116.01	6,735.22
General Reserves	15,000.00					15,000.00
Church Centre Capital	150,914.83					150,914.83
	205,555.84	24,694.28	30,514.63	-	116.01	199,851.50
General Fund	22,115.83	70,705.06	86,069.09	-		6,771.80
	227,671.67	95,419.34	116,583.72	-	116.01	206,623.30



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Independent Examiner's Report 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Parochial Church Council St. Peter's Church, Ardingly

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the Parochial Church Council are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention

which give me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the members have not met the requirements:

to keep accounting in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounts records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met: or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Matthew Hunt
MPH & Associates
Delta House Bridge
Street Haywards
Heath RH16 1UA

Date 15 May 2025



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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

ST PETER'S CHURCH, ARDINGLY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1133803

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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Website: www.ardinglychurch.org.uk

Incumbent: The Reverend John H Crutchley

The Rectory, Church Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UR

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Walthamstow Branch



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During the year ended 31 December 2023, the following people served as members of the parochial church council ("PCC"):

Incumbent:	The Reverend John Crutchley	Chairman
Ex officio members:	Mr John Witherington	Reader
Church Wardens:	Mr Nigel Cheater Mr John Witherington	Vice-Chairman
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Jill Veasey Mr Mervyn James	
Elected members:	Mrs Carol Grossman Mrs Deb Ruse Mrs Jill Veasey Miss Sue Laker Mrs Gina Paul Mr Mervyn James Mrs Glynis Doerr	
Co-opted member:	Mrs Esther Wigmore	(From May 2023)
Secretary to the PCC and Parish Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Jane Taylor Cheater	

ST PETER'S ARDINGLY - TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd John Crutchley, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical.
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and, to other organisations with similar objectives.



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WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

Attendance at Worship

With New Year's Day falling on a Sunday we were able to begin 2023 together in church and by 'praying-in' the New Year in our Sunday worship. Praise and prayers for the local community were followed by the usual New Years' walk and lunch; an event enjoyed by many both in the church family and in the wider village community. Church attendance has remained very settled across the year. Happily we have been joined by some new and now regular attendees at our services and whilst we are a smaller gathering than we should prefer, we are in excellent heart and a church that offers a warmth of welcome to all those who visit whether to join in our regular praise and worship, or for baptism, weddings or funerals, or even simply to enjoy our beautiful 14th Century church building for a moment of peace and quiet reflection. A sample from the comments in the Visitors Book are testament to this: 'Lovely and peaceful;' 'What a lovely peaceful place;' 'Fantastic church for a return visit;' 'The free biscuits and water are a lovely touch!' The first comment to be written in 2023 is one that we really need to hold close and include in our mission action statement: ['Lovely. Keep it alive!'](#)

**A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH. AN OASIS OF
PEACE.**

A CHURCH VISITOR – MAY 2023

And across the year we have worked hard to do just that, to 'keep it alive.' The regular weekly services have been enhanced and improved by the use of recorded/video led music in our worship and praise. This has not been exclusive, and we have continued to benefit from 'live' music led by keyboard, drums, guitar and vocals and of course by our marvellous organ on occasions. However, the combination of the two allows flexibility in our worship and ensures that we can continue to worship well, week on week without too much demand being placed upon any one person. All in all we have praised well, prayed well and learned well allowing our worship and God's Word to empower us in our mission and in the service of our community.

LOVELY. KEEP IT ALIVE!

We also learned the positive lessons about the use of technology that 'lock-down' had to teach and so have continued to maintain a Zoom link to our main service each Sunday throughout the year. This has attracted some who now see it as their weekly church attendance, facilitating their church attendance when there are so many other competing demands, including work demands across what is nowadays a seven-day timetable for so many. But it has also enabled others who may want to be in church in person

but who are restricted by ill-health or disability to remain a part of our worshipping community and church family. We have developed this across the year with better cameras allowing ever more participation in the service by those joining via Zoom. Thanks in this regard must go particularly to Nigel Cheater, one of our churchwardens, who quite rightly received the recognition his efforts deserve when in September he was awarded the Order of St Richard by the Bishop of Chichester.



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We have always recognised that our remote location within our rural parish presents a major challenge. Whilst the church builders back in the fourteenth century built the church at the heart of the village, both geographically and spiritually, the geographical centre of the village has now moved leaving the church building a little distant. To counter this and to keep the church as a spiritual heart that welcomes all we have built upon other lessons learned from 'lock-down' by taking some of our services out of the church building and holding them instead on the Recreation Ground in the centre of the village. A walk of witness leading to one such service on Good Friday drew attention from many. And the provision of hot-cross buns and coffee after the service the attention of even more! As usual the Easter services that then followed saw us welcome many new folk both from within the village and among those visiting for the holidays.



**THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A PRAYER
AT THE PLACE MY GREAT GRANDPARENTS WERE
MARRIED IN 1818.**

A VISITOR FROM AUSTRALIA SEPTEMBER 2023

A prayer vigil for the King and Queen Consort (as she then was) on the eve of the Coronation, and a service of Celebration for the Coronation held on the Recreation Ground and an afternoon tea provided by the church for all of those engaged in the King's 'Big Help Out' following the Coronation are among the many ways that we have tried to engage and serve all in the village. The harvest service followed by a lunch for all is another example, as is the annual Service of All Souls now held in the church graveyard and attracting three times the number of people usually expected for a similar service held in the church. The best example is perhaps the annual Service of Remembrance. Held in the open and with our local uniform groups in attendance, wreaths were laid in remembrance by both Parish and District Council representatives. This service has seen a growth in numbers attending in each year since we decided to hold the service as we now do, that is outside and on the Recreation Ground. We now see more younger people attending the service and many more from across our community who may previously not have thought about attending a church service for Remembrance. It is a good example of how we are striving to make our services more accessible and so to actively demonstrate our heartfelt call to support and work for our entire community.

A year that began in prayer for the community on New Year's Day came to its close in prayer with the community and as we celebrated Christmas. Again, we sought to serve our village by working together with the local Parish Council to lead a Christingle service around the oak tree in the village. The tree is always illuminated at Christmas with the lights being turned on after the Christmas Fair. The Christingle service then followed and was attended by a very large number of people of all ages and from all across the village. Looking back on the evening afterwards a member of the Parish Council wrote: 'Well done Ardingly.' Well done indeed. It was a great evening that set us up for our annual Carols by Candlelight Service the following week which was also very well attended and then our Crib and Carol service which once again saw the church overflowing with worshippers on Christmas Eve. This was a great start to a beautiful Christmas that saw us welcome many to our services.



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AS NIGHT FELL UPON ARDINGLY, ST. PETER'S CHURCH TOOK CENTRE STAGE, LEADING A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AND CAROL SINGING. IT WAS A HEART-WARMING EXPERIENCE THAT BROUGHT VILLAGERS TOGETHER IN SONG AND REFLECTION.

ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL MEDIA REPORT

Evangelism and Outreach

The pattern of services is now settled around a traditional celebration of Holy Communion using the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer at 9.00am each Sunday. The 10.30am service follows a monthly pattern of a Morning Praise [Service of the Word] service on the first Sunday of each month; a service of Holy Communion using the liturgy of Common Worship Order One on the second Sunday; a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] on a Third Sunday; and a further service of Holy Communion [Common Worship Order One] on the fourth Sunday which includes each month an opportunity for prayer for healing and wholeness. Where the month includes a fifth Sunday, the main service is now usually a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] service. There is one evening service on the first Sunday in each month. This is called 'Open to God' and it attracts a committed congregation with a variety of services including Compline, Evening Prayer and Holy Communion. In whatever format 'Open to God' is intended as a moment of peaceful reflection at the end of the day.

Evangelism and outreach is driven by our desire to connect with and to serve the community of which we are a part. To this end, our weekly services are only a part of what we do. All true mission begins with the establishment of good and loving relationships, so we have endeavoured to build good links across the village, with the Parish Council, with our neighbours on the Showground, with Ardingly Connected Together and with our schools – both primary school and Ardingly College. Our thanks have to go to our friends at the College who do the photocopying for our parish magazine each month. A vital village resource. We enjoy very close links with our local Church of England Primary school. Three members of the church serve as foundation governors on the school's governing body (one is a highly effective chair of the governing body) and the Rector leads a school assembly each week of term time. In addition, services have been held in church for pupils, staff and families in celebration of Harvest, Christmas and Easter. And in the Summer a special service is held for those leaving the school as they move on to secondary education with each leaver being presented with a bible. This is a tradition that we have followed in every year since 2007.

'Meeting Point,' organized and led by church family members, meets every other week in the centre of the village drawing together a dedicated group of mainly older people for coffee, cake and above all fellowship. 'Angels and Urchins' established and run by the church and led by church members meets weekly in school term time providing a much-needed gathering place for those caring for very young children. With toys and games, singing, and of course coffee, tea and refreshments, it is a very important amenity serving a huge need within the village.



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'At your Service,' also established and run by church members offers lifts to appointments, help with shopping and other small acts of 'domestic service' to any in the village who need support. The importance of what it offers has been recognised by local GP's who have referred some in need to its service. And the church has been pleased to provide financial support to Ardingly Connected Together a village wide group in all its work among those in need in our village. Each of these groups in their own way bring support to our community and tackle the ever-growing problems of loneliness and isolation that are experienced by so many, young and old alike.

We also look beyond our village in trying to assist and support others. Each year we dedicate our Christmas giving to support both the work of the Children's Society and that of 'Off the Fence' – a Brighton based charity that works with the homeless.



IT WAS LOVELY THAT THE CHURCH WAS OPEN AND I STOOD AT THE DOORWAY AND
SOAKED IN THE ATMOSPHERE. MY VERY MUDDY BOOTS WERE THE REASON I DIDN'T
VENTURE FARTHER IN BUT I SAID A PRAYER WHILE I STOOD THERE.

THE CHURCH LOOKED AMAZING IN HOW IT HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR EASTER AND THE
PERFUME OF THE FLOWERS WAS WONDERFUL.

A CHURCH VISITOR AT EASTER

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

The Rector is assisted in the pastoral care for people living in the village by two pastoral care assistants, who have completed a diocesan organized training course and who have been approved in their work by the bishop. In addition, we have a team of church members who give their time and energies caring, listening, and helping people in the church family and wider village community. The Rector is also assisted by a Reader, John Witherington to whom thanks need to go for his leading of our services, for his informed and challenging preaching and for his tireless work as a churchwarden. He is a great asset to our parish.



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Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers.

Our church continues to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others, as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. There were two baptisms in 2023, seven funerals in church, one funeral conducted at a crematorium and two burials of ashes. Most teaching is offered through our weekly sermons which seek to explore God's word, to apply it, to bridge the context and explain its contemporary significance. This is built upon in home groups. A large number of the church family have been involved in leading various aspects of worship, lending great encouragement to those involved, as well as the whole congregation.

WE ALL WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS FOR TODAY, WE'RE ALL IN AGREEMENT THAT IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE PERFECT, AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY WHAT MUM WOULD HAVE WANTED. MANY PEOPLE COMMENTED ON WHAT A TRULY LOVELY SERVICE IT WAS.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy.

It has always been important to us that the church is available for private prayer not just to the church family but to the wider visiting community. To this end the church building is open daily and the many entries in the Visitors' Book testify to the benefit this brings. It is a joy to welcome so many visitors, from the village and from across the UK, and also from overseas.

In July we were pleased to welcome The Monumental Brass Society who held both their annual meeting and a general meeting in the church as they focussed upon the 'Culpepper' brasses.

Many of those who visit remark not only how refreshing it is to find an open church but, also the sense of peacefulness and spirituality the church pervades. Other remarks include the sense of history within; that people of much earlier generations found life and presence there. There are also many comments on and appreciation of the architectural beauty of the building and biblical archaeology.

CAME HERE TO SEE MY FOURTEENTH CENTURY GREAT GRANDPARENTS, RICHARD AND ELIZABETH CULPEPPER, BURIED IN THIS CHURCH. THE CULPEPPERS. MY FAMILY!

A VISITOR TO THE CHURCH JUNE 2023



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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Unrestricted incoming and outgoing resources

The PCC is grateful to be able to record that planned giving via direct debits remained at almost the same level as the previous year 2022. Planned giving via the parish Giving Scheme remained constant and this method continues to be the preferred mechanism for the congregation to give. It is an extremely helpful way of managing cash flow and allows for gift aid to be paid to us at the time the gift is made.

For other donations, gift aid is claimed on a quarterly basis and total gift aid from these unrestricted donations amounted to £6,682.23. This is lower than in 2022 as claims for gift aid were brought up to date during that year. Thanks in particular to some generous additional donations, unrestricted giving was over £4000 higher than in 2022.

Income received via the envelope scheme continued to fall and now only a small minority of the congregation use this method. The "Tap" machine located near the entrance of the church continues to grow in popularity, averaging approximately £120 per month throughout 2023 – an increase of 70% on 2022.

Lettings of the Church Centre remained steady compared to 2022, though income was down due to the late payment of one regular user. This meant that, when taken in isolation, there was a significant increase in deficit (42%) compared to 2022 (15%).

The PCC remains most grateful for the continued generosity of those who faithfully give to the Church and their resilience in continuing to do so with all the financial challenges we currently face.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £59,096 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. In 2023, we pledged to pay 75% of the amount asked by the Diocese. This was an increase of 5% of that paid in 2022. The Diocese are conscious of the financial pressures facing both individuals and congregations and have once again expressed their extreme gratitude to Parishes who have been able to meet their pledged giving in these financially challenging times.

Overall, the unrestricted spend for the year was £82,001.

Restricted Income and Expenditure

Note 10 shows a breakdown of income and expenditure by fund.

The largest expenditure over the year was in respect of the repair work that is needed to the West Window and Tower. This largely relates to preparatory work that was necessary to obtain quotations, etc and this was all met from restricted gifts. Other significant expenditure was in relation to church maintenance and upkeep of the graveyard. In 2023, a grant of £500 was again received from the Parish Council towards the cost of maintaining the graveyard. All other costs are met by the church family itself.

Just under £5,500 was received in the year, which includes gift aid receipts.

The total value of restricted funds at the end of 2023 was £39,661 and this figure includes the Burgess Trust.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of St Peter's to aim to return to a surplus in the year and to transfer to reserves an amount equal to or less than this surplus. The objective is to provide for future years where a deficit has been returned. Current reserves are £15,000 and have been maintained for 2023. It is the policy of St Peter's to invest these funds on a short-term basis with CBF Church of England deposit fund.



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S ARDINGLY—1133803

Balance Sheet

As At 31 December 2023

Unrestricted

	As At 31/12/2023 £	As At 31/12/2022 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	1.00	1.00
Heritage Assets	150,913.83	150,913.83
Investments	5,068.56	4,632.70
	<u>155,983.39</u>	<u>155,547.53</u>
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	71,688.28	73,139.39
	<u>71,688.28</u>	<u>73,139.39</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>71,688.28</u>	<u>73,139.39</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>227,671.67</u>	<u>228,686.92</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>227,671.67</u>	<u>228,686.92</u>

Represented by

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted—General Fund	22,115.83	23,339.53
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Designated Funds

Designated—General Funds	15,000.00	15,000.00
Designated—Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	150,914.83

Restricted Funds

Restricted—Village Discretionary Fund	640.50	393.00
Restricted—Youth Worker Fund	7,411.12	7,411.12
Restricted—Church Centre Upgrade Fund	1,640.85	2,181.89
Restricted—Mission Fund	344.49	344.49
Restricted—Other Restricted Funds	845.18	1,086.99
Restricted—West Window and Tower Fund	16,135.30	17,315.30
Restricted—Church Maintenance Fund	6,339.93	4,906.93
Restricted—Burgess Trust Fund	6,283.64	5,792.84

Funds of the Church

<u>227,671.67</u>	<u>228,686.92</u>
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20.04.24

and signed on its behalf



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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

	General & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments				
Donations and Legacies	72,258.23	5,319.51	77,577.74	67,007.24
Income from charitable activities	3,095.00	-	3,095.00	2,475.00
Other trading activities	4,934.85	-	4,934.85	6,406.00
Investments	421.90	177.34	599.24	323.10
Other income	71.10	-	71.10	-
Total Income	80,781.08	5,496.85	86,277.93	76,211.34
Expenditure				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	82,001.28	4,360.44	86,361.72	76,116.57
Other expenditure	3.50	1,363.82	1,367.32	1,534.28
Total Expenditure	82,004.78	5,724.26	87,729.04	77,650.85
Net expenditure before transfers	-1,223.70	-227.41	-1,451.11	-1,439.51
Transfers				
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/losses				
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charities own use	-	435.86	435.86	-618.11
Net movements in funds	-1,223.70	208.45	-1,015.25	-618.11
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	189,254.36	39,432.56	228,686.92	230,744.54
Total funds carried forward	188,030.66	39,641.01	227,671.67	228,686.92

For further breakdown of income see Note 2,
For further breakdown of expenditure see Note 3



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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared, as far as applicable, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Charity Law, Financial Reporting Standards and the current SORP, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRSSE), effective 1st January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds - i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest;
ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the tax is recovered. Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investment is sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

d) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation to the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.



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Notes to the Financial Statements

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e) Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the accounts. For other property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired since 2000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life (see note (d)).

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off on the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful life. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixture and fittings	25% straight line
Computer equipment	30% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values as high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

f) Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S ARDINGLY—1133803

Notes to the Financial Statements

Analysis of Income

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Note 2

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
0100 Planned giving GA	11,990.45	-	40.50	12,030.95	11,970.00
0110 Planned giving non-GA	35,176.40	-	-	35,176.40	35,002.30
0120 Envelope Scheme GA	383.00	-	-	383.00	669.00
0140 Church collections GA	2,545.49	-	-	2,545.49	2,272.20
0150 Church collections non-GA	30.43	-	-	30.43	-
0160 Donations GA	11,200.00	-	3,970.00	15,170.00	3,153.93
0170 Donations non GA	3,500.22	-	80.00	3,580.22	1,727.66
0180 Gift Aid tax recovered	6,682.23	-	229.01	6,911.24	9,373.05
0190 Legacies and endowments	-	-	-	-	-
0200 Fund-raising (non trading) income	-	-	-	-	165.00
0220 Special collections	667.64	-	-	667.64	1,964.76
0230 Grants received	-	-	500.00	500.00	540.00
0390 Other donations	82.37	-	500.00	582.37	169.34
<i>Donations and legacies Total</i>	72,258.23	-	5,319.51	77,577.74	67,007.24
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
0400 Fees for services	3,095.00	-	-	3,095.00	2,475.00
Total Income from charitable activities	3,095.00	-	-	3,095.00	2,475.00
<i>Other trading activities</i>					
0500 Centre hire	4,276.00	-	-	4,276.00	5,679.00
0510 Magazine income	259.50	-	-	259.50	359.00
0520 Sale of goods for fundraising	399.35	-	-	399.35	368.00
Total Other trading activities	4,934.85	-	-	4,934.85	6,406.00
<i>Investments</i>					
0600 Deposit interest received	421.90	-	-	421.90	170.89
0610 Investment interest received	-	-	177.34	177.34	152.21
	421.90	-	177.34	599.24	323.10
<i>Other Income</i>					
0790 Other income	71.10	-	-	71.10	-
Total Other incomes	71.10	-	-	71.10	-
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	80,781.08	-	5,496.85	86,277.93	76,211.34



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Analysis of Expenditure

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Note 3

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
Expenditure	£	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities					
220 Parish contribution	59,096.00	-	-	59,096.00	53,877.00
2210 Charitable giving	1,250.00	-	-	1,250.00	10.00
2220 Church utilities	1,824.88	-	-	1,824.88	1,472.41
2230 Church service expenses	1,427.11	-	-	1,427.11	2,076.09
2240 Church maintenance and equipment	5,796.89	-	3,447.00	9,243.89	3,541.20
2250 Rectory expenses	4,142.26	-	-	4,142.26	4,483.90
2260 Rector's expenses	1,410.67	-	-	1,410.67	1,282.55
2290 Administrative expenses	157.99	-	122.40	280.39	81.99
2300 Children and young people	155.21	-	-	155.21	699.43
2320 Giving from special collections	667.64	-	250.00	917.64	1,994.36
2330 Gifts made	-	-	-	-	200.00
2600 Centre utilities costs	4,036.64	-	-	4,036.64	3,453.56
2610 Centre running costs	1,198.79	-	-	1,198.79	1,080.75
2620 Centre maintenance and equipment	837.20	-	541.04	1,378.24	1,863.33
2650 Magazine costs	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	82,001.28	-	4,360.44	86,361.72	76,116.57
Other expenditure					
2990 Other expenditure	3.50	-	1,363.82	1,367.32	1,534.28
Total Other expenditure	3.50	-	1,363.82	1,367.32	1,534.28
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	82,004.78	-	5,724.26	87,729.04	77,650.85
TOTAL OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-1,223.70	-	-227.41	-1,451.11	-1,439.51



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4 Staff Costs

No-one was employed by the PCC during the year and there were no transactions in respect of PCC members, or persons closely connected to them or other related persons.

5 Analysis of transfer between funds

See Note 10.

6 Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Church Equipment	Total
Cost or Valuation	£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Additions/disposals/valuations	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	-	-	-
Provided in year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2023	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
At 31 December 2022	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83

As a freehold building, according to the PCC accounting policies, the value of the church centre is not subject to depreciation.

The Church Centre was insured for losses up to £2,960,000 inclusive of buildings and contents, although the building is carried on the balance sheet at its cost.

b) Investments

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Market value at 1 January 2023	4,632.70	5,250.81
Increase/(2022 Decrease) in market value	435.86	-618.11
Market value at 31 December 2023	5,068.56	4,632.70

An investment is held by the Diocesan Board of Finance (G L Burgess Trust) as CBF Investment Fund (Income) Shares the income from which is restricted to be used for the maintenance of church notice boards or similar communication-related items.



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7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

Fund	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Fund Balances at 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets for church use	150,914.83	-	-	-	150,914.83
Investment fixed assets	-	-	6,283.64	-	6,283.64
Current assets	22,783.47	15,000.00	32,689.73	-	70,473.20
Current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2023	173,698.30	15,000.00	38,973.37	-	227,671.67

8 Debtors

There were no debtors as at 31 December 2023.

9 Creditors

There were no creditors as at 31 December 2023.

10 Fund movement summary

Fund	Fund Balances as at 01/01/2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains/losses	Fund Balances as at 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Village Discretionary Fund	393.00	497.50	250.00	-	-	640.50
Youth Worker Fund	7,411.12	-	-	-	-	7,411.12
Church Centre Upgrade Fund	2,181.89	-	541.04	-	-	1,640.85
Mission Fund	344.49	-	-	-	-	344.49
Other Restricted funds	1,086.99	1,122.01	1,363.82	-	-	845.18
West Window and Tower Fund	17,315.30	-	2,280.00	-	-	16,135.30
Church Maintenance Fund	4,906.93	3,700.00	1,167.00	-	-	6,339.93
Burgess Trust Fund	5,792.84	177.34	122.40	-	435.86	6,283.64
General Reserves	15,000.00	-	-	-	-	15,000.00
Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	-	-	-	-	150,914.83
	205,347.39	5,496.85	5,724.26		435.86	205,555.84
General Fund	23,339.53	80,781.08	81,337.14		-	22,115.83
	228,686.92	86,277.93	87,729.04		435.86	227,671.67



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Independent Examiner's Report 2023

The Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Peters' Ardingly

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (*the 2011 Act*) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance, 2013 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulationshave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date – 4 May 2024

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

ST PETER'S CHURCH, ARDINGLY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1133803

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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Website: www.ardinglychurch.org.uk

Incumbent: The Reverend John H Crutchley
The Rectory, Church Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UR

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Walthamstow Branch



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During the year ended 31 December 2022, the following people served as members of the parochial church council ("PCC"):

Incumbent:	The Reverend John Crutchley	Chairman
Ex officio members:	Mr John Witherington	Reader
Church Wardens:	Mr Nigel Cheater Mr John Witherington	Vice-Chairman
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Jill Veasey Mr Mervyn James	
Elected members:	Mrs Carol Grossman Mrs Deb Ruse Mrs Jill Veasey Miss Sue Laker Mrs Gina Paul Mr Mervyn James Mrs Glynis Doerr	
Secretary to the PCC	Mrs Jane Taylor Cheater	(Safeguarding Coordinator and Parish Safeguarding Coordinator)

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OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd John Crutchley, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical.
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known.
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay.
- Providing financial support to those in need and, to other organisations with similar objectives.

WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion.'



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The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small 'home group' situations
- Engaging with our local primary school on the Governing body and through regular weekly assemblies, services in school and church and in any other way required.
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Aiding the poor and needy of the parish
- Making gifts to missionary organisations
- Reaching out to the unchurched through 'Zoom' based services; through services held outside of the church building and in the heart of the village to mark important events and national celebrations; utilizing the graveyard as a location for services to remember those loved and lost; and in our Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance and Christmas services.
- Enhancing our worship through the use of sound and visual technology.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the village.

There were six meetings of the PCC in 2022. The current electoral roll has 82 members and there were no amendments to the roll throughout 2022.



WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

Attendance at worship

We loved the music, and the videos were really great. It brought the worship alive! How can our church get to do this as well?

A Sunday visitor from Yorkshire, December 2022

After two years during which our activities and worship were curtailed by the pandemic lockdown and its restrictions, the new year of 2022 saw a return to our normal routines and practices, albeit as they

have now been influenced by all that has been learnt through the lockdown. Happily, a small and devoted church family were only too pleased to be able to resume the regular weekly services in church and quite clearly the 'Zoom' services that had been offered throughout the pandemic lockdowns had had the desired effect of keeping the church family together. There was no drop in pre-pandemic numbers as worship in church resumed post-pandemic, and indeed, across the year a few new members have been added to the regular weekly group of attendees.

The continued use of 'Zoom' each week has allowed us to offer access to our main Sunday act of worship to all of those who for whatever reason cannot be physically present in church; in this way those who may be unwell or incapacitated or unable for whatever reason to attend church have nonetheless been able to join in the service and to remain and to feel a part of the church family. The introduction of new cameras and

microphones during the year has greatly improved the quality of the 'Zoom' output each week, an improvement that has been noted and commented upon by those who have now come to rely upon it each

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week. It is heartening and encouraging that there is now a group of regular weekly attendees choosing to attend via the 'Zoom' option.

The greater use of technology has also allowed us to use recorded/video led music in our worship and praise. This has greatly enhanced the same, enabling more people to be drawn more deeply into worship.

As the world began to look away from COVID and the lockdown, Europe was engulfed by the horrors of the war that followed the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The outbreak of war coincided with the

With many thanks indeed for a truly special service.

A local visitor, August 2022

beginning of Lent, and it was decided that rather than talk about 'how to pray' we would be better actually putting our faith into practice by 'doing prayer' together daily; praying both for Ukraine and Russia and for the effect of the conflict across the world.

Built around the daily office of evening prayer a committed core group were joined across the period of Lent by many others, praying daily from the beginning of Lent through to Easter Saturday.



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Easter is a time at which we often see larger numbers attending the services and we were pleased and encouraged by the attendance across the Easter weekend. The annual service of Remembrance saw a large attendance as did all of our services in celebration of Christmas.

Throughout the year, the close links the church enjoys with St. Peter's CEP School have seen services held in the church for pupils, staff and families in celebration of Harvest, Christmas, Easter and a special service for school leavers in the Summer. As we have done in each year since 2007, a gift bible was presented to each school leaver in the Summer.

Evangelism and Outreach.

The pattern of services is now settled around a traditional celebration of Holy Communion using the

**What a beautiful celebration of the Jubilee!
Really well done.**

*A comment from a local resident, written in the
Visitor Book. June 2022*

liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer at 9.00am each Sunday. The 10.30am service follows a monthly pattern of a Morning Praise [Service of the Word] service on the first Sunday of each month; a service of Holy Communion using the liturgy of Common Worship Order One on the second Sunday; a

service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] on a Third Sunday; and a further service of Holy Communion [Common Worship Order One] on the fourth Sunday which includes each month an opportunity for prayer for healing and wholeness. Where the month includes a fifth Sunday, the main service is now usually a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] service. There is one evening service on the first Sunday in each month. 'Open to God' as it is called attracts a committed congregation and offers a variety of services ranging from Compline to Evening Prayer and a celebration of Holy Communion. In whatever format it is intended as a moment of quiet reflection at the end of the day.

Drawing upon the experience gained through lockdown one of our key evangelistic objectives has been to reach out to those outside of the church by offering services in the heart of the village. We recognise that one of the major challenges we face is the geographic location of the church building situated as it is on the edge of the village.

A service to mark Good Friday was held on the village Recreation Ground, attracting a few new faces and also some interest from passing locals.

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In June, a service was also held on the Recreation Ground in celebration and thanksgiving for the Platinum jubilee of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. And then in September the annual celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving was held on the South of England Showground and as a part of their Autumn Fair.



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The service for All Souls was held in the church graveyard at the beginning of November and attracted three times the number of people usually expected for a similar service held in the church. The annual service of Remembrance, also in early November, was then held on the Recreation Ground and was accompanied by a parade of local uniform groups. The service attracted a much larger than usual congregation drawn from across the village and this attendance included a large number of younger people.

The annual 'Christingle Service' was held in conjunction with the local Parish Council and as a part of their Christmas Fair and lighting of the village tree. Holding this service outside and in the heart of

The carols, the choir, the beautiful candlelight and those familiar words. All that Christmas should be. Thankyou.

A visitor to Carols by Candlelight, December 2022

the village was very popular attracting a large crowd of young, older, and family groups.

Christmas outreach also included a 'Carols by Candlelight' service with

familiar readings from scripture, poems and favourite carols. With the music led from the organ and by a festival choir drawn from across the village, the service attracted a very large congregation. As did the Crib and Carol service on Christmas Eve. Indeed, all of the Christmas services were well attended.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy.

It has always been important to us that the church is available for private prayer not just to the church family but to the wider visiting community. To this end the church building is open daily and the many entries in the Visitors' Book testify to the benefit this brings. It is a joy to welcome so many visitors, from the village and from across the UK, and from overseas.

Many remark not only how refreshing it is to find an open church but, also the sense of peacefulness and spirituality the church pervades. Other remarks include the sense of history within; that people of much earlier generations found life and presence there.

Thank you so much for the open church – what a lovely, peaceful place – filled with the presence of God.

An entry in the Visitor Book, October 2022

There are also many comments on and appreciation of the architectural beauty of the building and biblical archaeology. Certainly, the church building was the right and proper place to lead a village wide service to commemorate the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Baptised in this church, I love to visit when I can. So peaceful.

An entry in the Visitor Book from a visitor from Northern Ireland, May 2022



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Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

The Rector is assisted in the pastoral care for people living in the village by two pastoral care assistants, who have completed a diocesan organized training course and who have been approved in their work by the bishop. In addition, we have a team of church members who give their time and energies caring, listening, and helping people in the church family and wider village community.

The church operated 'At your Service' scheme offers practical help and assistance to any in the village who are in need and has continued as a part of the wider outreach and care co-ordinated by the Parish Council and other volunteer groups. The church has been pleased to work with and alongside these groups as a further public demonstration of the benefit of our activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Unrestricted incoming and outgoing resources.

The PCC is grateful to be able to record that planned giving via direct debits remained at almost the same level as the previous year 2021. Planned giving via the Parish Giving Scheme saw an increase as more members of the congregation change their method of giving and began to use the Parish Giving Scheme. This is extremely helpful in managing cash flow and highly efficient in claiming the gift aid income on these gifts.

Gift aid is now being claimed on a timely basis. Total gift aid claims for the year amounted to £9,373.05 of which £4,151.52 was restricted in the main relating to the restoration of the west window.

Overall income was lower when compared to 2021. It is, however, important to note that in 2021 a legacy was received together with gift aid receipts relating to 2020.

Income received via the envelope scheme was slightly lower than in 2021 however the PCC are grateful to note that gift aided general church collections more than doubled that of 2021 receiving almost £2,300. We are also continuing to see a greater use of the "tap" machine located by the baptism font as you enter the Church.

Income from the Church Centre lettings remained steady compared with 2021. We have yet to see the full impact of the changes to fuel costs. Overall, when looking at the centre in isolation it saw a deficit with its expenses approximately 15% greater than income received.

In 2022 the total receipts on unrestricted funds received was £ 67,933 which was £18,931 less than 2021. It is important to note, however, that the figure for 2021 includes both the increased gift aid receipt and legacy as already mentioned.

The PCC remains most grateful for the continued generosity of those who faithfully give to the Church and their resilience in continuing to do with all the financial challenges that we currently face.



Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £53,877 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. In 2021 we pledged to pay 70% of the amount asked by the Diocese. This was an increase of 5% of that paid in 2021. The Diocese are conscious of the financial pressures facing both individuals and congregations and have once again expressed their extreme gratitude to Parishes who have been able to contribute an amount greater than their original pledge especially in what continue to be remain financially challenging times. Overall unrestricted spend was £72,709 for the year.

Restricted Income and Expenditure

Note 10 shows a breakdown of income and expenditure by fund.

The largest expenditure over the year was for the maintenance of the graveyard. A total of £1,500 was spent which was all met from restricted gifts or grants. The PCC was grateful to receive grants restricted to the upkeep of the graveyard from the Parish Council amounting to £500. The remaining costs are met by the church family itself.

A total of £7,700 was received in the year which includes gift aid receipts.

The total value of restricted funds at the end of 2022 was £39,080 (this includes The Burgess Trust Fund of £5,792 but excludes DEC appeals). An increase of approximately £2,500.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of St Peter's to aim to return a surplus in the year and transfer to reserves an amount equal to or less than this surplus. The objective is to provide for future years where a deficit has been returned. Current reserves are £15,000 and the have been maintained for 2022. It is the policy of St Peter's to invest these funds on a short-term basis with CBF Church of England deposit fund.



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Statement of Financial Activities

	General & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
<i>Income and Endowments</i>				
Donations and Legacies	58,881.79	8,125.45	67,007.24	93,943.25
Income from charitable activities	2,475.00	-	2,475.00	2,872.00
Other trading activities	6,406.00	-	6,406.00	6,218.50
Investments	170.89	152.21	323.10	140.51
Other income		-	-	872.99
<i>Total Income</i>	67,933.68	8,277.66	76,211.34	104,047.25
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	72,676.19	3,440.38	76,116.57	68,491.15
Other expenditure	33.50	1,500.78	1,534.28	3,217.66
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	72,709.69	4,941.16	77,650.85	71,708.81
<i>Net Income /(expenditure) before transfers</i>	-4,776.01	3,336.50	-1,439.51	32,338.44
<i>Transfers</i>				
Transfers between funds	-60.00	60.00	-	-
<i>Other recognised gains/losses</i>				
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	657.15
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charities own use	-	-618.11	-618.11	
<i>Net movements in funds</i>	-60.00	-558.11	-618.11	657.15
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>				
Total funds brought forward	194,090.37	36,654.17	230,744.54	197,748.95
Total funds carried forward	189,254.36	39,432.56	228,686.92	230,744.54

For further breakdown of income see note 2,
For further breakdown of expenditure see Note 3



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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2022

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	1.00	1.00
Heritage assets	150,913.83	150,913.83
Investments	4,632.70	5,250.81
	<u>155,547.53</u>	<u>156,165.64</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	73,139.39	74,578.90
	<u>73,139.39</u>	<u>74,578.90</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>73,139.39</u>	<u>74,578.90</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>228,686.92</u>	<u>230,744.54</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>228,686.92</u>	<u>230,744.54</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	23339.53	28,175.54
Designated		
Designated - General Reserves	15,000.00	15,000.00
Designated - Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	150,914.83
Restricted		
Restricted - Village Discretionary Fund	393.00	400.00
Restricted - Youth Worker fund	7,411.12	7,411.12
Restricted - Church Centre Upgrade fund	2,181.89	3,346.82
Restricted - Mission fund	344.49	344.49
Restricted - Other Restricted funds	23,309.22	18,893.00
Restricted - Burgess Trust fund	5792.84	6,258.74
Funds of the church	<u>228,686.92</u>	<u>230,744.54</u>

For breakdown of "Other restricted" funds, see Note 1C

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at its meeting held on 29 April 2023 and unanimously adopted at the Annual Parochial meeting held on 16 May 2023.

Signed on behalf of the PCC by the **Rev John Crutchley** on 16 May 2023



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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared, as far as applicable, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Charity Law, Financial Reporting Standards and the current SORP, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRSSE), effective 1st January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds - i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest;

ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the tax is recovered. Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investment is sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

d) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation to the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.



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e) Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the accounts. For other property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired since 2000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life (see note (d)).

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off on the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful life. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixture and fittings 25% straight line

Computer equipment 30% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values as high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

f) Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.



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Analysis of Income

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Note 2	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
0100 - Planned giving GA	11,970.00	—	—	—	11,970.00	12,010.00
0110 - Planned giving non-GA	35,002.30	—	—	—	35,002.30	34,373.47
0120 - Envelope scheme GA	669.00	—	—	—	669.00	1,001.00
0130 - Envelope scheme non-GA	—	—	—	—	—	—
0140 - Church collections GA	2,272.20	—	—	—	2,272.20	1,080.04
0150 - Church collections non-GA	—	—	—	—	—	—
0160 - Donations GA	1,780.00	—	1,373.93	—	3,153.93	17,876.14
0170 - Donations non-GA	1,182.66	—	545.00	—	1,727.66	559.19
0180 - Gift Aid tax recovered	5,221.53	—	4,151.52	—	9,373.05	12,167.00
0190 - Legacies and endowments	—	—	—	—	—	11,500.09
0200 - Fundraising (non-trading) income	165.00	—	—	—	165.00	—
0210 - Events receipts	—	—	—	—	—	—
0220 - Special collections	449.76	—	1,515.00	—	1,964.76	585.02
0230 - Grants received	—	—	540.00	—	540.00	1,040.00
0390 - Other donations	169.34	—	—	—	169.34	1,751.30
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	58,881.79	—	8,125.45	—	67,007.24	93,943.25
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
0400 - Fees for services	2,475.00	—	—	—	2,475.00	2,872.00
0410 - Sale of goods for mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
0490 - Other charitable activity income	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Income from charitable activities Totals</i>	2,475.00	—	—	—	2,475.00	2,872.00
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
0500 - Centre hire	5,679.00	—	—	—	5,679.00	5,520.00
0510 - Magazine income	359.00	—	—	—	359.00	448.00
0520 - Sale of goods for fundraising	368.00	—	—	—	368.00	250.50
0590 - Other trading income	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Other trading activities Totals</i>	6,406.00	—	—	—	6,406.00	6,218.50
<i>Investments</i>						
0600 - Deposit interest received	170.89	—	—	—	170.89	6.77
0610 - Investment interest received	—	—	152.21	—	152.21	133.74
<i>Investments Totals</i>	170.89	—	152.21	—	323.10	140.51
<i>Other income</i>						
0700 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	830.99
0790 - Other income	—	—	—	—	—	42.00
<i>Other income Totals</i>	—	—	—	—	—	872.99
Income and endowments	67,933.68	—	8,277.66	—	76,211.34	104,047.25
Grand totals						



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Analysis of Expenditure

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Note 3	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Raising funds Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities						
2200 - Parish contribution	53,877.00	—	—	—	53,877.00	48,009.00
2210 - Charitable giving	10.00	—	—	—	10.00	—
2220 - Church utilities	1,472.41	—	—	—	1,472.41	1,473.09
2230 - Church service expenses	1,807.64	—	268.45	—	2,076.09	1,496.36
2240 - Church maintenance and equipment	3,541.20	—	—	—	3,541.20	4,391.08
2250 - Rectory expenses	4,483.90	—	—	—	4,483.90	4,251.85
2260 - Rector's expenses	1,282.55	—	—	—	1,282.55	1,157.75
2270 - Other clergy expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2280 - Training costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2290 - Administration costs	81.99	—	—	—	81.99	81.99
2300 - Children and young people	407.43	—	292.00	—	699.43	286.16
2310 - Cost of events	—	—	—	—	—	—
2320 - Giving from special collections	479.36	—	1,515.00	—	1,994.36	702.63
2330 - Gifts made	—	—	200.00	—	200.00	100.00
2340 - Interest paid	—	—	—	—	—	—
2350 - Bank charges	—	—	—	—	—	—
2590 - Other costs of charitable activities	—	—	—	—	—	—
2600 - Centre utilities	3,453.56	—	—	—	3,453.56	3,104.11
2610 - Centre running costs	1,080.75	—	—	—	1,080.75	1,039.15
2620 - Centre maintenance and equipment	698.40	—	1,164.93	—	1,863.33	2,397.98
2650 - Magazine costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2660 - Cost of goods sold for mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
2890 - Other costs of trading	—	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	72,676.19	—	3,440.38	—	76,116.57	68,491.15
Other expenditure						
2990 - Other expenditure	33.50	—	1,500.78	—	1,534.28	3,217.66
Other expenditure Totals	33.50	—	1,500.78	—	1,534.28	3,217.66
Expenditure Grand totals	72,709.69	—	4,941.16	—	77,650.85	71,708.81
Grand Total	-4,776.01		3,336.50		-1,439.51	32,338.44



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4 Staff Costs

No-one was employed by the PCC during the year and there were no transactions in respect of PCC members, or persons closely connected to them or other related persons.

5 Analysis of transfer between funds

See Note 10.

6 Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or Valuation	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total 2022 £
At 1 January 2022	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Additions/disposals/revaluations	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	-	-	-
Provided in year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2022	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
At 31 December 2021	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83

As a freehold building, according to the PCC accounting policies, the value of the church centre is not subject to depreciation.

The Church Centre was insured for losses up to £2,960,000 inclusive of buildings and contents, although the building is carried on the balance sheet at its cost.

b) Investments

	Total 2022 £
Market value at 1 January 2022	5,250.81
Decrease in market value	618.11
Market value at 31 December 2022	4,632.70

An investment is held by the Diocesan Board of Finance (G L Burgess Trust) as CBF Investment Fund (Income) Shares the income from which is restricted to be used for the maintenance of church notice boards or similar communication-related items.



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7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

Fund	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Fund balances Carried forward
Fixed assets for church use	150,914.83	—	—	—	150,914.83
Investment fixed assets	—	—	5,792.84	—	5,792.84
Current assets	23,339.53	15,000	33,639.72	—	71,979.25
Current liabilities	—	—	—	—	—
Long term liabilities	—	—	—	—	—
As at 31 December 2022	174,254.36	15,000.00	39,432.56	—	228,686.92

8 Debtors

There were no debtors

9 Creditors

There were no creditors

10 Fund movement summary

Fund	Fund Balances Bought Forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
Village - Village Discretionary Fund	400.00	425.00	492.00	60.00	—	393.00
General - General fund	28,175.54	67,933.68	72,709.69	(60.00)	—	23,339.53
Youth - Youth Worker fund	7,411.12	—	—	—	—	7,411.12
Upgrade - Church Centre Upgrade fund	3,346.82	—	1,164.93	—	—	2,181.89
Mission - Mission fund	344.49	—	—	—	—	344.49
Restricted - Other Restricted funds	18,893.00	7,700.45	3,284.23	—	—	23,309.22
Burgess - Burgess Trust fund	6,258.74	152.21	—	—	(618.11)	5,792.84
Reserves - General Reserves	15,000.00	—	—	—	—	15,000.00
CentreCap - Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	—	—	—	—	150,914.83
As at 31 December 2022	230,744.54	76,211.34	77,650.85	—	(618.11)	228,686.92



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Independent Examiner's Report 2022

The Independent Examiner's Report

The Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Peters' Ardingly

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (*the 2011 Act*) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance, 2013 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulationshave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date – 17 March 2023

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

ST PETER'S CHURCH, ARDINGLY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1133803

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

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Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Walthamstow Branch



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During the year ended 31 December 2021, the following people served as members of the parochial church council ("PCC"):

Incumbent:	The Reverend John Crutchley	Chairman
Ex officio members:	The Reverend Christopher Sutton	Associate Priest
	Mr John Witherington	Reader
	Mr Philip Kelly	Reader (resigned October 2021)
Church Wardens:	Mr Nigel Cheater	Vice-Chairman
	Mr John Witherington	
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mr Philip Kelly	(Until October 2021)
	Mrs Caroline Steer	(Until October 2021)
Elected members:	Mrs Caroline Steer	Parish Safeguarding Coordinator (until October 2021)
	Mrs Carol Grossman	
	Mr Stephen Doerr**	(Until December 2021)
	Mrs Sally Crutchley	(Until October 2021)
	Mrs Deb Ruse	
	Mrs Jill Veasey	
	Miss Sue Laker	
	Mrs Gina Paul	
	Mr Mervyn James	
Secretary to the PCC and Parish Safeguarding Coordinator	Mrs Jane Taylor Cheater	(Safeguarding Coordinator from October 2021)

ST PETER'S ARDINGLY - TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd John Crutchley, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical.
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and, to other organisations with similar objectives.



WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small 'home group' situations
- Engaging with our local primary school on the Governing body and through regular weekly assemblies, services in school and church and in any other way required.
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Aiding the poor and needy of the parish
- Making gifts to missionary organisations
- Reaching out to the unchurched through 'Zoom' based services; through services held outside of the church building and in the heart of the village to mark important events and national celebrations; utilizing the graveyard as a location for services to remember those loved and lost; and in our Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance and Christmas services.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the village.

There were six meetings of the PCC in 2021. Four of the meetings were held in person (with social distancing as appropriate and as required by the Covid pandemic restrictions and regulations of 2020). There were also two meetings held using Zoom. **The church benefits from all of those who give of their time and bring their various gifts and talents to its service through membership of the PCC. However, special mention must be made of Stephen Doerr who died on 9th December 2021. He was an outstanding servant of the church and member of the PCC. He served as a church warden for many years and gave generously of his time, wisdom, and friendship. He will be greatly missed by all.



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WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

Attendance at worship

The Covid pandemic continued to affect church activities in 2021. With a new national lockdown affecting the country in the early part of the year the church building had to lockdown again in January and services in the church building were suspended. However, very many church members were now familiar with the use of 'Zoom' and our weekly services immediately returned to a Zoom format with all the prayers, hymns and songs and liturgy being set out on a PowerPoint presentation that was projected through screen share by the service leader to all of those who joined the service. This enabled each person attending to worship as part of a community, knowing that others were worshipping too and allowing the community to see each other, to chat and to enjoy some (albeit limited) fellowship.

This was a key objective in a time of lockdown. The 'Zoom' format also allowed family members and friends from across the country to join our worship and enabled some who are no longer able to attend church because of age or infirmity to access services once again. We made great use of Zoom at this time. It allowed us to offer a Lent course throughout the season of Lent and for prayer groups and home groups to continue to meet and continue their work of prayer, nurture, support and teaching.

“Thank you for
the service. It
was absolutely
perfect!”

Easter is a time at which we often see large numbers of families attending the Good Friday Messy church and many more attending the services on Easter Sunday itself. Sadly, lockdown prevented our holding a 'Messy Church' on Good Friday. However, 'Zoom' enabled us to provide services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and very happily we were then able to return to church for our services on Easter Sunday morning which were very well attended.

Another key objective was to maintain the 'Zoom' link to our main Sunday morning service once we had returned to worship in the church building. To this end the necessary permissions were secured via the Diocesan Advisory Committee allowing the installation of a 'hard-wired' internet connection. This has provided an excellent internet facility in a Grade One listed fourteenth century building! We have continued with the format of PowerPoint presentations for our main Sunday services using the previously installed audio/visual equipment to project the service in the church. But the internet connection enables us to simultaneously offer the service to those who join us via Zoom. Some choose to use Zoom each week. Others take advantage when ill-health, perhaps, prevents their attending church, and some use it as an opportunity to visit us. All in all, it is now an important tool in our outreach and mission and in the fulfillment of our objective of enabling as many as possible to attend worship at our church.

We also offer the use of a 'Zoom' link when arranging funerals and weddings and we have seen this used by family and friends across the country and indeed across the world enabling many to 'attend' a funeral or wedding when they would not otherwise have been able to do so.



Following the lockdown of 2020 we determined to rethink how we could organize some of our services and so learn the lessons that the lockdown had taught us. Most especially we had learned how well it had worked to hold 'outdoor' services in the heart of the village.

In September 2021 we readily accepted an invitation to lead a service on the Recreation Ground in Ardingly and as part of the village's week-long series of events marking 'Great Big Green Week' – very much putting faith into practice as we reflected upon creation and the environment, and the dangers posed to us all by climate change.

We were very pleased once again to be invited by the South of England Showground to hold our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on the Ardingly Showground and as part of their Autumn Fayre and Game Show. And we decided that our main Service of Remembrance and Act of Remembrance should be held once again on the Recreation Ground. This year we were joined once again by the various uniform groups in the village. The numbers who attended the service certainly confirm that the decision to hold the service as we did was welcomed by many in the village.

*"The graveyard
has been
transformed. I can
only imagine how
much hard work
went into clearing
it! I want to thank
whoever was
involved for
putting in so
much effort and
time, making it
look so
welcoming."*

Alongside of this, the season of remembrance also saw us move our annual 'All Souls' service to an outdoor format in the church graveyard. Much time and effort has been expended upon the maintenance of the graveyard and this important space provided a very special location for a service that was well attended. The opportunity to pray, reflect and give thanks whilst surrounded by the graves of those loved, lost, and remembered was commented upon by very many who attended and involved some who would not otherwise attend a church service.

As the season of Advent began and Christmas approached the country was struck by a new variant of the Covid virus which was even more easily transmissible. We had already arranged to hold an open-air Carol and Christingle service around the oak tree in the village which was very well attended and blessed with fine weather on a December evening! Most happily our traditional Carols by Candlelight service was able to go ahead with a

wonderful choir drawn from across the village and our services for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were held in church.

In a series of sermons in the Autumn we considered again the generosity of God. These are times of rising costs and expenses, and our income has been affected by the pandemic. However, through the financial generosity of many we have been able to increase the sum we pledged to the Diocese of Chichester for the parish share and make gifts to the missionary organizations we support. We are currently awaiting the specification from our architect for the repairs to the west window and stonework, but generous gifts have already been received towards this expenditure and the PCC have designated a legacy received towards this work as well. It is hoped that the work will be able to commence in 2022.



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"Lovely service last night. Thank you."

There is a regular evening service on the first Sunday of each month entitled 'Open to God' which adopts a variety of styles and formats as well as further occasional evening services throughout the year and especially during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Most of the social activities that we enjoy such as the Harvest Supper and Maundy Thursday meal were curtailed by the Covid restrictions of 2021. At the back of the church, we have a large display board where St. Peter's CEP School display art in keeping with the church season. This connects families with the church and further enhances the strong links with the school. Again, the continuing pandemic affected the services held in church for and with the school. The school service for Easter was a 'Zoom' service and the Summer leavers service was held in the school playground when each leaver was presented with a bible as a gift from the church as has been our practice in each year since 2007. Happily, the school were in church again for Harvest and also for Christmas. Whilst restrictions were in place the weekly whole school assemblies led by the Rector were replaced by an assembly each week with a different class in the school. This worked very well indeed.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy.

It has always been important to us that the church is available for private prayer not just to the church family but to the wider visiting community. To this end and in normal times the church building is usually open and the many entries in the Visitors' Book testify to this. Many remark not only how refreshing it is to find an open

"Thank you for leaving this beautiful building open..."

Entry in the Visitor Book

church but, also the sense of peacefulness and spirituality the church pervades. Other remarks include the sense of history within; that people of much earlier generations found life and presence there. There are also many comments on and appreciation of the architectural beauty of the building and biblical archaeology. As restrictions have eased the church has been open for at least one day in each week.

The Church Centre has remained largely closed throughout the year, although it has continued to provide a home for the St. Peter's Pre-School that use it each day and for the dance school that use it each week.



"Thank you so much for enabling us to have that lovely service in church on Saturday. I was surprised to see that you had opened up the chancel and it was lovely to be back up there for communion. A real window of normality in these precarious times!"

Chichester Cursillo

Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers.

Our church continues to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others, as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. With the lifting of restrictions we have again been able to celebrate baptism and weddings. There have been four funeral services conducted in the church, two at the crematorium and three burial of ashes.

Most teaching is offered through our weekly sermons which seek to explore God's word, to apply it, to bridge the context and explain its contemporary significance. This is built upon in home groups. And a large number of the church family have been involved in leading various aspects of worship, lending great encouragement to those involved, as well as the whole congregation.

Evangelism and Outreach.

Outside of the restrictions imposed early in 2021 the pattern of services is now settled around a traditional celebration of Holy Communion using the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer at 9.00am each Sunday. The 10.30am service follows a monthly pattern of a Morning Praise [Service of the Word] service on the first Sunday of each month; a service of Holy Communion using the liturgy of Common Worship Order One on the second Sunday; a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] on a Third Sunday; and a further service of Holy Communion [Common Worship Order One] on the fourth Sunday which includes each month an opportunity for prayer for healing and wholeness. Where the month includes a fifth Sunday, the main service is now usually a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] service. Prior to the lockdown we held some services in the Church Centre so as to utilise its more 'family-friendly' facilities. In 2021 and with the continuing pandemic, services were confined to the church building only.

"Thank you...for everything you did for us throughout planning our wedding and the spectacular ceremony on our special day..."



Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

The Rector is assisted in the pastoral care for people living in the village by two pastoral care assistants, who have completed a diocesan organized training course and who have been approved in their work by the bishop. In addition, we have a team of church members who give their time and energies caring, listening, and helping people in the church family and wider village community. Throughout the pandemic our 'At your Service' scheme that offers practical help and assistance to any in the village who are in need has continued as a part of the wider outreach and care co-ordinated by the Parish Council and other volunteer groups. The church has been pleased to work with and alongside these groups as a further public demonstration of the benefit of our activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Unrestricted incoming and outgoing resources.

The PCC is grateful to be able to record that planned giving via direct debits remained at almost the same level as the previous year 2020. Planned giving via the Parish Giving Scheme saw an increase as more members of the congregation change their method of giving and begin to use the Parish Giving Scheme. This is extremely helpful in managing cash flow and highly efficient in claiming the gift aid income on these gifts.

We have now been able to claim all gift aid owing to date. This amounted to total receipts of £11,945 for the year. It is worth noting that this amount of gift aid received in the year is artificially high as approximately £5,000 of this relates to gifts received in 2020.

The PCC is pleased to be able to report that the legacy of £11,500 from the late David Harris was received this year. After prayerful consideration the PCC unanimously decided to use these funds towards the repair of the west window, seeing this as a fitting tribute to a longstanding and faithful member of St. Peter's congregation. The funds have been designated accordingly.

Income received via the envelope scheme remained at the same level as in 2019. Ad hoc donations increased, after taking into account changes in a member's method of giving. We are also beginning to see a greater use of the "tap" machine located by the baptism font as you enter the Church.

With the easing of Covid restrictions the pre-school was able to stay open throughout the year which saw an increase to Centre Letting income compared to 2020.

The total receipts on unrestricted funds received was £ 86,324 which was £32,274 more than 2020. It is important to note, however, that this figure includes both the increased gift aid receipt and legacy as already mentioned.

The PCC remains most grateful for the continued generosity of those who faithfully give to the Church and their resilience in continuing to do so as we continue to emerge from the pandemic.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £48,009 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. Due to the reduction in income received in 2020 we pledged to 60% of the amount asked by the Diocese. Due to the increased income received during the year we were able to increase this contribution to 65%. The Diocese have expressed their extreme gratitude to Parishes who have been able to contribute an amount greater than their original pledge especially in what remain financially challenging times. Overall unrestricted spend was £67,931 for the year.



Restricted Income and Expenditure

Note 10 shows a breakdown of income and expenditure by fund.

The largest expenditure over the year was for the maintenance of the graveyard. A total of £3,172 was spent of which £1,501 was met from general unrestricted funds. The PCC was grateful to receive grants restricted to the upkeep of the graveyard from the Parish Council amounting to £1,000. The remaining costs are met by the church family itself.

A total of £14,000 to date has been contributed for the repairs to the west window thus reflecting the huge generosity of the congregation.

The total value of restricted funds at the end of 2021 was £36,654 (this includes The Burgess Trust Fund of £6,258) an increase of £16,600.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of St Peter's to aim to return a surplus in the year and transfer to reserves an amount equal to or less than this surplus. The objective is to provide for future years where a deficit has been returned. Current reserves are £15,000 and the have been maintained for 2021. It is the policy of St Peter's to invest these funds on a short-term basis with CBF Church of England deposit fund.



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Statement of Financial Activities

	General & Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies	76,354.50	17,588.75	—	93,943.25	48,169.05
Income from charitable activities	2,872.00	—	—	2,872.00	1,467.00
Other trading activities	6,218.50	—	—	6,218.50	5,464.00
Investments	6.77	133.74	—	140.51	186.94
Other income	872.99	—	—	872.99	68.98
Total income	86,324.76	17,722.49	—	104,047.25	55,355.97
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	68,391.15	100.00	—	68,491.15	76,213.34
Other expenditure	1,547.20	1,670.46	—	3,217.66	1,030.12
Total expenditure	69,938.35	1,770.46	—	71,708.81	77,243.46
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	16,386.41	15,952.03	—	32,338.44	(21,887.49)
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	200.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	(200.00)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	657.15	—	657.15	295.56
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	16,386.41	16,609.18	—	32,995.59	(21,591.93)
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	177,703.96	20,044.99	—	197,748.95	219,340.88
Total funds carried forward	194,090.37	36,654.17	—	230,744.54	197,748.95

For further breakdown of income, see Note 2 and for expenditure, see Note 3.



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S ARDINGLY—1133803

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2021

	As at 31/12/2021 £	As at 31/12/2020 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	1.00	1.00
Heritage assets	150,913.83	150,913.83
Investments	5,250.81	4,593.66
	<u>156,165.64</u>	<u>155,508.49</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	74,578.90	42,240.46
	<u>74,578.90</u>	<u>42,240.46</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>74,578.90</u>	<u>42,240.46</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>230,744.54</u>	<u>197,748.95</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>230,744.54</u>	<u>197,748.95</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund & Designated Funds	28,175.54	11,789.13
Designated		
General Reserves	15,000.00	15,000.00
Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	150,914.83
Restricted		
Village Discretionary Fund	400.00	500.00
Youth Worker fund	7,411.12	7,411.12
Church Centre Upgrade fund	3,346.82	3,346.82
Mission fund	344.49	344.49
Other Restricted funds	18,893.00	2,974.71
Burgess Trust fund	6,258.74	5,467.85
Funds of the church	<u>230,744.54</u>	<u>197,748.95</u>

For breakdown of "Other restricted" funds, see Note 10.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on _____ and signed on its behalf

Approved by the PCC on 26 March 2022 and
ratified at the APCM on 10 May 2022.

The Revd. John Crutchley

Chairman

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared, as far as applicable, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Charity Law, Financial Reporting Standards and the current SORP, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRSSE), effective 1st January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds - i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest;

ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the tax is recovered. Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investment is sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

d) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation to the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.



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e) Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the accounts. For other property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired since 2000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life (see note (d)).

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off on the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful life. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixture and fittings 25% straight line
Computer equipment 30% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values as high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

f) Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.



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Analysis of Income

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Note 2	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies						
0100 - Planned giving GA	12,010.00	—	—	—	12,010.00	12,810.00
0110 - Planned giving non-GA	34,373.47	—	—	—	34,373.47	25,391.80
0120 - Envelope scheme GA	1,001.00	—	—	—	1,001.00	950.00
0130 - Envelope scheme non-GA	—	—	—	—	—	50.00
0140 - Church collections GA	1,080.04	—	—	—	1,080.04	2,059.04
0150 - Church collections non-GA	—	—	—	—	—	—
0160 - Donations GA	3,048.44	—	14,827.70	—	17,876.14	6,238.60
0170 - Donations non-GA	559.19	—	—	—	559.19	500.00
0180 - Gift Aid tax recovered	11,945.95	—	221.05	—	12,167.00	—
0190 - Legacies and endowments	—	11,500.09	—	—	11,500.09	—
0200 - Fundraising (non-trading) income	—	—	—	—	—	—
0210 - Events receipts	—	—	—	—	—	—
0220 - Special collections	585.02	—	—	—	585.02	127.61
0230 - Grants received	—	—	1,040.00	—	1,040.00	40.00
0390 - Other donations	251.30	—	1,500.00	—	1,751.30	2.00
Donations and legacies Totals	64,854.41	11,500.09	17,588.75	—	93,943.25	48,169.05
Income from charitable activities						
0400 - Fees for services	2,872.00	—	—	—	2,872.00	1,467.00
0410 - Sale of goods for mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
0490 - Other charitable activity income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Income from charitable activities Totals	2,872.00	—	—	—	2,872.00	1,467.00
Other trading activities						
0500 - Centre hire	5,520.00	—	—	—	5,520.00	4,795.00
0510 - Magazine income	448.00	—	—	—	448.00	668.00
0520 - Sale of goods for fundraising	250.50	—	—	—	250.50	1.00
0590 - Other trading income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other trading activities Totals	6,218.50	—	—	—	6,218.50	5,464.00
Investments						
0600 - Deposit interest received	6.77	—	—	—	6.77	54.91
0610 - Investment interest received	—	—	133.74	—	133.74	132.03
Investments Totals	6.77	—	133.74	—	140.51	186.94
Other income						
0700 - Insurance claims	830.99	—	—	—	830.99	—
0790 - Other income	42.00	—	—	—	42.00	68.98
Other income Totals	872.99	—	—	—	872.99	68.98
Income and endowments Grand totals	74,824.67	11,500.09	17,722.49	—	104,047.25	55,355.97



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Notes to the Financial Statements

Analysis of Expenditure

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Note 3	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Expenditure						
Raising funds						
2100 - Fundraising (non-trading) costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Raising funds Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities						
2200 - Parish contribution	48,009.00	—	—	—	48,009.00	51,825.00
2210 - Charitable giving	—	—	—	—	—	—
2220 - Church utilities	1,473.09	—	—	—	1,473.09	1,897.90
2230 - Church service expenses	1,496.36	—	—	—	1,496.36	816.48
2240 - Church maintenance and equipment	4,391.08	—	—	—	4,391.08	8,215.12
2250 - Rectory expenses	4,251.85	—	—	—	4,251.85	4,167.17
2260 - Rector's expenses	1,157.75	—	—	—	1,157.75	1,252.71
2270 - Other clergy expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2280 - Training costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2290 - Administration costs	81.99	—	—	—	81.99	80.99
2300 - Children and young people	286.16	—	—	—	286.16	337.55
2310 - Cost of events	—	—	—	—	—	—
2320 - Giving from special collections	702.63	—	—	—	702.63	—
2330 - Gifts made	—	—	100.00	—	100.00	—
2340 - Interest paid	—	—	—	—	—	—
2350 - Bank charges	—	—	—	—	—	—
2590 - Other costs of charitable activities	—	—	—	—	—	—
2600 - Centre utilities	3,104.11	—	—	—	3,104.11	3,121.12
2610 - Centre running costs	1,039.15	—	—	—	1,039.15	2,134.49
2620 - Centre maintenance and equipment	2,397.98	—	—	—	2,397.98	2,364.81
2650 - Magazine costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2660 - Cost of goods sold for mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
2890 - Other costs of trading	—	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	68,391.15	—	100.00	—	68,491.15	76,213.34
Other expenditure						
2990 - Other expenditure	1,547.20	—	1,670.46	—	3,217.66	1,030.12
Other expenditure Totals	1,547.20	—	1,670.46	—	3,217.66	1,030.12
Expenditure Grand totals	69,938.35	—	1,770.46	—	71,708.81	77,243.46
Grand Total	4,886.32	11,500.09	15,952.03	—	32,338.44	(21,887.49)

Breakdown of 2021 Charitable Giving

Ardingly Old Jeshwang Association ENII

Church Pastoral Aid Society ENII

Church Mission Society ENII

Family Support Work ENII

Imara-Uganda ENII

Total ENII



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4 Staff Costs

No-one was employed by the PCC during the year and there were no transactions in respect of PCC members, or persons closely connected to them or other related persons.

5 Analysis of transfer between funds

See Note 10.

6 Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or Valuation	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total 2019 £
At 1 January 2021	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Additions/disposals/revaluations	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	-	-	-
Provided in year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2021	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
At 31 December 2020	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83

As a freehold building, according to the PCC accounting policies, the value of the church centre is not subject to depreciation.

The church centre was valued for insurance purposes at £834,482 at 31st December 2021 although the building is carried on the balance sheet at its cost. The contents are insured for £48,143. Note that the estimated rebuilding costs exclude VAT because the building qualifies under VAT Notice 708 as a listed building used for a "relevant charitable purpose."

b) Investments

	Total 2021 £
Market value at 1 January 2021	4,593.66
Increase in market value	657.15
Market value at 31 December 2021	5,250.81

An investment is held by the Diocesan Board of Finance (G L Burgess Trust) as CBF Investment Fund (Income) Shares the income from which is restricted to be used for the maintenance of church notice boards or similar communication-related items.



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For the year ended 31 December 2021

For the period 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£		£		£
Fixed assets for church use	150,914.83	-	-	-	150,914.83
Investment fixed assets	-	-	6,258.74	-	6,258.74
Current assets	30,182.26	15,000.00	28,388.71	-	73,570.97
Current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	181,097.09	15,000.00	34,647.45	-	230,744.54

8 Debtors

There were no debtors

9 Creditors

There were no creditors

10 Fund movement summary

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Village discretionary fund	500.00	-	100.00	-	-	400.00
General fund	11,789.13	86,324.76	69,938.35	-	-	28,175.54
Youth Worker fund	7,411.12	-	-	-	-	7,411.12
Church centre upgrade fund	3,346.82	-	-	-	-	3,346.82
Mission Fund	344.49	-	-	-	-	344.49
Other restricted funds	2,974.71	17,588.75	1,770.46	-	-	18,893.00
Burgess Trust fund	5,467.85	133.74	-	-	657.15	6,258.74
General reserves	15,000.00	-	-	-	-	15,000.00
Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	-	-	-	-	150,914.83
At 31 December 2021	197,748.95	104,047.25	71,708.81	-	657.15	230,744.54

Breakdown of other restricted funds

Graveyard maintenance	181.71	1,488.75	1,670.46	-	-	0.00
Flowers	383.00	-	-	-	-	383.00
Church building/maintenance	2,410.00	16,100.00	-	-	-	18,510.00
Total Other Restricted	2,974.71	17,588.75	1,670.46	-	-	18,893.00

Breakdown of Burgess Trust Fund

Investment – To remain in place	4,593.66	-	-	-	657.15	5,250.81
Interest available for restricted use	874.19	133.74	-	-	-	1,007.93
Total Burgess Trust Fund	5,467.85	133.74	-	-	657.15	6,258.74



Examiner's report 2021

The Independent Examiner's Report

The Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Peters' Ardingly

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (*the 2011 Act*) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance, 2013 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations
- 2 have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 

Date – 22 March 2022

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Accounts

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

ST PETER'S CHURCH, ARDINGLY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1133803

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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Incumbent: The Reverend John H Crutchley
The Rectory, Church Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UR

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Walthamstow Branch

During the year ended 31 December 2020, the following people served as members of the parochial church council ("PCC"):

Incumbent:	The Reverend John Crutchley	Chairman
Ex officio members:	The Reverend Christopher Sutton	Associate Priest
	Mr John Witherington	Reader
	Mr Philip Kelly	Reader
Church Wardens:	Mr Nigel Cheater	Vice-Chairman
	Mr John Witherington	
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Sally Crutchley	(Until October 2020)
	Mr Philip Kelly	
	Mrs Caroline Steer	(From October 2020)
Elected members:	Mrs Caroline Steer	Parish Safeguarding Coordinator
	Mrs Carol Grossman	
	Mr Stephen Doerr	
	Mrs Sally Crutchley	
	Mrs Deb Ruse	
	Mrs Jill Veasey	
	Miss Sue Laker	
	Mrs Gina Paul	(From October 2020)
	Mr Mervyn James	(From October 2020)
Secretary to the PCC	Mrs Jane Taylor Cheater	

ST PETER'S ARDINGLY - TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd John Crutchley, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, ecumenical.
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and, to other organisations with similar objectives.

WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small 'home group' situations
- Engaging with our local primary school on the Governing body and through regular weekly assemblies, services in school and church and in any other way required.
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Aiding the poor and needy of the parish
- Making gifts to missionary organisations
- Reaching out to the unchurched through provision of 'Messy Church' and offering food and fun at our Harvest Thanksgiving and Christmas services
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the village.

There were four meetings of the PCC in 2020. Three of the meetings were held in person (with social distancing as appropriate and as required by the Covid pandemic restrictions and regulations of 2020). There was also a meeting held in church so as to discuss Covid measures. One meeting was cancelled due to the 'lockdown'. The PCC approved regulations allowing meetings to be held electronically and for measures to be approved in a similar manner.

WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

Attendance at worship

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice and, it is our great pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We contend that voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ, is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

"Just wanted to say, 'well done' on all you have been doing to keep the church up, running and vibrant." Adele C

The impact of the Covid pandemic, beginning early in the year, and the legal requirement that places of worship had to close, interrupted the season of lent and saw the church building closed for Easter. Easter is a time that we usually see large numbers of families attending the Good Friday Messy church and many attending the services on Easter Sunday itself. Initially the church family were provided with resources to worship 'at home' and via the church

website and an Easter message from the Rector was posted on-line via YouTube.

However, we very quickly appreciated the possibilities for worship together as a church family using the Zoom meeting package and services 'via' Zoom were offered from Ascension Day onwards. These have proved popular and successful. Many of our regular church family have joined these services and have benefitted from being able to enjoy some form of contact with others. Additionally, some who may have found attendance at church difficult have been able to return to church attendance through the Zoom format. We have even seen a small increase in our membership through the use of this format. As a result of this we have installed broadband in the church building and now all of our main Sunday services will be offered via Zoom as well enabling those who cannot attend church in person to access the services from home. As an outreach to the elderly and disabled this is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

The requirements for and limitations on safe gathering throughout the pandemic also affected our annual service of Remembrance and our celebration of Christmas. Working together with the Parish Council and with the approval of the District Council we were able to organize an outdoor service of Remembrance held on the village Recreation Ground that attracted a large number of people from the church family and wider village community.

"I feel I should write and thank you for organising the service on the Recreation Ground yesterday. I thought it went very well and as an old 'Ardinian' appreciated the effort that was made to recognise the day." Roy T

This led us to organize an outdoor Christmas celebration for the village. Christmas is a special time where many sections of the community come together to join in the services. Children and adults alike join in and memories are made. Each year the 'Carols by Candlelight' service and the 'Crib and Christingle' service attract exceptionally large congregations from across the village. In place of these services, we organized a service on the Recreation Ground on the Sunday before Christmas

where people could sing familiar carols, hear the message of Christmas as it was read and reflect upon its meaning through the 'Christingle'. This proved extremely popular with over 225 adults and children gathering safely to celebrate the message of Christmas. Together, the Service of Remembrance and the Christmas Service on the Recreation Ground have made us determined to re-think how we organize these services each year and to learn the lessons we have been taught through the Covid and 'lockdown' experience.

Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers.

Our church continues to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others, as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. Very sadly, the restrictions imposed throughout 2020 due to the Covid pandemic have meant that we have not been able to celebrate baptism, although enquiries for baptism have been made and it is hoped that services of baptism will be able to resume in 2021. During the year 2020 we have had no weddings (one wedding was postponed due to the Covid pandemic); there have been two funeral services conducted at the crematorium and three in the church and one burial of ashes.

A large number of the church family have been involved in leading various aspects of worship, lending great encouragement to those involved, as well as the whole congregation.

Evangelism and Outreach.

Outside of the restrictions imposed due to the pandemic in 2020 the pattern of services is now settled around a traditional celebration of Holy Communion using the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer at 9.00am each Sunday. The 10.30am service follows a monthly pattern of a 'Café – style' service on the first Sunday of each month, held in the Church Centre; a service of Holy Communion using the liturgy of Common Worship Order One on the second Sunday; a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] on a Third Sunday; and a further service of Holy Communion [Common Worship Order One] on the fourth Sunday which includes each month an opportunity for prayer for healing and wholeness. Where the month includes a fifth Sunday, the main service is now usually a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] and it is held in the Church Centre so as to take advantage of the more family-friendly facilities offered in that building. All of these services are more informal and contemporary.

"The Open to God service consisted of spoken and silent prayers, psalms, bible readings and several passages of the most beautiful piano music..."
Geoff C

There is a regular evening service on the first Sunday of each month entitled 'Open to God' which adopts a variety of styles and formats as well as further occasional evening services throughout the year and especially during the seasons of Advent and Lent. There are

also regular 'Messy Church' services which are attracting a growing number of young families.

Most of the social activities that we enjoy such as the Harvest Supper and Maundy Thursday meal and 'Sunday@theCentre' have been curtailed by the Covid restrictions of the last year. At the back of the church, we have a large display board where St. Peter's CEP School display art in keeping with the church season. This connects families with the church and further enhances the strong links with the school. The service planned to celebrate 'Mothering Sunday' that was to be held in the school had to be cancelled due to the pandemic restrictions, as did the school Easter, Christmas, and leaver services in church. However, these services were held via Zoom and each school leaver was presented with a bible as a gift from the church as has been our practice in each year since 2007.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy.

The pandemic requirements forced the closure of church buildings for a while. As soon as it was possible, we arranged for the church building to be open two days in each week as a place for people to visit, to rest and to pray. This allowed for the building to have 72 hours 'rest' between each opening thereby reducing the need for regular deep cleaning.

It has always been important to us that the church is available for private prayer not just to the church family but to the wider visiting community. To this end and in normal times the church building is usually open and the many entries in the Visitors' Book testify to this. Many remark not only how refreshing it is to find an open church but, also the sense of peacefulness and spirituality the church pervades. Other remarks include the sense of history within; that people of much earlier

"Thank you for leaving this beautiful building open..." Entry in the Visitor Book

generations found life and presence there and, comments on the appreciation of the architectural beauty of the building and biblical archaeology.

The Church Centre has remained largely closed throughout the year. Although it has continued to provide a venue and home to the St. Peter's Pre-School.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

The Rector is assisted in the pastoral care for people living in the village by two pastoral care assistants, who have completed a diocesan organized training course and who have been approved in their work by the bishop. In addition, we have a team of church members who give their time and energies caring, listening, and helping people in the church family and wider village community. Throughout the pandemic our 'At your Service' scheme that offers practical help and assistance to any in the village who are in need has continued as a part of the wider outreach and care co-ordinated by the Parish Council and other volunteer groups. The church has been pleased to work with and alongside these groups as a further public demonstration of the benefit of our activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Unrestricted incoming and outgoing resources.

The PCC is grateful to be able to record that planned giving via direct debits remained at the same level as the previous year 2019. Planned giving via the Parish Giving Scheme saw a decrease following the relocation of one of the Parish's regular givers. However, notwithstanding this the PCC remains most grateful for the continued generosity of those who faithfully give to the Church and their resilience in continuing to do so during this difficult year.

Like so many churches throughout England the Covid pandemic had an effect on our financial resources in 2020. With the many restrictions on services and Church opening we saw a decrease in both envelope giving and church collections.

A further effect of the pandemic was to see our Church Centre closed for some time. The pre-school had to close for a period of time and the PCC felt it inappropriate to charge any rental income during the time of closure. Although the preschool has been able to re-open continuing restrictions resulted in no additional lettings of the centre and thus income was lower than the previous year.

Following changes to the process of claiming Gift Aid from HMRC the Gift Aid income relating to 2020 was not received until January 2021. This income, amounting to approximately £5 000 was therefore not recorded in the accounts for the year ending 2020 as these are reported using the "Receipts and Payments" basis.

The total receipts on unrestricted funds received was £54 050 and this was £33 969 less than the previous figure of £88 019. It is important to note, however, that 2019 saw two one off large unrestricted donations which amounted to more than £15 000.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £51 825 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. This was maintained at a level of 70% of the total to be paid as requested by the diocese. Overall unrestricted expenditure was lower at £71 257 in 2020 than £79,190 in 2019. The reduction in costs was due to the PCC's decision to delay making any charitable gifts until 2021 when the overall financial position of the Church and the effects of COVID 19 would be clearer.

Restricted Income and Expenditure

Note 10 shows a breakdown of income and expenditure by fund.

The largest expenditure was for the survey for the west windows repairs. This amounted to £3,765. The PCC was grateful to receive donations restricted to the upkeep of the graveyard as the Parish

Council did not provide a grant towards these costs, as has been the case in previous years, and thus all maintenance costs have had to be met by the Parish itself.

The total value of restricted funds at the end of 2020 was £20,044 a decrease of approximately £3,900.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of St Peter's to aim to return a surplus in the year and transfer to reserves an amount equal to or less than this surplus. The objective is to provide for future years where a deficit has been returned. Current reserves are £15,000 and the have been maintained for 2020. It is the policy of St Peter's to invest these funds on a short-term basis with CBF Church of England deposit fund.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	46,995.45	1,173.60	—	48,169.05	82,452.61
Income from charitable activities	1,467.00	—	—	1,467.00	4,199.00
Other trading activities	5,464.00	—	—	5,464.00	6,047.41
Investments	54.91	132.03	—	186.94	226.44
Other income	68.98	—	—	68.98	149.29
Total income	54,050.34	1,305.63	—	55,355.97	93,074.75
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	71,248.34	4,965.00	—	76,213.34	80,996.48
Other expenditure	8.50	1,020.62	—	1,030.12	2,134.61
Total expenditure	71,257.84	5,985.62	—	77,243.46	83,131.09
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(17,207.50)	(4,679.99)	—	(21,887.49)	9,943.66
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	200.00	—	200.00	838.29
Gross transfers between funds - out	(200.00)	—	—	(200.00)	(838.29)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	295.56	—	295.56	677.28
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(17,407.50)	(4,184.43)	—	(21,591.93)	10,620.94
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	195,111.46	24,229.42	—	219,340.88	208,719.94
Total funds carried forward	177,703.96	20,044.99	—	197,748.95	219,340.88

For further breakdown of income, see Note 2 and for expenditure, see Note 3.

Balance Sheet (Church of England)

As at 31 December 2020

	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	1.00	1.00
Heritage assets	150,913.83	150,913.83
Investments	4,593.66	4,296.10
	<u>155,508.49</u>	<u>155,212.93</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	42,240.46	64,127.95
	<u>42,240.46</u>	<u>64,127.95</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>42,240.46</u>	<u>64,127.95</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>197,748.95</u>	<u>219,340.88</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>197,748.95</u>	<u>219,340.88</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	11,789.13	29,196.63
Designated		
General Reserves	15,000.00	15,000.00
Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	150,914.83
Restricted		
Village Discretionary Fund	500.00	500.00
Youth Worker fund	7,411.12	7,411.12
Church Centre Upgrade fund	3,346.82	2,946.82
Mission fund	344.49	344.49
Other Restricted funds	2,974.71	7,966.73
Burgess Trust fund	5,467.85	5,040.26
Funds of the church	<u>197,748.95</u>	<u>219,340.88</u>

For breakdown of "Other restricted" funds, see Note 10.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 25 April 2021 and signed on its behalf

The Revd John Crutchley

Chairman

The accompanying notes for part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020

1) Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared, as far as applicable, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Charity Law, Financial Reporting Standards and the current SORP, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRSSE), effective 1st January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds - i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest;

ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the tax is recovered. Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investment is sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

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d) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation to the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

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e) Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011. Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the accounts. For other property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired since 2000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life (see note (d)).

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off on the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful life. The rates generally applicable are:

- Fixture and fittings 25% straight line
- Computer equipment 30% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values as high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

f) Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Note 2						
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
0100 - Planned giving GA	12,810.00	—	—	—	12,810.00	12,815.00
0110 - Planned giving non-GA	25,391.80	—	—	—	25,391.80	30,346.61
0120 - Envelope scheme GA	950.00	—	—	—	950.00	1,400.00
0130 - Envelope scheme non-GA	50.00	—	—	—	50.00	600.00
0140 - Church collections GA	2,059.04	—	—	—	2,059.04	3,636.29
0160 - Donations GA	5,355.00	—	883.60	—	6,238.60	12,487.00
0170 - Donations non-GA	250.00	—	250.00	—	500.00	12,341.00
0180 - Gift Aid tax recovered	—	—	—	—	—	7,731.05
0200 - Fundraising (non-trading) income	—	—	—	—	—	266.00
0220 - Special collections	127.61	—	—	—	127.61	699.17
0230 - Grants received	—	—	40.00	—	40.00	40.00
0390 - Other donations	2.00	—	—	—	2.00	90.49
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	46,995.45	—	1,173.60	—	48,169.05	82,452.61
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
0400 - Fees for services	1,467.00	—	—	—	1,467.00	4,199.00
<i>Income from charitable activities Totals</i>	1,467.00	—	—	—	1,467.00	4,199.00
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
0500 - Centre hire	4,795.00	—	—	—	4,795.00	5,326.01
0510 - Magazine income	668.00	—	—	—	668.00	567.00
0520 - Sale of goods for fundraising	1.00	—	—	—	1.00	164.40
<i>Other trading activities Totals</i>	5,464.00	—	—	—	5,464.00	6,047.41
<i>Investments</i>						
0600 - Deposit interest received	54.91	—	—	—	54.91	96.47
0610 - Investment interest received	—	—	132.03	—	132.03	129.97
<i>Investments Totals</i>	54.91	—	132.03	—	186.94	226.44
<i>Other income</i>						
0790 - Other income	68.98	—	—	—	68.98	149.29
<i>Other income Totals</i>	68.98	—	—	—	68.98	149.29
Income and endowments Grand totals	54,050.34	—	1,305.63	—	55,355.97	93,074.75

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Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Note 3						
Expenditure						
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>						
2200 - Parish contribution	51,825.00	—	—	—	51,825.00	50,318.00
2210 - Charitable giving	—	—	—	—	—	4,500.00
2220 - Church utilities	1,897.90	—	—	—	1,897.90	1,927.39
2230 - Church service expenses	816.48	—	—	—	816.48	1,257.48
2240 - Church maintenance and equipment	3,250.12	—	4,965.00	—	8,215.12	6,006.66
2250 - Rectory expenses	4,167.17	—	—	—	4,167.17	4,662.83
2260 - Rector's expenses	1,252.71	—	—	—	1,252.71	1,553.83
2280 - Training costs	—	—	—	—	—	100.00
2290 - Administration costs	80.99	—	—	—	80.99	120.74
2300 - Children and young people	337.55	—	—	—	337.55	188.51
2320 - Giving from special collections	—	—	—	—	—	699.17
2600 - Centre utilities	3,121.12	—	—	—	3,121.12	3,531.65
2610 - Centre running costs	2,134.49	—	—	—	2,134.49	2,779.95
2620 - Centre maintenance and equipment	2,364.81	—	—	—	2,364.81	3,330.27
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</i>	71,248.34	—	4,965.00	—	76,213.34	80,996.48
<i>Other expenditure</i>						
2990 - Other expenditure	9.50	—	1,020.62	—	1,030.12	2,134.61
<i>Other expenditure Totals</i>	9.50	—	1,020.62	—	1,030.12	2,134.61
Expenditure Grand totals	71,257.84	—	5,985.62	—	77,243.46	83,131.09
Grand Total	(17,207.50)	—	(4,679.99)	—	(21,887.49)	9,943.66

Breakdown of 2020 Charitable Giving

Ardingly Old Jeshwang Association £Nil

Church Pastoral Aid Society £Nil

Church Mission Society £Nil

Family Support Work £Nil

Imara-Uganda £Nil

Total £Nil

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020

4 Staff Costs

No-one was employed by the PCC during the year and there were no transactions in respect of PCC members, or persons closely connected to them or other related persons.

5 Analysis of transfer between funds

See Note 10.

6 Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Church Equipment	Total 2019
Cost or Valuation	£	£	£
At 1 January 2019	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Additions/disposals/revaluations	-	-	-
At 31 December 2019	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2019	-	-	-
Provided in year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2019	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2019	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
At 31 December 2018	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83

As a freehold building, according to the PCC accounting policies, the value of the church centre is not subject to depreciation.

The church centre was valued for insurance purposes at £834,482 at 31st December 2020 although the building is carried on the balance sheet at its cost. The contents are insured for £48,143. Note that the estimated rebuilding costs exclude VAT because the building qualifies under VAT Notice 708 as a listed building used for a "relevant charitable purpose."

b) Investments

	Total 2020 £
Market value at 1 January 2020	4,298.10
Increase in market value	295.56
Market value at 31 December 2020	4,593.66

An investment is held by the Diocesan Board of Finance (G L Burgess Trust) as CBF Investment Fund (Income) Shares the income from which is restricted to be used for the maintenance of church notice boards or similar communication-related items.

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7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£		£		£
Fixed assets for church use	150,914.83	-	-	-	150,914.83
Investment fixed assets	-	-	5,467.85	-	5,467.85
Current assets	11,789.13	15,000.00	14,577.14	-	41,366.27
Current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	162,703.96	15,000.00	20,044.99	-	197,748.95

8 Debtors

There were no debtors

9 Creditors

There were no creditors

10 Fund movement summary

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Village discretionary fund	500.00	-	-	-	-	500.00
General fund	29,196.83	54,050.34	71,257.84	(200.00)	-	11,789.13
Youth Worker fund	7,411.12	-	-	-	-	7,411.12
Church centre upgrade fund	2,946.82	400.00	-	-	-	3,346.82
Miselon Fund	344.49	-	-	-	-	344.49
Other restricted funds	7,986.73	773.60	5,985.62	200.00	-	2,974.71
Burgess Trust fund	5,040.26	132.03	-	-	295.56	5,467.85
General reserves	15,000.00	-	-	-	-	15,000.00
Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	-	-	-	-	150,914.83
At 31 December 2020	219,340.88	55,355.97	77,243.46	-	295.56	197,748.95
Breakdown of other restricted funds						
Graveyard maintenance	228.73	773.60	1,020.62	200.00	-	181.71
Flowers	383.00	-	-	-	-	383.00
Church building/maintenance	7,375.00	-	4,965.00	-	-	2,410.00
Total Other Restricted	7,986.73	773.60	5,985.62	-	-	2,974.71
Breakdown of Burgess Trust Fund						
Investment – To remain in place	4,298.10	-	-	-	295.56	4,593.66
Interest available for restricted use	742.16	132.03	-	-	-	874.19
Total Burgess Trust Fund	5,040.26	132.03	-	-	295.56	5,467.85

Examiner's report 2020

The Independent Examiner's Report

The Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Peters' Ardingly

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (*the 2011 Act*) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance, 2013 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date – 15 March 2021

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