

## **St Peter's Church, Petersham**

### **The Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council For the year ended 31st December 2023**

Priest in Charge: Revd Simon Coupland

Associate Vicar: Revd Kate Daymond

Bankers: Barclays Bank, Richmond

Independent Examiner: Richard Holman

#### **Background**

St Peter's PCC co-operates with the vicar in promoting the pastoral mission of the Church of England in Petersham. It is responsible for the maintenance of St Peter's Church and the churchyard. By virtue of a scheme made by the Charity Commission on 18 June 1992 the PCC is managing trustee of the charity registered as The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter's, Petersham.

#### **Membership of the PCC**

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or co-opted in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the PCC met four times and was made up of:

Vicar:	Revd Kate Daymond
Acting PCC Secretary:	Brian Willman
Churchwardens:	Brian Willman, Louise Tumchewics
Deputy Churchwardens:	Julia-Caroline Rizos, Ruth Scott
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Keith Walter (elected 2023 until 2026), Kate Bundock (elected 2023 until 2026)
Treasurer:	Clive Thompson
Churchyard Secretary:	Christopher Oliver
Elected members:	Jean Allsopp (elected 2021 until 2024) Paula Plaza (elected 2022 until 2025) Richard Robinson (elected 2022 until 2025) Susan Oliver (elected 2022 until 2025) Lisa Rees (elected 2023 until 2026) Katharine von Schubert (elected 2023 until 2026)

In 2023 the Finance Committee met four times to review each quarter financial report and deal with any other financial matters. The members were Clive Thompson (Chair, Treasurer), Revd Kate Daymond, Richard Robinson and Brian Willman. The Parish Finance Officer, Nadia Galindo-Slim, attends when necessary. We are indebted to Nadia for her tireless work in managing our financial transactions, overseeing the budget and providing wise financial advice.

The Standing Committee's purpose is to meet for emergencies or if requested to by the PCC. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings subject to any directions

given by the PCC. The members are Brian Willman (Chair), Rev Kate Daymond, Louise Tumchewics, Clive Thompson, Lisa Rees, Richard Robinson and Michael Bundock. It did not meet in 2023.

## **Overview of 2023**

Following Covid and the interregnum, last year's report described 2022 as a year of significant progress. With the Revd Kate Daymond's first full year in charge, 2023 was another fruitful year for St Peter's.

Kate Stapleton, our Parish Administrator, continued to do a wonderful job, organising all the elements that combine to ensure that the church building and services operate efficiently. The weekly enews that she sends out continued throughout the year and played a key role in keeping people informed and engaged. Kate stood down from her role at the end of the year after seven years. A competitive interview process was held, which resulted in the appointment of an excellent candidate to replace her, Helen West, who started work in February 2024.

New opportunities for spiritual growth were enjoyed with a weekly midweek meditative group considering prayer, followed by an autumn course exploring Christianity, 'Being With'. During Lent 'spiritual MOTs' were a means of spiritual direction and encouraged contemplative aspects of faith.

## **The Parish**

The Parish of St Peter has about 2,000 inhabitants. In 2023 there were 72 people on the Electoral Roll. Our worshipping community in 2023 was stable at around 80 adults (defined as attending St. Peter's at least once a month). The 9.30am Parish Communion service is the principal gathering for worship on Sundays. On the first Sunday of the month, a shorter All Age Service is held and on the third Sunday there are activities for children. The average attendance at this service in 2023 was 49 adults and children. In 2023, there were 2 baptisms, 2 confirmations, 5 weddings, 3 funerals, 2 services of thanksgiving and 5 burials of ashes.

## **Mission Action Planning**

St Peter's Church's Mission Action Plan continues to have two foci, to:

1. Maintain St. Peter's as an inclusive church that has high quality and varied public worship with a strong musical tradition.
2. Advance the Mission of the Church in the community and work in partnership with St. Richard's, the Deanery, the Diocese and other local churches.

The 5 Marks of Mission shaped our conversations in late 2022 when the church's current strengths and weaknesses were considered. There was a consensus that we are an inclusive, lively and accessible community, offering an intergenerational focal point for worship and spiritual growth. The desire to offer more support to children, young people and their parents and actively include them in regular worship was identified for action. This has been developed in a variety of ways. Children bring forward bread to the table in preparation of the Eucharist and lead intercessions at the All Age Services. A Sunday Club during the 9.30am services is now regularly on offer as well the opportunity to share with the whole congregation what children and young

people have learnt. For the over 10's, the Fuel youth group, a joint initiative with St Andrew's Church Ham, has offered opportunities to grow in faith, as have confirmation classes.

We have welcomed several families requesting baptism but often they live further afield and therefore cannot join the church community regularly, which is a shame. We miss having younger members of our congregation.

Climate care remains a concern for all, including the wider church, as we think of those who are worst affected, often the poorest. A group aiming for the Bronze A Rocha Eco Church Award has made steady progress in gathering the data required and is close to applying for the award.

The wider use of the Parish Room for local groups of all faiths and none has progressed as part of our missional outreach in 2023. Users include Petersham Horticultural Society, Vineyard Lunches for the homeless, Petersham Conservators, Petersham Consort and Elysian singers and a local therapist. The church has also benefited from the space, running Being With courses in the Parish Room as well as a wide variety of church related meetings and shared Sunday Brunch meals several times in the year.

### **Churches Together in Ham and Petersham**

We have enjoyed building relationships as a member of this ecumenical partnership of seven local churches, including Lutheran, Catholic, Anglican and Evangelical traditions, working together locally and sharing and learning together; including joint services for the World Day of Prayer and Week for Christian Unity. The Ham and Petersham Group Ministry has further flourished under the incumbency of Revd Simon Coupland. We are grateful for his support for our Associate Priest, the Church Wardens and PCC and have enjoyed getting to know the St Richard's congregation through shared services.

### **The Warden Team**

We were sorry that Rob Sandford had to stand down as Church Warden and we wish him well in the next stage of his career development in the US. Louise Tumchewics was elected as a new Warden alongside Brian Willman. Ruth Scott was elected for the first time as a Deputy Church Warden joining Julia-Caroline Rizos and both have provided great support to the Church Wardens. Julia-Caroline's contribution to the maintenance of the building (often in partnership with Nick Daymond) deserves a special mention as well as does her willingness to climb a ladder in order to water the Parish Room sedum garden with great aplomb!

### **Work with children and young people**

#### Sunday Club – a report by Tamaryn Napp

"Sunday Club at St Peter's is principally aimed at primary school aged children (i.e. ages 4 to 10 years) and is held during the 9:30am service. In 2023, Sunday Club was held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month during term time. Attendance varied across the weeks with typically 2-3 children and on some occasions as many as 6 children. We have tended to be flexible with the age range to accommodate children in early secondary school. Sunday Club sessions were led by a team of four volunteers: Tamaryn Napp, Katharine von Schubert, Lucy Pollard and Nick Daymond. We loosely follow the weekly lessons plans from Roots Resource

([www.rootsontheweb.com](http://www.rootsontheweb.com)). This is an excellent resource offering clever adaptations to cater for multiple age ranges. Katharine also led several Godly Play sessions across the year and in the run up to Christmas – making use of the beautiful Godly Play resources that the church owns. Feedback from the children was that they particularly enjoyed the craft activities at Sunday Club. In addition to Sunday Club, we provide Story Bags for children to use on days when there is no Sunday Club or if they choose to remain in the main service. These have been well received by children and parents alike. At the end of summer 2023, we took the decision to increase the frequency of Sunday Club to twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (in addition to the existing All-Age service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month). By having more coverage of children's activities across a month, we hope to attract more families to St Peter's. Going forward, we aim to continue to rebuild the children's provision at St Peter's through increased advertising on social media, the weekly newsletter and on the website."

We are most grateful to Tamaryn, Katharine, Lucy and Nick for ensuring that we continue to work with children and young people.

#### Fuel – report by Rev K Daymond

"St Peter's and St Andrew's Ham continued to run the joint Youth Group Fuel which attracts between 6 to 10 young people at the monthly events. Themes this year have been Wisdom, Lent, Bible Genres, Trusting God and Loving one another. The discussions and questioning, fuelled by many biscuits, have been wonderful and humbling. Two of the group from St Peter's have been confirmed. We enjoyed rounders in warmer months and also met together as a group at Sacred Space, with thanks to Nick Daymond for his leadership of games."

#### Russell and Strathmore Schools

In 2023 our local primary school, the Russell School, welcomed newly appointed Head Teacher Laura Brooks. Thanks go to her for inviting Rev Kate Daymond to lead their Harvest Assembly with the story of the Sower and the Seed, as well as teaching Christianity to year 1 with the re-enactment of a Christian Baptism. Year 6 class came to look at the WW2 graves and consider 'Remembrance Day' and the meaning of sacrifice and peace. It was wonderful to end the year with Christmas Services for both Russell and Strathmore pupils based at the Russell Campus for parents, staff and pupils alike with thanksgiving prayers written by the children, readings and musical delights filled with joy. Thanks go to Katharine Von Schubert for inviting the school choir to sing so beautifully at St Andrew's Sacred Space event.

#### Café Vanilla

After a break due to Covid, 2023 welcomed the restart of Café Vanilla in the Parish Room run by pupils and staff of Strathmore School at Greycourt Campus. Enjoyed by both congregation members, Bishop Martin of Kingston as well as pupils, the Café allowed students to practise catering and hospitality skills outside the school environment.

#### Sea Scouts

The Ham and Petersham Sea Scouts joined us in good numbers for the Vancouver Service and, Remembrance Day Parade, as well as attending a special Celebration of Scouting in which their leader, Karin Noble, was distinguished with the Wolf Award by District commissioners. Congratulations to Karin for her commitment to building the Ham and Petersham Scouts to be one of the largest in the country.

## **Safeguarding**

Whilst it is recognised that safeguarding is every church member's responsibility, Fiona Sandford continued in the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer, liaising with Revd K Daymond and it is a standing item at every PCC meeting. Information leaflets and notices on safeguarding contacts are made available in the church and the Parish Room and risk assessments are kept up to date. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, having due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. No safeguarding issues were brought to the attention of the PCC in 2023.

## **The Fabric of St Peter's Church – a report by Brian Willman, Church Warden**

"It was a great relief that the Quinquennial Report did not turn up any major issues of concern and we are most grateful to the Church Architect, Hugh Cullum, and his team for the report and for providing timely and wise advice throughout the year. There were only two items for immediate priority in the Report: repairing the latch to the main gates outside the porch and repairing the juddering door to the Parish Room extension. The first of these items will be dealt with by the Church Architect and the juddering door was repaired in December, much to the congregation's relief.

There were four items that "needed to be addressed in the next twelve months" and, at the time of writing, action has been taken on three of them:

- Investigation of the leaning tree on east boundary wall
- Re-setting of the Alfred Wood memorial cross
- Refixing electric conduit over extension door

The fourth item was to repair the instant hot water heater in the Parish Room kitchen. It was decided that since this was very rarely used, we would not go ahead with this. After discussion with Hugh, he recommended that it should be removed and the services safely capped off.

There was concern about people slipping on the paved area outside the main Parish Room door in cold wet weather. Grit was put down when necessary and the area was thoroughly jet washed in the autumn.

Plans are being drawn by the Church Architect for the Director of Music to have a music storage area close to the organ. This will necessitate removing a radiator and pew divider between the back two pews whilst maintaining the appearance of the box pews on the outside. A faculty has been applied for and it will be paid for from the Carter Legacy.

I am most grateful to Kate Stapleton who continued to look after routine maintenance. Also to Nick Daymond and Julia-Caroline Rizos who carried out many of the non-routine jobs."

## **Financial Management – a report by Clive Thompson, Treasurer**

"A record of the financial affairs of St Peter's and associated accounts is given in the Statement of Accounts. The church is financially healthy thanks to careful stewardship of our resources. Whilst the statement of financial activities suggests a deficit of about £7 K of income vs. expenditure, when depreciation of assets and expenditure paid for from our Restricted Funds are removed to

give the actual expenditure that is funded from our income, we had a surplus in our cash flow of about £25K. This is partly due to generous one-off gifts, including a legacy, but also to an increase in our regular income including donations to the church, with a steady uptake of donations using the Parish Giving Scheme.

Our investments with CCLA have grown in value by almost 6% in line with more optimistic financial markets, with our income from these investments remaining stable and continuing to be an important contributor to our overall income.

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and two very successful music concerts in 2023, we have been able to sustain our charitable giving to the Lilomi School, Christian Aid, Southwark Bishop's Lent Call, Kingsgate Christmas Boxes, Archbishops' Joint Appeal for Gaza and Jerusalem and to the Vineyard Community. We also increased our financial contribution to the Parish Support Fund that not only supports the Diocesan cost of running our church but also financially helps less well-off parishes in the Diocese."

Clive Thompson completed his first very successful full year as our Treasurer. We are grateful for Nadia Galindo Slim, our Financial Administrator, who continued to maintain our financial records in another busy year as well as providing invaluable advice. Keith Walter continued throughout the year to record the collections and gift aided contributions, an important role for which many thanks are due. Richard Robinson continued to oversee our investments by liaising with CCLA. We are very fortunate to have Richard Holman as the Examiner of the Accounts.

## **Hospitality**

In 2023 the Parish Room enabled us to continue to offer two Vineyard Lunches with 20 – 25 guests at each. Also we offered a post-service egg and bacon Brunch to especially welcome newcomers and those returning to church after being away. It has become a great way for the church community several times a year to eat together and enjoy each other's company.

## **Special events in 2023**

- A Candlemas Evensong was held on 5<sup>th</sup> February.
- An Ash Wednesday service was held at the start of Lent on 22<sup>nd</sup> February
- On 3<sup>rd</sup> March we hosted the Women's Day of Prayer attended by members of the St Richard's and St Andrew's congregations. Thanks to Lin Sherwood-Page for organising this.
- The Vestry Meeting and APCM were held on 26<sup>th</sup> March.
- On Good Friday we held a Hot Cross Bun service for families followed by the midday Cross of Christ service. On Easter Sunday, St Peter's held an 8am service and at the 9.30am service we had a good turnout of 70 adults and 18 younger people.
- The Vancouver Commemoration took place on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Jean Allsop played a key role in organising this.
- The Parish Picnic was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July in the vicarage grounds and we are very grateful to Reverend Kate Daymond and Nick for hosting it and to Alistair Sandford for his big bubble maker.
- In August, we held joint services with St Richard's and St Andrew's.
- The Harvest Festival was held on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The congregation was generous in contributing both food and money to the Vineyard Centre.

- The All Souls Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance was held on 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- Remembrance Sunday on 12<sup>th</sup> November saw a large congregation which included local councillors and a very large contingent of Petersham and Ham Sea Scouts. John Asbridge created three poppy mobiles which hung over the aisles.
- We hosted the Sea Scouts for their Celebration of Scouting on 1<sup>st</sup> December.
- On 10<sup>th</sup> December, we held our Messiah Concert with the church at full capacity. A very large sum was raised for the Vineyard Centre - the largest we have ever raised at this annual event. There are more details in Ben Driver's report below.
- A Christmas service was held for the Russell School on 19<sup>th</sup> December and Strathmore School held their celebration the next day.
- All our Christmas services saw increases in attendance compared to last year. These were the 3pm Crib Service, the 5pm Carols by Candlelight Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Morning. We had to turn people away from the 5pm service as we had reached capacity and we will give thought to how we might avoid this next year.

### **Music at St Peter's: a report by Ben Driver, Director of Music**

*Psallam spiritu et mente (1 Corinthians 14:15)*

*I will sing with the spirit and with the understanding also.*

"Our inaugural Choral Scholars much enhanced Sunday worship, singing at a Choral Evensong in February, performing memorably two new Latin motets by Ola Gjeilo, with Paul Crew on oboe, and Stanford's Evening Canticles in C. They sang with Francoise Robinson's violin on Mothering Sunday for some beautiful Bach, and Mary Tregellas accompanied them on clarinet in a performance of John Rutter's The Lord is my light and salvation in a special service to mark the Coronation of King Charles, with Petersham Brass players Adam and Ed, who brought fanfare to the royal hymns including the magnificent Vaughan Williams setting of the Old Hundredth. The Scholars sang a celebration concert of their favourite music near the end of their year, and the pieces they chose to reprise reflected well the range and challenge of the music they had learnt over the academic year. Johnny and Jasmine are now studying - and singing - in their first year at university. We wish them well!

September saw the arrival of Anna, Amelia, Lucie and Alex, joining Catherine and William to make up the new choral team, supported for a second year by the generous legacy of the Carter family in memory of their parents and former St Peter's choristers Arthur and Betty. Highlights in their first term included Geoffrey Burgon's Nunc Dimittis sung by special request on Remembrance Sunday, with Simon Bennett on trumpet; new carols by Sarah Quartel and Bob Chilcott as part of our Advent Sequence; and a splendid send off just before Christmas for retiring Parish Administrator Kate Stapleton, who has done so much to ease the Choral Scholars' arrival at St Peter's and make them feel welcome.

*Angel-voices ever singing round Thy throne of light,*

*angel-harps, forever ringing, rest not day nor night;*

*thousands only live to bless Thee and confess thee Lord of might.*

A big thank you is of course also due to Phillip, who cantored for several Sundays during the year, Katharine, Tom, Lin, Sally and others (all are welcome!), who have all played an important part leading Sunday singing, sometimes joined by members of Petersham Consort. Attendances at the services of Remembrance and Advent seemed larger than ever, most notably for the joyous Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight service, where soloist Choral Scholars joined the throng of

singers, organ, brass, guitar and tambourine in a particularly special service of lessons and carols. I must also thank our talented team of assisting organists who occasionally visit to play the fabulous St Peter's organ: a big thank you to Marie McGuire, Izzy Wideman, Iain Phillips and Stephen Westrop. A special thank you also must go to hidden heroine (often literally, within the organ case!) Áine Martin, our dedicated organ tuner from Harrison & Harrison, who is leaving for a new career having lovingly and expertly maintained this remarkable instrument for the last seven years.

Our concerts again attracted large numbers to St Peter's this year and raised substantial sums for charity. On Sunday 26 March we welcomed the Petersham Camerata and soloists, led by broadcaster and academic Jeremy Summerly. The Petersham Passion was the inspiration of soloists Miranda and Martin Johnson, joined by Anna Boucher: the best of the Passion arias of JS Bach expertly sung and played by a talented group of musicians. And at the centre of the music the story of the Passion of Christ, so beautifully read from the King James Bible by Stuart Turnbull. We heard some extraordinarily beautiful moments, in a wonderful array of textures and colours, appreciated warmly by all who came to reflect on the Passion story. Every penny of the £810 donated for this moving concert went to charity, split between St Peter's and the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Fund.

*Yea, we know Thy love rejoices o'er each work of Thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices for Thy praise combine;  
craftsman's art and music's measure for Thy pleasure didst design*

Sam Laughton and the Elysian Singers and Players returned with their Petersham Messiah on 10 December, and raised another record high figure of £2,939.28 for St Peter's and the Vineyard Community, whose welcoming Centre in Richmond upon Thames serves local people in so many ways. The event was sponsored in part by the Dysart Arms, and Clive, Brian, Kate and Nick (with wonderful soup!) deserve special thanks for all their hard work behind the scenes to ensure the event was the musical and fund-raising success to which we have become accustomed over the last twelve years. Its spiritual message remains startlingly fresh, Handel's music lifting the text to our ears and minds each time we hear it.

In addition to our regular visitors for the annual Vancouver ceremony and the All Souls Remembering Service, St Peter's was once again blessed with visits from younger parish members of the Sea Scouts and Russell & Strathmore schools, all of whom sang heartily. Heartfelt music and song was certainly also a feature in five weddings and four memorial services and funerals over the course of the year, and the music spread beyond the church too, with the Petersham Consort performing in December at St Andrew's Church in Ham, which also hosts the monthly Sacred Space events, to raise money for their heating Appeal.

My thanks to members of the St Peter's congregation, whose appreciation, love and support make all this music making at our beautiful church such a joy to behold."

*Here, great God, today we offer of Thine own to Thee;  
and for Thine acceptance proffer, all unworthily,  
hearts and minds and hands and voices in our choicest melody.*

A big thank you to Ben for all that he does with the wonderful music at St Peter's. Also to everyone who has contributed in 2023.

**Churchyard: a report by Chris Oliver, Churchyard Secretary**



“This year has been uneventful after some minor problems last year. Apart from the regular interments of ashes we have had three burials since the last APCM. These were, of course, in reserved plots as the churchyard is otherwise closed for burials. The Cross on the Wood memorial will receive some attention following the comments in the quinquennial report of September 2023. Roscoe continue to carry out regular gardening maintenance in an exemplary manner.

The Tree Surgeon, who we have employed for a number of years, has decided that it is uneconomical for him to travel to Petersham from Horsham. His replacement thinned out the ilex trees, but has subsequently suffered an injury. One of the cherry trees has recently had its crown lifted and thinned after competitive quotations had been obtained.”

We are most grateful for the invaluable service that Chris Oliver gives in the post of Churchyard Secretary.

### **Open Sunday Afternoons Report by Jean Allsop, Open Church Co-ordinator**

“Sunday Open Church 2023 began with the recruitment of five new Visitor Guides bringing the team up to eleven. Two are not members of the church but generously give their time out of a wish to serve their community.

#### Activities

- In February the “Guide to St. Peter’s Church” booklet (2021 revision) was reprinted to replenish stocks.
- The Annual Meeting was held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, and consisted of a lecture on “St. Peter’s Church in the Roman Catholic Era”.
- The Coronation of King Charles III was observed on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> with a theme of “St Peter’s Connection with the Royal Family”.
- Petersham Open Gardens on June 4<sup>th</sup> was cancelled by the organisers due to a lack of available gardens.
- Cashless donations were started in June
- London Open House Festival took place on 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September, the attendance was disappointing in that we only had the usual number of visitors. The event was reviewed with the Visitor Guides who voted that in 2024 we consider opening for one day only, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm, with external tours, but two guides only covering inside the church. It was felt that publicity via LOHF website needed to be addressed at an early stage next year, so as to ensure that the Visitor Guides do not have their time wasted.

We had a total of 808 visitors in 2023 including the London Open House event and donations totalled £541.52

There was one group visit this year, when fifteen Ham House volunteers visited on 20<sup>th</sup> April.”

We are very grateful to Jean Allsop and the team of guides for this initiative.

### **Other areas of work in the church**

Social media - the church maintains a high quality website and an Instagram account thanks to the efforts of Dan and Kate Stapleton. Rev Kate has kept our Facebook page up to date.

Sacristans - Julia-Caroline Rizos, as Chief Sacristan, led a team formed of Angie Willman, Miriam Klinke and Paula Plaza. Their work is essential to the smooth running of services but can be easily taken for granted.

Chalice Assistants - Tom Lee acted as Chief Server leading a team of Chalice Assistants composed of Andrew Crossley, Nigel Shipman, Keith Walter and Chris Oliver.

Intercessory prayers - lay leadership at the 9.30am Communion Service continued, thanks to Kate Bundock for organising the rota and convening regular meetings of the intercessors which were seen as useful and interesting.

Coffee and flower rotas – Angie Willman coordinated the coffee rota after services. Sarah Freeman continued to organise the flower rota. Thanks to them and to everyone who signs up for these duties, especially our new members.

Cleaning – we are grateful to Anna Kaluza who is the church and Parish Room cleaner.

### **Deanery Synod: a report by Keith Walter**

“The Deanery Synod met three times in 2023. On 6<sup>th</sup> February, at Christ Church, East Sheen, Laura Lowther, CEO of the Riverbank Trust, spoke about the work of that charity supporting single mothers in the borough of Richmond and we were given details of the Kew EcoFair and an ExtinctionRebellion event on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

On 7<sup>th</sup> June, at All Saints, East Sheen, Anne Taylor, Director of Nursing at Parish Nursing Ministries UK, talked to us about health ministry, the role of a Parish Nurse and how a Parish Nurse can support each church congregation and local community. It was reported that £10,000 had been raised across the deanery towards the knife bin appeal, but it was proving impossible to find a location for the bin and an alternative use for the funds was being investigated. Suzie O’Brien from St Luke’s was welcomed as Deanery Eco Champion and outlined relevant activities.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October, at St Michael and All Angels, Barnes, Jason O’Shea from Operation Forgiveness talked about the work of this early intervention knife-crime initiative, delivered by local churches to local schools. Jason also works one day a week with Southwark’s Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation specifically on tackling serious youth violence. It was noted that Operation Forgiveness could be a suitable recipient of the funds originally raised to place a knife bin in the Deanery.”

We are very grateful to Keith Walter who has been our trusted representative at the Synod since 2007. Thanks also to Kate Bundock who joined him in 2023.

### **Sacred Space: a report by Katharine Von Schubert, Lay Pioneer Minister**

“As a Lay Pioneer Minister, my focus is how we reconnect vast swathes of the population with Christian faith (rather than ‘church’ specifically). Many families and individuals today are 4 generations away from any knowledge of Christianity. Sacred Space is an attempt to create an inspirational, informal and reflective space where community is built through singing and playing music together, relationships formed and strengthened, and life shared.

Held once a month on a Sunday evening between 7-8pm in the large and beautiful interior of St Andrews Church Ham, Sacred Space is in its third year. It has sustained a monthly average of 80

people attending over 2.5 years, many of whom are not church-goers. We get as many as 20 children and the event is then truly intergenerational with all ages enjoying an hour of live music, craft, conversation, company, tea and cake.

Each month is based on a universal theme such as Hope, Solitude or Belonging. It is intentionally informal. We include bible verses related to that theme on the handout, and there is an invitation to join a small discussion group during the hour. But nothing is demanded of anyone: no prayers, liturgy or hymns. It is simply there as an offering of love and warmth and welcome to those who come. As such it perhaps speaks to the people who would call themselves 'spiritual but not religious.'

My prayer for it for the next year is to allow others to organise more of it, develop partnerships with new people and organisations, such as SOS Ham and other schools, and to see if it can become a source of creativity and refreshment for more people in Ham & Petersham."

We are most grateful to Katharine for the wisdom and energy that she has put into establishing and growing this successful initiative.

### **In Conclusion**

As with all communities funded and run by volunteers, a balance of responsibility, authority and power is shared within a large team. My thanks go to all those in positions of responsibility who have worked, often behind the scenes, with God's grace, kindness and commitment to enable St Peter's Church to flourish as a place of worship, peace and spiritual succour. Thank you too for all who have joined in and shaped us as a community of God's justice, peace, mercy and love, in Petersham and beyond this year.



Revd Kate Daymond

**6th March 2024**

## **World Day of Prayer with our ecumenical brothers and sisters**



**Godly play at Sunday Club**

## **Easter garden in Sunday Club**



## **Choral Scholars William Katherine Imogen and Jono**





**Summer Vineyard Lunch**



**Edward's confirmation at St Marys' Barnes**



**Remembrance Day service with Sea Scouts**



**Year 6 Russell School Remembrance Visit**

**Christmas Crib service**



**Karin Noble was distinguished with the Wolf Award by District commissioners**



**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S PETERSHAM**  
Registered Charity Number 1134117  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

For the year ending 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £
<b>INCOME from</b>											
Donations	2a	60,391	-	1,444	-	61,835	45,285	-	3,856	-	49,140
Charitable activities	2b	1,890	-	2,685	-	4,575	1,922.85	-	2,032	-	3,954.85
Legacies	2a	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	2c	423	-	-	-	79,640	-	-	-	-	-
Church activities	2d	6,414	-	-	-	6,414	5,887	-	-	-	79,551
Insurance claim		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income		938	-	-	-	938	330	-	-	-	5,887
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>75,056</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,129</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>158,402</b>	<b>53,424.52</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,888</b>	<b>79,551</b>	<b>138,863</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE on</b>											
Church activities	3a, 3b	135,702	25,220	4,281	-	165,202	134,842	19,981	5,361	-	160,184
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>135,702</b>	<b>25,220</b>	<b>4,281</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>165,202</b>	<b>134,842</b>	<b>19,981</b>	<b>5,361</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>160,184</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(60,645)</b>	<b>(25,220)</b>	<b>(152)</b>	<b>79,217</b>	<b>(6,801)</b>	<b>(81,417)</b>	<b>(19,981)</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>79,551</b>	<b>(21,321)</b>
<b>NET GAIN/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS</b>	7a,7b										
Realised gains / (losses) on investments		-	-	-	438	438	-	-	-	2,841.97	2,841.97
Unrealised gains / (losses) on investments		-	-	-	248,984	248,984	-	-	-	(354,379)	(354,379)
		-	-	-	249,422	249,422	-	-	-	(357,221)	(357,221)
Net increase / (decrease) in resources		<b>(60,645)</b>	<b>(25,220)</b>	<b>(152)</b>	<b>328,639</b>	<b>242,621</b>	<b>(81,417)</b>	<b>(19,981)</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>(277,670)</b>	<b>(378,541)</b>
<b>TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	8a	-	-	-	-	-	1,603	2,322	3,925	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(60,645.20)</b>	<b>(25,220)</b>	<b>(152)</b>	<b>328,639</b>	<b>242,621.43</b>	<b>(79,814)</b>	<b>(17,659)</b>	<b>(3,398)</b>	<b>(277,670)</b>	<b>(378,541)</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	9a	436,192	532,698	527	2,016,215	2,985,633	516,006	550,358	3,925	2,293,885	3,364,174
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	10a,b,c	375,547	507,478	375	2,344,854	3,228,254	436,192	532,698	527	2,016,215	2,985,633

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S PETERSHAM**  
Registered Charity Number 1134117

**BALANCE SHEET**

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible	4a	262,016	269,571
Investments	4b	2,895,482	2,656,060
		3,157,498	2,925,632
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors and prepayments	5a,5b,5c,5d	23,901	21,201
Cash at bank and in hand		47,616	42,820
		71,517	64,021
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6a,6b,6c 6d, 6e	761	4,020
		70,756	60,001
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS /(LIABILITIES)</b>			
		3,228,254	2,985,633
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			
		3,228,254	2,985,633
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted	10a	375,547	436,192
Restricted	10b,10c	507,478	532,698
Designated	10d	375	527
Endowment	10e	2,344,854	2,016,215
		3,228,254	2,985,633

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26/03/24 and signed on its behalf  
by the Reverend Kate Daymond

The notes on pages

2 to 10 form part of these accounts.

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**For the year ending 31 December 2023**

**Basis of accounting**

**Note 1**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice(SORP) applicable to accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015 (2015 - FRSSE 2015 ) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

The Church has taken advantage of the concession made in FRS102 Bulletin One for charities with income lower than £500,000 allowing them not to produce a cash flow statement.

**Income**

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resource and when the PCC is virtually certain that the parish will receive the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Investment income, which was previously credited to the Church Hall (now Church Buildings) Fund has, following the completion of the church extension, been credited to the general Endowment Fund.

**Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred.

Resources expended are included in the SOFA on an accruals basis inclusive of value added tax.

Where value added tax is recoverable under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme it is deducted from the expenditure to which it relates.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. Replacement of existing assets is treated as repairs expenditure.

The major extension to the church (known as the Parish Room) was completed during 2019 at a cumulative cost of £804,060. Since it is an integral part of the historic church building which, as a heritage asset, has never been shown on the Balance Sheet and also because the work has been financed from a restricted fund (the Church Buildings Fund), the cost has been set against that Fund and therefore the Parish Room does not appear as a tangible asset on the 2022 Balance Sheet.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is charged at 10% (straight line basis) on the Church equipment.

The organ is being depreciated over 75 years, all maintenance costs being charged to the SOFA.

**Reserves**

It is the aim of the PCC to maintain reserves equivalent to a minimum of three months' operating expenditure.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2023

INCOME	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Designated Funds		Endowment Funds		TOTAL 2023	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Designated Funds		Endowment Funds		TOTAL 2022
	£		£		£		£		£	£		£		£		£		£
<b>Donations</b>																		
2a Giving																		
Gift aid donations	41,454								41,454	30,960				500				31,460
Tax recoverable	11,759								11,759	8,745								8,745
Collections	6,586								6,586	5,087								5,087
Other donations	592								2,036	493				3,356				3,849
Legacies	5,000								5,000									-
	65,391				1,444				66,835	45,285				3,856				49,140
<b>Charitable activities</b>																		
2b Concerts	1,890				2,684.64				4,575	1,923				2,032				3,955
<b>Investment income</b>																		
2c Dividends on investments	-								79,217	-								79,507
Bank & other interest	423								423	-								44
	423								79,217	-								79,551
<b>Income from church activities</b>																		
2d Fees for weddings and funerals	4,939								4,939	4,780								4,780
Fees for graves and monuments	1,475								1,475	1,107								1,107
	6,414								6,414	5,887								5,887
<b>Other income</b>																		
Rentals (Parish Room) & other	938								938	330								330
	938								938	330								330
<b>Total income</b>	75,056				4,129				79,217	53,425				5,888				138,863

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2023

EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £
<b>Church activities</b>								
3a Diocesan Parish Support Fund	67,228			67,228	65,910			65,910
Incumbent Salary		19,765		19,765		18,382		18,382
Other ministry costs (Vicar expenses)	2,226			2,226	2,135			2,135
Diocesan wedding & Funeral fees (SCLF)	2,591			2,591	2,152			2,152
Church routine maintenance & Premises expenses	5,002			5,002	2,398			2,398
Maintenance of Vicarage and Vicarage gardens	2,099			2,099	3,247			3,247
General Cleaning Supplies	117			117	37			37
Churchyard upkeep	8,683			8,683	10,370		353	10,723
Premises insurance	2,749			2,749	2,600			2,600
Electricity & Gas	3,756		916	4,672	3,178		484	3,662
Water Rates Church	203			203	312			312
Petersham Newspaper Article	40			40	160		80	240
Church supplies	855			855	1,247		22	1,247
Church Office stationery, photocopying & books/publications	1,677			1,677	1,441			1,463
Relief organists	600			600	375			375
Organ costs and other music expenses	1,926			1,926	1,650		80	1,730
Sunday School expenses	577		248	825	317		541	858
Rental of Hall & Parish event expenses	698		820	1,518	1,220		813	2,032
Wages (incl NIC and pension contributions)	23,604	5,080		28,684	23,272	1,400	105	24,777
Administrative expenses + Misc	1,624			1,624	2,824			2,824
Refreshments and catering supplies	145			145	106			106
Charity Shop Expenses	-	375		375	-	200		200
Church Outreach Expenses and Charity	1,659		2,297	3,956	1,787		2,883	4,670
Bank Fees (Contactless / Online Donations)	87			87	90			90
Depreciation organ	4,860			4,860	4,860			4,860
Depreciation church & office equipment	2,696			2,696	3,154			3,154
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>135,702</b>	<b>25,220</b>	<b>4,281</b>	<b>165,202</b>	<b>134,842</b>	<b>19,981</b>	<b>5,361</b>	<b>160,184</b>

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.PETER'S PETERSHAM**  
**Registered Charity Number 1134117**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE INCLUDING ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT COSTS**

**3b** The support costs have been allocated in their entirety to the unrestricted expenditure of the Church, being church running and maintenance.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
a Staff costs	28,684	24,777
Office stationery and photocopying	1,107	726
Telephone, broadband and other ministry expenses	2,226	2,135
Other ministry costs (books)	569	736
Subscriptions/licences	1,593	1,283
Administrative expenses	31	1,541
	<b>34,210</b>	<b>31,199</b>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2023

FIXED ASSETS		4a	Tangible	Church Organ £	Church Audio Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Total £
	Purchase Cost  Accumulated Depreciation 31.12.2022 At 1st January 2023 Additions at cost 2023  Offset against Restricted Fund			330,000	24,355	3,082	357,437
				(67,960)	(19,187)	(718)	(87,866)
				262,040	5,169	2,363	269,571
				-	-	-	-
				262,040	5,169	2,363	269,571
	Depreciation Charge for the year			4,860	2,436	260	7,556
				4,860	2,436	260	7,556
				257,179	2,733	2,103	262,016
				262,040	5,169	2,363	269,571
Investments	4b		CCLA Church of England Investment Fund				
			Market value at 1st January 2023	2,656,060			
			Withdrawal of funds in the year	(10,000)			
			Realised gains	438			
			Unrealised gains	248,984			
			Market value at 31st December 2023	2,895,482			
			Gains / (losses) in the year:				
			Realised	438			
			Unrealised	248,984			
				249,422			

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2023

CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
5a Other debtors : gift aid and VAT recoverable	1,241	1,065
5b Other debtors : dividends	20,007	20,080
5c Other debtors : donations & other subscriptions	403	56
5d Accounts Receivable: December 2023 collections paid in Jan 2024	2,250	56
	<u>23,901</u>	<u>21,257</u>

Cash at Bank and in hand

	<u>47,616</u>	<u>42,820</u>
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CURRENT LIABILITIES (amounts falling due in one year)

6a Trade creditors (Electricity & Gas & Water Rates)		1,497
6b PAYE, NI and pension contributions	761	853
6c Gardening Church & Vicarage		
6d Incumbent Salary		1,670
6e Other		-
	<u>761</u>	<u>4,020</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
Wages and Salaries	£ 28,684	£ 24,777

All Employer's National Insurance contributions were offset by the Employment Allowance.

In 2023: £5,080 was funded of staff for Choral Scholars by a designated grant

In 2022: £1,505 was funded of staff for Choral Scholars (£1400) and one service for the organist (£105)

PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

The only payments made to members of the PCC, or persons closely connected to them or related parties, were in respect of working expenses approved by the Vicar.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2023

RESERVES	Unrestricted	Restricted			Designated	Endowment	Total
		Ministry Development	Other				
	Note 1	Note 2	Note 3	Note 4	Note 6		
9a Balance 1 January 2023	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2a,2b,2c,2d Incoming Resources	436,192	511,618	21,080	527	2,016,215	2,985,633	
3a,3b Resources Expended	75,056	-	-	4,129	79,217	158,402	
Transfers between funds	(135,702)	(19,765)	(5,455)	(4,281)	-	(165,202)	
7a Investment gains/losses	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10a,10b,10c					249,422		249,422
10d,10e	375,547	491,853	15,625	375	2,344,854		3,228,254
<b>SUMMARY OF ASSETS BY FUND</b>							
Tangible Fixed Assets	262,016				-	262,016	
Investments	58,775	491,853			2,344,854	2,895,482	
Current Assets	55,517		15,625	375	-	71,517	
Current Liabilities	(761)					(761)	
	375,547	491,853	15,625	375	2,344,854	3,228,254	

NOTES

- 1 The Unrestricted fund can be used entirely at the discretion of the Parochial Church Council.
- 2 The Ministry Development Fund is derived from the sale of Parish property and can be used for any purposes related to the church's ministry within the Parish.
- 3 The Other Restricted reserve relates to small grants and donations received for specified purposes.
- 4 Designated Funds are set aside by the PCC for specific purposes but can revert to being unrestricted if the PCC so decides.
- 5 The Endowment Fund consists of the proceeds of sale of another Parish property. The Fund may be applied to expenditure within the Parish of Petersham, regardless of whether it is regarded as being capital or revenue in nature.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL  
PARISH OF ST PETER'S PETERSHAM

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1134117

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above  
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the  
accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out  
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I  
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission  
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130  
of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements  
concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities  
(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement  
that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter  
considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

*Richard Holman*

Date:

10 March 2024

Name:

Richard Holman

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

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