

ST PETER'S CHURCH, HAMMERSMITH



ANNUAL REVIEW & REPORT for the year 2024

St Peter's Church is a Registered Charity No: 1135462

The Annual Report contains informal reports from the various church groups, regarding events and activities that took place in 2024. It is to be read in conjunction with St Peter's Financial Statement and examined accounts for the year 2024.

The document is available in printed form and on St Peter's website: www.stpetersw6.org

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Vicar's Report

These are challenging times for organised religion. The latest sets of attendance figures for the Church of England published in December 2024 were pretty stark. Since 2015, average Sunday attendance across the Church of England as a whole has dropped by about 25%, the number of funerals has fallen by 35%, and numbers of wedding and baptisms have almost halved. About a third of churches reported no children or young people at Sunday worship at all; only 5% have more than 20 children on an average Sunday. Though there was a small recovery in attendance following the pandemic, figures nevertheless remain significantly below pre-covid levels. There are some positive signs around: amongst ethnic minorities or where there are high levels of immigration, churches tend to be doing better, including with young people. But the overall trends are down.

The Church of England is not alone in this respect. This same pattern is being repeated in different ways across all churches, not just in England, but across Europe and in North America, since the 1960s. We are witnessing a long-term move away from participation in organised religion across the whole of the Western world; the product of widespread sociological factors that are beyond the abilities of any individual church or congregation to control. The result is one of the most challenging contexts for those of us committed to the future of the institutional church.

So how are we doing at St Peter's? On the whole I am pretty sceptical of relying on attendance figures. It all depends on who you count, how accurately you count, and when you count. Do you include school services or not? What about those who come for baptisms after the main service? Do you count during term-time or the holidays? Does the 'average' service include atypical attendances at Christmas or Easter? And anyway, isn't Christianity much more than Sunday attendance? Shouldn't we focus on the depth of our faith, the quality of our prayer life or discipleship, our collective impact on the community, or other qualitative factors much more difficult to measure?



With these caveats in mind, the Annual Report we produced in 2015 recorded an average Sunday attendance of 130 adults and 40 children for the previous year. Ten years later, the figures we submitted to the diocese for 2024 for average Sunday attendance were 150 adults and 65 children (though these figures may not necessarily correspond to the 2015 figures). If anything, these suggest we have seen an increase in Sunday attendance amongst adults, and especially in the numbers of children attending church (the figures for children would place St Peter's in the top 1 or 2% of the Anglican churches in the country).

Though these figures are encouraging, particularly in the current climate, I don't believe there is any room for complacency. Although the 9 am service continues to

attract large numbers of families and young children, we have struggled to provide a Sunday club and crèche at 10.30 communion, and also to recruit sufficient volunteers to help develop children's work and activities. We do very little to engage teenagers or those in their 20s. In terms of the bigger picture, it's also worth observing that those few Anglican churches in our area which are doing as well or better than St Peter's typically have significantly larger incomes, from giving and especially from property, which allows them also to employ much larger staff teams to support their growth. And whilst our average attendance may have increased over the last ten years, overall giving has not kept pace.

This is the context for the discussion of finances, and for the building development project detailed elsewhere in this report; with a need to increase overall levels of giving, including planned giving and legacies, and to explore how the building can be adapted to provide a more attractive and flexible space for events which can help outreach and growth, and increase our long-term rental income. So whilst there is much for which to be thankful, there remain significant challenges ahead.

Inevitably there are far too many individuals to name and thank on a personal basis in this report. But I would be remiss if I did not specifically mention Lizzie Tree and Travis Baker, both of whom joined us in the course of 2024 as our Children's Worker and Director of Music respectively, and who have already made very valuable contributions. The two church wardens and the wonderful Lucy Miller have been amazing as always.



And I am hugely grateful to the very large numbers of people who continue to give such generous support to the church financially and in numerous acts of practical service in so many ways right across the life of the church. Many of you do so faithfully and quietly, in ways which are often unrecognised. These are the true measures of Christian faith and discipleship. May God bless you all.

Revd Charles Clapham

Churchwardens' Report

St Peter's had its Quinquennial Survey in the spring of 2024 just as Caroline Langton was about to step down as church warden. As the current wardens we are ever grateful for her knowledge, experience and wisdom which she continues to impart, making our job so much easier. Thankfully, Caroline agreed to be co-opted by the PCC to lead our Buildings Development Group known as Project 200, to mark the bicentenary of St Peter's in 2029.

Over two days in April and May 2024, Andy Burrell, our appointed architect, conducted the statutory five year review of the condition of the building and its contents, known as the Quinquennial Survey. We received the very extensive quinquennial report in June. A number of repairs were highlighted and prioritised by Andy. As we have gone to great effort and expense over the past twenty-five years to secure the wider building against decay it is clear that the sort of works we now need to focus on involve basic maintenance at all levels.

Here are the main findings together with other issues concerning the fabric of the church:

Stonework at parapet level is still a cause for concern as extreme weather conditions, both wet and dry, are having an impact on the sandstone. The Quinquennial Survey suggests that the works be done before the next inspection; however the cost of a major repair project is beyond our scope for the foreseeable future. We are committed to simply keeping it safe with regular professional inspections.

Heating: the gas heaters in Parish Rooms have now become a significant problem. Both failed at the same time in November. Until they could be repaired the Nursery used supplementary electric fan heaters and an electric radiator during the cold weather. A new, more efficient heating system is important for the church going forward and the Development Group have this as a priority.



Virger's Plaque: the DAC considered the application at their meeting in January and Faculty was granted in April. The plaque in memory of Stephen Haude will be installed on the wall and dedicated on Sunday 11th May 2025. Many thanks to members of the choir for initiating and supporting this project, and to Oliver Leigh Wood for sourcing the oak base for the plaque.

Organ Repairs: A few necessary repairs to the organ were identified this year as high priority by Edward Cooke and most have been carried out.

Restoration of the Organ Pipes: Following a chance discovery by the late, lamented David Coram in 2015, the time has come to get the original patterning back on the front rank of pipes. Arte Conservation Ltd have done an analysis of the designs and colour tests on both the pipes and the wooden organ case. Faculty was applied for and has been granted. The cost will be around £22,000 + VAT. We already have £11,140 in a fund for this project. We will apply for some grants and will be asking for financial support from the church and wider community.

Project 200

As most of you know, restricted funds for church improvement were boosted last year by several generous legacies and this has allowed the PCC to plan for a few much needed improvements to our old building. We named it Project 200 because in October 2029 St Peter's will celebrate its 200th birthday. We aim to have the works completed well before then!

The Development Group operates as a sub committee of the PCC, and consists of the Vicar, the two church wardens, the treasurer, Caroline Langton, Jemma Daffarn, and Tony Matthews. As a group, we have been engaged in identifying what we need to best serve our community and to make the building work harder and better. Disappointingly, St Peter's income continues to fall year on year, so the greatest need is now to try and put the church on a firm financial

footing for the future. By improving and upgrading our social and rentable spaces we are hoping to do this.

We have sought various professional advice and individual views over a wide range of possible options. What do we need? What can we afford? How much can we raise in addition? This process has served to crystallise our thoughts about the realistic scope of the project and what resources we have to hand, as well as the viability of any major fundraising. We have agreed that the tenancy of the nursery will continue for the foreseeable future, with more cooperation on use of space and time.

Project 200 – Ambitions:

- Improved and accessible lavatories
- New kitchen compliant with H&S regulations
- New flooring, partitioning, storage, doors in parish rooms, vestibule and stairwells
- Efficient heating system for parish rooms.
- Draughtproofing throughout
- Small moveable staging area in front of chancel
- New tables and chairs
- Outside storage unit for regularly used items
- Resurface the garden path

Vicar's Sabbatical

Finally, we were pleased - and as wardens somewhat relieved - to welcome Charles back from his much deserved study leave which we hope has left him feeling rested, refreshed and reinvigorated. His absence presented us with a challenge but also an opportunity as we sought cover for the 12 Sundays and 25 Eucharistic services during his time away. St Peter's is immensely grateful to Jeremy Brooks, Sarah Lenton, John Record, Penny Seabrook, Stephan Welch and Peter Wolton for very kindly agreeing to stand in. It was lovely to welcome back some familiar faces. As much as we all enjoy Charles's weekly sermons, we have very much valued the inspiration and insight which our visitors have also given us. It's been good to hear that members of the congregation appreciated their different styles and approaches to worship. We also want to thank the parents who did a wonderful job stepping into the breach to lead our worship at the 9am family services. We could not have managed without you.



It seems that Charles's absence has brought out the very best in the St Peter's community as everyone pulled together and did their utmost to ensure that things ran as smoothly as possible. A special word of gratitude must go to Lucy, our Parish Administrator who did as much as anyone to keep the show on the road and to keep us warm when the heating packed in. Thank you all. Fear not though Charles, we're still more than happy to have you back!

Simon Brooke and Fiona Hay

Music



Thank you all for the warm welcome to St Peter's - I'm thrilled to be here! As I write, it occurs to me that I've only been in post for ten months. We seem to have accomplished so much, but also very little, and my mind is swarming with ideas for the future. The choir has been a terrific companion during these ten months, and I'm grateful for their dedication, support and encouragement.

The Remembrance Service and the Carol Service were two particularly poignant occasions - the former supported by trumpeter Simon Sturgeon-Clegg, and the latter seeing the return of the brass quintet.

There have been a few changes - perhaps additions rather than changes! - including new repertoire for the choir, a new congregational mass setting suitable for Advent and Lent, and the introduction of choir rehearsals on the first Thursday evening of every month. We continued the choral scholar programme in collaboration with the West London Free School, and their Director of Music, Ed Watkins. Scholars Sol, Xavier, Aimee, and Noah, sang every other week, from September to early April. Ed Watkins is no longer Director of Music but we hope to continue the programme and maintain the relationship with the West London Free School.

The Bryson organ is a treasure - there are few surviving examples in the UK, perhaps three in total, and so it remains a priority to ensure the preservation of this historic instrument. I'm grateful to my colleague, William McVicker (Curator of the Festival Hall organ) for his advice, and to Ed Cooke for regulating the keys, and refurbishing the pipe speech. There's still work to be done, including the re-decoration of the facade - my thanks to Caroline Langton for all her support in this important project.

Early in my arrival, it was useful to hear the opinions of the community which, when boiled down, amounted to three main points: encourage more people from the wider community into the building, establish more events for the children and, from time to time, organise a bigger project for the choir. I've collaborated with composer Lee Bradshaw, and Arts Management Consultant, Orlanda Bryars, to start our very own Music Festival at St Peter's - The Black Lion Festival. My hope is that the festival becomes an annual event, welcoming new faces into our thriving and diverse community.



Further thanks to Eleri & Tom, not only for their weekly contributions to our music making, but for all they do away from the choir stalls, and to Lucy for all her administrative support and guidance.

Travis Baker, Director of Music



Children's Work

I was very pleased to join St Peter's as the Children's Worker in Spring 2024, and for my first year here have followed the established pattern of events and services. Over the past 12 months, we have held some fun and well-attended events for the children at St Peter's Church: We celebrated May Day by dancing around our homemade maypole in the church garden. Alongside this event, we ran a charity 'Bake-Off' competition and crafts, making tissue-paper flower crowns and musical sticks with the children.

In June, we held a prayer day for all year groups at St Peter's School. Each class spent an hour at the church and moved around several activities, which included decorating prayer flags, threading bracelets with meaningful words, and participating in Taize chants and meditation that encouraged them to reflect and be mindful in their daily lives.

At the end of June, we held our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic as part of the St Peter's parochial festival. Attendance was good, and the children enjoyed the games and activities we had prepared for them with the help of our parent volunteers.



Throughout June we also ran our first of two confirmation courses for 2024. This first course had 8 attendees ranging from 11 - 16 years old, who then re-joined us in November for their confirmation service with the Autumn group.

In October we held an Autumn craft event during which children had a great time making spider webs out of sticks and string, creating Autumn 'leaf fairy' pictures and toasting marshmallows over tea lights - not to mention the ever-popular decorating biscuits activity!

We ran our second confirmation course through October and November, with a further 8 children aged between 10 and 12 years. On November 24th, Bishop Ed Condry led the confirmation ceremony for the 16 children here at St Peter's, and dozens of friends and family attended.

In December we got Christmas started early with the incredibly popular Children's Christmas party. With crafts, feasting and a visit from Santa Claus, we had a great turn out and it remains a staple children's event. Advice for 2025 would be to bring more volunteers into the preparations ahead of the event, as it requires a lot of coordination!

Both of the main December family services, Christingle and the Crib service, were thriving and it was lovely to see many of the older children (whose attendance has dropped since starting secondary school) back in church.

We continue to offer the extremely popular 9 am Family Worship service, which is thriving in its original structure of hymns, stories from the bible, and craft activities. But the popularity of our Family Worship means we currently do not have the numbers to provide a weekly Sunday School. We generally see just 3-4 families at our 10.30 am service, where children's ages range from 3 years up to teenager. There is a divide between those who wish to see the pre-COVID offering of a creche and Sunday School classes, and those who would prefer to keep the 9 am service.



Discussions to find a solution to this issue are ongoing. Suggestions have included fixing the age range for the family service to under 5 years (pre-schoolers), whilst moving the older attendees back into a Sunday School setting at the 10.30 am service or restructuring the 9 am service by taking the older children out for 20 minutes for a more in-depth lesson. In keeping with the Church of England's 'Growing Younger' initiative, it feels important to build on the provision of our children's services for future church member retention.

It would also be beneficial if we could find a way to grow the community within this part of the congregation. Finding volunteers continues to be a struggle, and the concern is that people are not building relationships within the church as they used to. Without these, people are less likely to attend and help at church events. Whilst we work on finding more volunteers within the congregation, we have found help in the form of Duke of Edinburgh students. This should be a great source of additional support for children's work and events.

Lizzie Tree

St Peter's Church of England Primary School

St Peter's is a single form entry school, with up to 30 pupils in each of the seven different year groups from Reception to Year 6. The school was ranked 'outstanding' by Ofsted in 2017 and retained this ranking in 2023. Of the current pupils, 25% (53 children) speak English as an additional language. The proportion of children identified as having a special educational need or disability is 17% (36 children). 12% of the pupils (25 children) are on the Pupil Premium register.

The school continues to be oversubscribed, with nearly six applicants for every Reception place. There is a waiting list for most other classes. There are eleven governors, several of whom are regular worshippers at St Peter's church, and the Vicar is currently Chair.

The school and the church have a close relationship. Charles leads a weekly whole school collective worship session and is helping the school to prepare for the next SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) visit, which will examine how the school is meeting the requirements of the new SIAMS framework.



The school's adopted Bible verse is Matthew 5:16: "Let your light shine before others, so they see your good works and give glory to God." The school's values are perseverance, kindness, respect, courage, thankfulness and service.

In addition to academic work, the school offers a wide variety of enrichment opportunities, some of which are provided in conjunction with local independent schools. 33% of the pupils



(69 children) learn an individual musical instrument. Other optional school clubs include a variety of sports plus drama, street dance, chess, Lego, athletics, computing and French (Spanish is taught in school).

Finance remains the dominant issue, with income decreasing, expenditure increasing, and the budget pared to the bone. The school and the governors are extremely grateful to the PTA, led by Charlotte Reed and Jane Pilling, and its fundraising activities, which make an enormous difference.

Further information can be found on www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

Vicky (Russell) Lawrence, Immediate Past Chair of the Governing Body

Events

We on the Events Committee always try to put on a selection of events to cover different age groups and varied interests.

In May, Charles and Jane very kindly allowed us to hold a Cocktail Party in the Vicarage Garden. This proved to be the perfect venue. Charles had strung lights round the garden; it was a balmy, early summer evening and a large number of parishioners of varying ages enjoyed a wonderful, convivial evening and delicious cocktails.



The next afternoon many met up again at the Leigh-Woods' Open Garden Afternoon. Gabrielle and Oliver again kindly donated to the church the takings from the tea and cake enjoyed by the visitors to their enchanting garden.



The weather did not look promising before the St Peter's Day Lunch and Teddy Bears' Picnic on 30 June but just before lunch the sun came out and we were able to enjoy a buffet lunch and barbecue while the children had their picnic and paraded around the garden with their teddy bears. Charles had persuaded the local Morris Dancers to come and perform for us before lunch, which added to the festivities.

Harvest Supper, held as usual in the body of the church, on Friday 4 October was well attended. It is always a popular and jolly event, with the proceeds given to the Upper Room and Sunday Suppers.

A Quiz Night with a Curry Supper, hosted by our Quizmaster, Simon Crutchley, was back on the agenda again in November. People racked their brains for the answers, copious amounts of curry were consumed, and the bar made a tidy profit!



None of this would be possible without the help and dedication of the Events Committee, to whom I am enormously indebted – Simon Crutchley, Caroline Downer, MP Moine, Jane Pilling, Lucinda Pride, Clemmie Reed, Bridget Stevenson, Jennifer Usher, Emily Weston-Price and Joanna Woods.

Caroline Illingworth

Hammersmith and Fulham Deanery Synod

The parishes in the Hammersmith & Fulham Deanery Synod take turns to host meetings. After an introduction to the host parish by the Vicar, meetings focus on a main topic. In the last year:

- Hammersmith and Fulham Food Bank, followed by an inspiring presentation from Vicky Lambert and Steve Lawrence about Sunday Suppers.
- Bishop Graham Tomlin explained the work of the Centre for Cultural Witness at Lambeth Palace, which he was instrumental in setting up 'to inspire a renewal in the public understanding of the Christian Faith' (for details visit www.seenandunseen.com).
- The Revd Emmy Wilson told us about her involvement in the Ministry of Deliverance (what used to be called Exorcism).

Michael Illingworth gives a great deal of time to act as Financial Officer and he too welcomes this opportunity to remind the St Peter's PCC and congregation that they are welcome to attend any meeting. In fact, it would be nice to see some of you! Whatever the focus, the meetings are interesting, informative, and sometimes thought-provoking. And to be honest, it's also quite fun to get a chance to visit other parishes in the Deanery.

Please get in touch if you are interested.

Marie-Pierre Moine

Talkback

Talkback usually meets on the first Monday of every month at 55 Ashfield Road. We have a cup of tea and a chat for around 30 minutes and then start around 8.30. Someone leads the session and this past year we have discussed topics such as anger, terrorism, different passages in the bibles, to name a few of the sessions. We talk about the topic, how relevant our faith is to the topic and look at relevant bible verses to the topic. This lasts for around an hour. It is a time of thought, discussion and reflection on our world and our lives today. We end the session with prayer.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this, please contact Vicky Lambert on 07718 588454 or email lambertvicky55@gmail.com. To be able to spend an hour out of our hectic and busy lives thinking about different aspects of life and our faith is very special. Please do come and join us.

Talkback Team

Sunday Suppers

Sunday Suppers serves people who are homeless or experiencing food poverty with a nutritious free hot meal every Sunday evening from mid-October to the end of April at Rivercourt Methodist Church in King Street, W6.

Founded as a project in 2023, Sunday Suppers became a registered charity in November 2024 (no 1210994). We have seven trustees. We are supported by both Rivercourt and St Peter's church, which provides many of our wonderful team of over 60 volunteers. We also have student volunteers from Latymer Upper School and West London Free School.

We work in partnership with City Harvest London, from whom we obtain much of the food we need free of charge. We are also grateful to LBH&F, who gave us a grant as part of their 'Welcome Spaces' initiative, and the many generous private individuals who have given us financial donations and gifts of good quality clothing for our guests. This year we have also enjoyed the support of St Peter's C.E. primary school, whose pupils have organized two food collections for us.



We regularly feed between 75 and 80 guests every Sunday evening. These numbers are higher than last year and sadly are likely only to increase. Guests often travel several miles to come to us as there is no free food provision open in their area on Sundays, and they will otherwise have nothing to eat.

Sunday Suppers will take a break over the summer and start up again on 19 October. We hope then to run the service all year round. If you are interested in volunteering or otherwise supporting Sunday Suppers, please contact Vicky on sunday-suppers@outlook.com.

Victoria (Russell) Lawrence, co-founder and manager of Sunday Suppers

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE CHARITIES COMMISSION AND THE DIOCESE OF LONDON:

INTRODUCTION

St Peter's is part of the Church of England, following a central, inclusive, Anglican tradition. It is a parish church in the Diocese of London. The church was built in 1827-1829, the architect being Edward Lapidge, and it complements the Regency houses in St Peter's Square and Black Lion Lane. The parish is bordered by the River Thames on the south side, Goldhawk Road on the western and northern sides and parts of Ravenscourt Road and Furnival Gardens on the eastern side. The Parish is bisected by the A4 Great West Road which runs beside the church garden.

The Annual Review sets out the mission and objectives of St Peter's and describes our activities during 2024.

MISSION

St Peter's Church in Hammersmith strives to be a generous, inclusive, all-age Christian community, serving all in the local area.

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TREASURER

Magnus Grimond

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Quentin Robey

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ('PCC')

The PCC works with the Vicar in promoting our mission. It shares the pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical work of the church. The PCC is responsible for the administration of the church property, the setting of an annual budget and the raising of funds to carry out the mission and to maintain and preserve the fabric. The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity, number 1135462.

The PCC comprises the Vicar, the Churchwardens, the Treasurer, the Deanery Synod Representatives, and members who are elected at an Annual Parochial Church Meeting to serve for a period of three years. The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The following served during 2024:

The Vicar:	The Revd Dr Charles Clapham
Churchwardens:	Simon Brooke (first elected Warden at the APCM 2022) Fiona Hay (first elected Warden at the APCM 2024)
Treasurer:	
Magnus Grimond	(elected to PCC APCM 2024)
Deanery Synod Representatives:	
MP Moine	(re-elected APCM 2023)

Elected members of PCC:

Marion Ashworth	(re-elected APCM 2022)
Tony Matthews	(re-elected APCM 2022)
Zoe Fletcher	(re-elected APCM 2023)
Clare Berry	(re-elected APCM 2023)
Henry Barda	(re-elected APCM 2023)
Miles McInnes	(re-elected APCM 2023)
Jonty Graham	(re-elected APCM 2023)
Jemma Daffarn	(elected APCM 2022)
Eloise Illingworth	(elected APCM 2023)
Alison Du Cane	(elected APCM 2024)
Caroline Langton	(Co-opted in as Fabric Director May 2024)

Leslie DuCane stepped down in 2024 after sterling years as Treasurer, for which we thank him enormously, having left our accounts system completely revitalised. He has been replaced on the PCC by his lovely wife Alison.

The Events committee is responsible to the PCC. The PCC also receives reports from those who are responsible for fabric, children's work, and safeguarding, and from the building Development group.

The PCC met on six occasions in 2024. Meetings were usually held via Zoom. The APCM was held in May. In addition to discussing administrative and financial matters, the PCC discussed many issues over the year, including:

- Children's worker roll – filled at Easter by Lizzie Tree
- Musical Director – filled at Easter by Travis Baker
- Freshers Fair
- Boxing above reredos around screen and project
- High level stone inspection
- Organ restoration
- Designation of Steve Haude's legacy within the accounts
- Common fund

- Vicar's sabbatical
- Church development
- Safeguarding also remained a standing item on the PCC agenda as did fundraising.

Minutes from the PCC Meetings are available from the Parish Office.

Electoral Roll

Helen Kelly reported at the 2024 APCM that the electoral roll stood at 214. This is the same as the year before by co-incidence. Many thanks to Helen for continuing in this role.

Church Attendance

As reported to the Diocesan Statistics for Mission, St Peter's Usual Sunday Attendance (counting those who attended any of our Sunday services but excluding those attending solely for separate baptism services) for 2024 was 150 adults and 65 children. Attendance at Easter 2024 was 256 (including children). Numbers attending over the Christmas period were 285 at the Carol Service, 190 at Christingle, 700 over two school Christmas services, 320 at Crib Service, 120 at Midnight Mass, and 250 on Christmas morning. On-line viewing average number of views for a 10.30 Communion Service was between 30-40 in 2024. There were 23 baptisms, 15 confirmations, and no weddings at St Peter's during 2024. The church was used for 8 funerals or memorial services during the year.

Safeguarding

In accordance with the House of Bishops' Policy Statements *Promoting a Safer Church* (2017) and *Protecting All God's Children* (2010), and the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy *Promoting a Safer Diocese* (2018), St Peter's Parochial Church Council has committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

We are grateful to Holly Albutt who serves as our Parish Safeguarding Officer, and who works with the vicar regularly to review safeguarding compliance, with the assistance of the Safeguarding Dashboard provided by the Diocese of London. DBS checks are overseen by Lucy Miller. Safeguarding has been a regular item on the PCC agenda through the year. The church operates in accordance with the Diocesan policy and good practice guidelines in terms of safeguarding.

FINANCE

The details of our finances for the year to December 2024 are set out in the attached accounts. What follows are the headlines.

The sharp drop in our income was mainly due to the absence last year of any substantial legacies on the scale of those in 2023, when we benefited from the exceptional generosity of three long-standing members of our congregation, now sadly departed. Putting aside these exceptional gifts, I have to report that there continues to be a reduction in our “everyday income”, which this year amounted to 3%.

The relatively small movement in overall income hides a notable 14% drop in planned giving, with some existing givers cutting their contribution and some stopping altogether. This fall was more than offset by higher interest earned on our newly enlarged cash reserves, boosted further by higher average interest rates during the year.

The fall in underlying income was compounded by an 11% rise in our costs to leave a net deficit of over £18,000 for the year. There was a substantial rise in repairs and maintenance bills, with depreciation also higher. Among the more substantial costs were the purchase and installation of our new projector, charges relating to the biennial inspection of the stonework, work on the organ and various repairs in and around the buttery and parish room.

Staff costs also increased, with more hours being charged at higher rates for our various staff members after a gap in staffing in 2023. And although we receive a very generous annual donation towards our music, these costs still rose with the addition of a new tenor and one-off charges relating to temporary organists and the recruitment of a new musical director. One-off costs were also a feature of church services costs, including the purchase of a new chasuble and the Sum Up readers for the collection plates.

Turning to the balance sheet, our cash reserves have fallen by about £26,600 during the course of 2024. The drop is accounted for by the cost and installation of the projector and our deficit for the year.

In summary, while our finances remain in good shape, we cannot afford to be complacent. Most of our current reserves are earmarked for the refurbishment of our parish room, kitchen and lavatories. Our planned giving has fallen by £35,000 over the past five years, or nearly a third. We clearly need to work harder to generate more income if the good work of the church is to continue in the long term.

Magnus Grimond

Reserves Policy

The PCC aims to maintain general (unrestricted) reserves of about £50,000, which equates to approximately three months unrestricted expenditure. We will endeavour to rebuild our financial resources to a level where we can maintain unrestricted reserves of £100,000.

The PCC annually assesses the major financial risks affecting St Peter's Church and makes plans accordingly.

Simon Brooke and Fiona Hay, Churchwardens, on behalf of the PCC, May 2025

The financial report was approved by the PCC on 23rd April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



(Revd Dr) Charles Clapham
Vicar, St Peter's Hammersmith



Charity number: 1135462

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER, HAMMERSMITH**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

THE PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST PETER, HAMMERSMITH

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	125,137	10,000	135,137	485,050
Activities for generating funds	2	9,714	-	9,714	9,134
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<i>Income from donations and legacies</i>				
Donations: planned giving	71,813	-	71,813	83,124
Donations: other	7,044	10,000	17,044	21,699
Donations: tax recovered through Gift Aid	21,266	-	21,266	24,648
Collections: normal services	12,692	-	12,692	9,621
Collections: special services	12,322	-	12,322	7,269
Legacy: (Haude)	-	-	-	309,714
Other legacies (Lilley and Salisbury)	-	-	-	28,975
	<u>125,137</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>135,137</u>	<u>485,050</u>
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Fundraising events	9,714	-	9,714	9,134
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<i>Income from church activities</i>				
Wedding and funeral fees	3,211	-	3,211	11,380
Hall and church rental	1,731	-	1,731	1,721
	<u>4,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,942</u>	<u>13,101</u>
<i>Income from property and investments</i>				
Beantalk Nursery rent	32,397	-	32,397	32,397
Other premises hire	6,817	-	6,817	5,658
Interest	16,272	-	16,272	4,578
	<u>55,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,669</u>	<u>42,633</u>
Total income	<u>£195,279</u>	<u>£10,000</u>	<u>£198,462</u>	<u>£549,918</u>

In the comparative year £nil income was in respect of restricted funds and £485,050 was in respect of unrestricted funds.

THE PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST PETER, HAMMERSMITH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Resources expended	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Church activities</i>					
Missionary and charitable giving (special collections)		12,425	-	12,425	9,683
Diocese of London Common Fund		95,865	-	95,865	92,164
Fees payable to the diocese		1,332	-	1,332	2,551
Clergy working expenses		1,542	-	1,542	1,996
Staff costs	4	35,071	-	35,071	30,781
Choir and music		9,876	-	9,876	7,697
Church services		3,131	-	3,131	971
Youth group/children's work		922	-	922	-
Utilities: gas, electricity and water		8,833	-	8,833	9,700
Insurance		7,696	-	7,696	7,381
Guttering and pipe repairs		640	-	640	3,225
Wedding and funeral expenses		1,015	-	1,015	4,595
Organ works		4,670	-	4,670	543
Other repairs and maintenance		14,898	-	14,898	5,434
Cleaning		6,549	-	6,549	6,275
Administration		5,846	-	5,846	7,366
Bank charges		848	-	848	741
Fixed asset depreciation		4,876	-	4,876	2,818
Other		4,196	-	4,196	3,058
		<u>220,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220,231</u>	<u>196,979</u>
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>					
Fundraising costs		3,430	-	3,430	2,802
		<u>3,430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,430</u>	<u>2,802</u>
<i>Governance costs</i>					
Independent examiner's fee		100	-	100	1,500
		<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>1,500</u>
<i>Total resources expended</i>		<u>£223,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£223,761</u>	<u>£201,281</u>

In the comparative year £2,718 was charged to restricted funds and £198,563 was charged to unrestricted funds.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

4 Staff Costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff salaries	34,134	26,363
Employer's National Insurance (covered by Employment Allowance)	-	-
Employer's pension contributions	937	787
	<u>35,071</u>	<u>27,150</u>

During the year the PCC employed a parish administrator, a director of music and a children's worker. All of these employments were part-time.

The average number of employees was:	2024 2.0	2023 2.0
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This was the equivalent of 1.0 (2023 - 0.9) full-time employees throughout the year.

The PCC members are considered to be the key management personnel of the church. No remuneration was paid directly to key management personnel.

5 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Information Technology £	Musical Instruments £	Total £
<i>Cost</i>				
Balance at 1 January 2024	-	9,186	-	9,186
Additions	-	17,552	-	17,552
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>26,738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,738</u>
<i>Accumulated depreciation</i>				
Balance at 1 January 2024	-	9,186	-	9,186
Depreciation for the year	-	4,876	-	4,876
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>14,062</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,062</u>
<i>Net book value</i>				
As at 31 December 2023	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>12,676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,676</u>

Fixed asset additions were financed partly by utilising the balance of £5,885 in the New Technology Fund (see note 8), with the remaining £11,697 being provided from the General Fund.

6 Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Tax recoverable through Gift Aid	6,898	-	6,898	6,898
Other debtors	2,605	-	2,605	3,274
Prepayments	-	-	-	-
	<u>£9,503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£9,503</u>	<u>£10,172</u>

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7 Creditors due within one year	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Trade and other creditors	14,526	-	14,526	10,638
Income in advance	-	-	-	-
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	-
	<u>£14,526</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£14,526</u>	<u>£10,638</u>

8 Funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
<i>Designated funds</i>					
Church enhancement fund	309,714				309,714
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
General fund	116,181	195,279	(223,761)	5,855	93,554
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New technology fund	5,855	-	-	(5,855)	-
Organ fund	1,140	10,000	-	-	11,140
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Prior year

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New technology fund	8,573	-	(2,718)	-	5,855
Organ fund	1,140	-	-	-	1,140
Total funds	<u>84,255</u>	<u>549,918</u>	<u>(201,283)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>432,890</u>

The balance brought forward on the New Technology Fund was utilised to purchase the laser projector (see note 5). Because the purchase was a capital item, the transaction is shown as a fund transfer not as resources expended.

The organ fund exists to support the cost of works to the organ.

9 Related parties

During the year, excluding reimbursement for costs incurred on behalf of the PCC, no payments or expenses were paid to any PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties (2023 - £nil).

THE PCC OF THE PARISH OF ST PETER, HAMMERSMITH

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Hammersmith ("the Charity")

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the Parochial Church Council, you are the trustees of the Charity, and you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").


I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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

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Signed: 
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Membership: Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales
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1.12 Judgements in applying accounting policies

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates but are unlikely to be material.

2 Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Income from donations and legacies</i>				
Donations: planned giving	71,813	-	71,813	83,124
Donations: other	7,044	10,000	17,044	21,699
Donations: tax recovered through Gift Aid	21,266	-	21,266	24,648
Collections: normal services	12,692	-	12,692	9,621
Collections: special services	12,322	-	12,322	7,269
Legacy: (Haude)	-	-	-	309,714
Other legacies (Lilley and Salisbury)	-	-	-	28,975
	<u>125,137</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>135,137</u>	<u>485,050</u>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>				
Fundraising events	9,714	-	9,714	9,134
	<u>9,714</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,714</u>	<u>9,134</u>
<i>Income from church activities</i>				
Wedding and funeral fees	3,211	-	3,211	11,380
Hall and church rental	1,731	-	1,731	1,721
	<u>4,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,942</u>	<u>13,101</u>
<i>Income from property and investments</i>				
Beantalk Nursery rent	32,397	-	32,397	32,397
Other premises hire	6,817	-	6,817	5,658
Interest	16,272	-	16,272	4,578
	<u>55,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,669</u>	<u>42,633</u>
Total income	<u>£195,279</u>	<u>£10,000</u>	<u>£198,462</u>	<u>£549,918</u>

In the comparative year £nil income was in respect of restricted funds and £485,050 was in respect of unrestricted funds.

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3 Resources expended	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Church activities</i>					
Missionary and charitable giving (special collections)		12,425	-	12,425	9,683
Diocese of London Common Fund		95,865	-	95,865	92,164
Fees payable to the diocese		1,332	-	1,332	2,551
Clergy working expenses		1,542	-	1,542	1,996
Staff costs	4	35,071	-	35,071	30,781
Choir and music		9,876	-	9,876	7,697
Church services		3,131	-	3,131	971
Youth group/children's work		922	-	922	-
Utilities: gas, electricity and water		8,833	-	8,833	9,700
Insurance		7,696	-	7,696	7,381
Guttering and pipe repairs		640	-	640	3,225
Wedding and funeral expenses		1,015	-	1,015	4,595
Organ works		4,670	-	4,670	543
Other repairs and maintenance		14,898	-	14,898	5,434
Cleaning		6,549	-	6,549	6,275
Administration		5,846	-	5,846	7,366
Bank charges		848	-	848	741
Fixed asset depreciation		4,876	-	4,876	2,818
Other		4,196	-	4,196	3,058
		<u>220,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220,231</u>	<u>196,979</u>
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>					
Fundraising costs		3,430	-	3,430	2,802
		<u>3,430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,430</u>	<u>2,802</u>
<i>Governance costs</i>					
Independent examiner's fee		100	-	100	1,500
		<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>1,500</u>
<i>Total resources expended</i>		<u>£223,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£223,761</u>	<u>£201,281</u>

In the comparative year £2,718 was charged to restricted funds and £198,563 was charged to unrestricted funds.

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4 Staff Costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff salaries	34,134	26,363
Employer's National Insurance (covered by Employment Allowance)	-	-
Employer's pension contributions	937	787
	<u>35,071</u>	<u>27,150</u>

During the year the PCC employed a parish administrator, a director of music and a children's worker. All of these employments were part-time.

The average number of employees was:	2024 2.0	2023 2.0
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This was the equivalent of 1.0 (2023 - 0.9) full-time employees throughout the year.

The PCC members are considered to be the key management personnel of the church. No remuneration was paid directly to key management personnel.

5 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Information Technology £	Musical Instruments £	Total £
<i>Cost</i>				
Balance at 1 January 2024	-	9,186	-	9,186
Additions	-	17,552	-	17,552
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>26,738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,738</u>
<i>Accumulated depreciation</i>				
Balance at 1 January 2024	-	9,186	-	9,186
Depreciation for the year	-	4,876	-	4,876
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>14,062</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,062</u>
<i>Net book value</i>				
As at 31 December 2023	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>12,676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,676</u>

Fixed asset additions were financed partly by utilising the balance of £5,885 in the New Technology Fund (see note 8), with the remaining £11,697 being provided from the General Fund.

6 Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Tax recoverable through Gift Aid	6,898	-	6,898	6,898
Other debtors	2,605	-	2,605	3,274
Prepayments	-	-	-	-
	<u>£9,503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£9,503</u>	<u>£10,172</u>

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7 Creditors due within one year	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Trade and other creditors	14,526	-	14,526	10,638
Income in advance	-	-	-	-
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	-
	<u>£14,526</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£14,526</u>	<u>£10,638</u>

8 Funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
<i>Designated funds</i>					
Church enhancement fund	309,714				309,714
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
General fund	116,181	195,279	(223,761)	5,855	93,554
<i>Restricted funds</i>					
New technology fund	5,855	-	-	(5,855)	-
Organ fund	1,140	10,000	-	-	11,140
Total funds	<u>432,890</u>	<u>205,279</u>	<u>(223,761)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>414,408</u>

Prior year

<i>Designated funds</i>					
Church enhancement fund	-	-	-	309,714	309,714
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
General fund	74,542	549,918	(198,565)	(309,714)	116,181
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
New technology fund	8,573	-	(2,718)	-	5,855
Organ fund	1,140	-	-	-	1,140
Total funds	<u>84,255</u>	<u>549,918</u>	<u>(201,283)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>432,890</u>

The balance brought forward on the New Technology Fund was utilised to purchase the laser projector (see note 5). Because the purchase was a capital item, the transaction is shown as a fund transfer not as resources expended.

The organ fund exists to support the cost of works to the organ.

9 Related parties

During the year, excluding reimbursement for costs incurred on behalf of the PCC, no payments or expenses were paid to any PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties (2023 - £nil).

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Hammersmith ("the Charity")

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the Parochial Church Council, you are the trustees of the Charity, and you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Signed:

Name:

Membership:

Address:

Date:


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7th May 2025