Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	06	04	2023	**To**	05	04	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	St Peter's Life-Line
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1136150
Charity's principal address	4 Admirals Mead
	Butleigh
	Glastonbury, Somerset
	Postcode **BA6 8UE**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	D Baldwin MBE	Chair		
2	S Curtis	Secretary		
3	D Inglis			
4	V Adeya			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	As proposed by the two Co-founders, and unanimously endorsed by the remaining Trustees. In keeping with our **pro bono** policy of not levying any charges for governance or any other overheads (unavoidable bank charges excepted), our Trustees give freely of their time, for which we are very grateful.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Any new Trustee will normally be familiar with all aspects of our work. We will ensure induction with Charity Commission requirements.

We have informal links and contacts with other aid organisations working in UK and Kenya, particularly on FGM, feeding, disability, period poverty and cricket farming, whereby we exchange information and experiences, and seek contextual advice when necessary.

We have no formal affiliation with any other organisation.

Principal risks:
- a destabilisation of national or local government, causing lack of access to Kenya or the area.
- a drought period so severe as to outstrip our resources to meet it.
- although currently low where we work, the risk of terrorism in Kenya, and subsequent imposed travel restrictions.
- Any future pandemic restrictions which could (and have previously) deny access to Kenya or the area.

If these risks materialise there is little that we as a small charity can do to actively ameliorate or manage them.

We are not an 'arm's length' charity, we work directly with, and know personally, the Principals involved in running the schools and community, as well as local government and church officials, parents, school staff and most importantly, the children and other project participants.

We are a Christian based, all-volunteer organisation. However, whatever faith, or lack of it, is not an issue or a barrier for our work in UK or Kenya.

None of us take fees, claim any expenses for governance, nor do we levy any expenses or overheads against the charity's income for any administration or running costs (unavoidable bank charges excepted).

So, all donations go to our projects.

Our only investment is in prayer, and in our people, both in UK and in Kenya.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

"To promote education, and to prevent and relieve poverty in Kenya."

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We are a small grass-roots charity working in an impoverished, marginalised, semi-arid area of Kenya (County of Tharaka Nithi), based in the parish of St Peter's, Kajuki, supporting a struggling community with a wide range of projects. These range from child education, capital projects, feeding programmes for primary school children, micro finance scheme for the disabled, caring for disabled children, provision of water and irrigation, the eradication of the foul scourge of FGM, the provision of free sanitary pads, and cricket farming to provide high protein food.

It is confirmed that the Trustees have taken regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The only investments we make are:

- time, effort and commitment of all concerned, whether it be our supporters, or the people of the St Peter's community
- much prayer.

both of which help to fulfil those needs of the community.

We tend not to be too rigid in setting hard objectives – we have aspirations, and are made aware of major or minor requirements or situations – and if we feel called – we attempt to meet and sustain them. All these as described in the Report, and as in previous years, have been achieved by the grace of God, who has always met our needs (not necessarily our wants!).

We work and consult with local community authorities, individuals and organisations. This empowers 'local ownership', and our donors' 'spending intentions' are validated by us during our regular visits by seeing the results 'on the ground', as well as examining the relevant accounts during our visits.

We very much value our 7 person local Community Board who give of their time and experience – as respected community leaders – to meeting with probity and integrity, the needs of their community.

In UK we are an 'all volunteer' organisation and are deeply grateful for their unstinting and selfless efforts.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Funding and fund raising, as ever, remains a challenge in the fiercely competitive world of aid charity's work, exacerbated by the ongoing 'cost of living crisis'.

Schools: The two parish schools that we directly support (St Peter's and Our Lady of Consolation (OLC)) continue to find it challenging to maintain and attract new pupils, as being private schools, fees are unaffordable to many parents who desire a quality education for their children. But because of this demand for a quality education they are making inroads in increasing numbers. The schools continue to maintain their high academic performance ratings, being well at the top of regional league tables. Our **Transforming Lives** scheme is based at these schools where we are funding the fees of 63 primary schoolchildren – orphans, impoverished or vulnerable children.

In the wider field of education we are sponsoring 23 pupils in **secondary schools** (which is not free in Kenya), with 1 in **Polytech**, and 3 at **university**.

For the disabled community we are sponsoring 19 children at **3 specialist schools**, offering these children, who would otherwise never have this opportunity, that precious gift of a mainstream education.

Our **free Clinic for disabled** maintains its full programme of regularly treating mainly children of over 120 families, providing beneficial therapy, as well as that social dynamic of these families meeting regularly to offer support and exchange experiences and advice. We continue to work amongst the wider community to remove the stigma of the disabled of being 'cursed' and encouraging and ensuring full inclusion. But above all we show these children and their families that they are LOVED.

A whole suite of **new equipment** was purchased **for the Clinic** and has hugely improved rehabilitative processes and positive outcomes – as well as being fun!

As this is the only service of its kind in the wider area, **demand for treating disabled children** (and adults) is ever growing, as are the wider free services that we provide to the disabled community – it is a struggle to meet all these increasing demands. Sometimes heart-rending decisions have to be made by our Community Board in reconciling priorities and affordability.

Our custom-designed **Respite House** caring 24/7 for the two brothers with muscular dystrophy and the two young boys with mobility challenges, continues to operate with their dedicated carers.

Our **sanitary pad factory** started production with four workers manufacturing sufficient for a monthly distribution of over 1,500 packets

distributed to girls at local primary and secondary schools. But sadly, we had to close this down a few months later, as costs of imported materials had quadrupled (as well as paying import taxes!), and was no longer value for donors' money. We now buy ready made in bulk from Nairobi, and the supply continues uninterrupted!

Our **micro finance project for the disabled community** (disabled, widows, vulnerable and other disadvantaged adults) has just over 1,000 members of whom 93 have been granted loans to start their small local businesses.

Whilst **farming of crickets** was very successful, subsequent processing and milling was not – the milled product was not acceptable for eventual consumption. So, we have put this project on hold whilst we acquire more specialist knowledge. We know this is a successful way of providing plenty of low-cost protein and is also the way ahead, so we will persevere!

However, one very positive aspect of putting the cricket project on hold was that our milling house and milling equipment was very well suited to **milling local people's grains** grown in their shambas. We also use the mills to grind grains to make a **hot porridge** which is very popular in our wayside café with locals and passers-by. This earns a positive income to fund the wages of the 4 ladies re-tasked from the san pad factory.

In December we initiated a **football project** with three local primary schools. It is for boys and girls, with two separate age streams. This is to provide an organised structure to a sporting activity, to keep teenagers occupied during weekends, and also to impart football skills with proper coaching. The aim is to expand to 12 primary schools and have an organised, competitive league/knockout games, and with the higher aim of getting at least four players into National Teams in 10 years' time, and put Tharaka Nithi on the footballing map!

We built **new dwellings** for two vulnerable and families to replace their dilapidated, tumbledown properties.

Our programme **to eliminate** the foul scourge of **Female Genital Mutilation** (FGM) continues apace, and we know the idea is generally gaining traction within the wider community. The culmination of the annual programme is the Alternative Rite of Passage (ARP) residential week at St Peter's, which girls attend and are empowered to say NO! as well as receiving information and skills on modern feminine lifestyle. We usually expect and budget for about 200 girls. This time 406 girls attended - with some running away from home! There are now over 3,000 young women who have said NO! and are a powerful presence in the community.

This period saw heavy flooding in parts of Kenya which on the margins of our semi-arid area, produced **abundant rain** for a bountiful harvest. There were also adequate rains during the other rainy season – an unusually bountiful year, which happily reduced food prices.

Twinning with our two primary schools in Somerset (Butleigh and Puriton) continues with exchanges of posters, letters, poems etc, with our two Kenya schools (St Peter's and Our Lady of Consolation) enabling these children to see something of how their peers live and learn. Puriton children laid on a biscuit and cake baking fundraiser to support our feeding programme. Godalming Junior School in Surrey also gives

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exchange input as organised by one of our supporters. Children caring for Children.

Our deep gratitude for the work done by our **Community Board** under the selfless leadership of Principal Chief, Simon, and the tireless work of Veronica our Projects Co-ordinator and other members of the Board.

Huge thanks, also, for the community's very warm welcome, care and generosity during our visits, and the hospitality of the whole community. In material and relative terms we provide a lot for them, with love. They all, in return, give us that most precious gift – their **loving prayers**.

There were some notable f**undraisers** staged this year. Dosh4Nosh appeal for our feeding programme, a Grand Auction, and a Glastonbury Tor climb by two youngsters. See Financial details for amounts raised.

This year saw an amazing landmark in our fundraising efforts! Since we started in 2008, we have now raised **one million pounds**! This is truly God's Providence at work, manifested by the efforts and generosity of our supporters, donors and corporate benefactors.

As our projects grow in scope and capacity, our reputation is starting to spread. It is therefore heartening to see greater interest being taken by local government and other NGO/organisations in Kenya. Of course this has the effect of widening exposure of our work, and subsequent increasing demand for our services. These we will attempt to meet, but we must also always bear in mind our long-term goal – to pack up, leaving behind totally sustainable projects, all running successfully.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	We aim to maintain a minimum balance of £2,000 in our current account in UK, to cope with any unforeseen situations in Kenya – usually medical emergencies.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our Income:

Major donors < £1,000	
Bequest	36,658
The Hope Collective	16,679
Festival Medical Services	9,738
Kitchen Table Charitable Trust	4,000
HMRC Gift Aid	6,164
Dosh4Nosh	8,671
Grand Auction	4,860
Tor Climb	2,038
Will & Maria	1,805
St Peter & St Paul	2,000
Anon	10,000

Anon	3,900
Anon	1,250
Warfield Churches	4,275
Total	112,038
JustGiving	6,926
PayPal	1,963
Total	8,889
Minor & monthly donors	27,320
Total Income	148,247

We achieved all our charitable objectives with financial deployment as follows:

Education fees – £29,766
FGM campaign – £7,530
Salaries – £18,357
Disabled Action Plan – £12,911
Sanitary pads project – £4,555
Capital works - £15,843
Crickets project – £307
Schools' feeding prog – £25,306
Football project - £749
King David micro finance - £12,063
Bridging loan repay – £3,500
Kenya visits – £1,127
Misc – £759
Bank, PayPal & JustGiving charges – £1,208
Expenses – £0
Overheads – £0

Total expenditure – £133,981

Bank balance carried forward - **£23,266**

Section F Other optional information

We also receive a lot of work in kind (pro bono) from many generous people who have the know-how and are prepared to give their time, expertise and enthusiasm.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	(in the original)	(in the original)
Full name(s)	David Baldwin MBE	Susannah Curtis
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	1 February 2025	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
St Peter's Life-Line	1136150

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	4/6/2023		4/5/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Major donors < £1,000	105,874	-	-	105,874	73,696
Minor & monthly donors	27,320	-	-	27,320	38,185
HMRC Gift Aid	6,164	-	-	6,164	14,045
Just Giving	6,926	-	-	6,926	28,552
Pay Pal	1,963	-	-	1,963	2,395
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	148,247	-	-	148,247	156,873
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	148,247	-	-	148,247	156,873
A3 Payments					
Salaries	18,357	-	-	18,357	15,139
School/uni fees	29,766	-	-	29,766	38,350
King David micro finance	12,063	-	-	12,063	-
FGM/ARP	7,530	-	-	7,530	10,190
Disabled Action Plan	12,911	-	-	12,911	28,060
Sanitary pads	4,555	-	-	4,555	2,807
Capital works	15,843	-	-	15,843	-
Schools' feeding	25,306	-	-	25,306	47,486
Football coaching	749			749	
Cricket project	307			307	4,564
Kenya visits	1,127			1,127	9,915
Misc	759			759	1,255
Repay bridging loan	3,500			3,500	8,000
Bank & JustGiving charges	1,208	-	-	1,208	1,302
Sub total	133,981	-	-	133,981	167,068
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	133,981	-	-	133,981	167,068
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,266	-	-	14,266	- 10,195
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,000	-	-	9,000	19,195
Cash funds this year end	23,266	-	-	23,266	9,000

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	23,266	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
St Peter's Life-Line

On accounts for the year ended

5 Apr 2024

Charity no (if any)

1136150

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

(in the original)

Date:

01/03/2025

Name:

JA Goolden

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

MATT

Address:

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Section B **Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.