



Diocese of Southwark
St Peter's Church, Croydon
Annual Report and Financial Statements of the
Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31st December 2022



Incumbent:

Rev'd Geoff Dumbreck
20 Haling Park Road
South Croydon
CR2 6NE

www.southcroydonbenefice.org.uk

Registered with the Charity Commission

Registration number 1136488

Administrative information

Official correspondence to the incumbent at the above address.

St Peter's along with St Augustine's South Croydon form the "South Croydon Benefice of St. Peter, Croydon and St. Augustine, South Croydon".

This report relates solely to the activities and financial statements of St Peter's, Croydon.

St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Membership: Licenced Ministers, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Reps (ex-officio); up to 2 co-opted members; up to 9 members elected at successive APCMs.

Appointment: In accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Remit: To co-operate with the Vicar in 'promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical' (Parochial Church Councils [Powers] Measure 1956).

Meetings: Every two months.

Reporting: Notes from meetings to be circulated within the PCC.

Delegated authority: N/A.

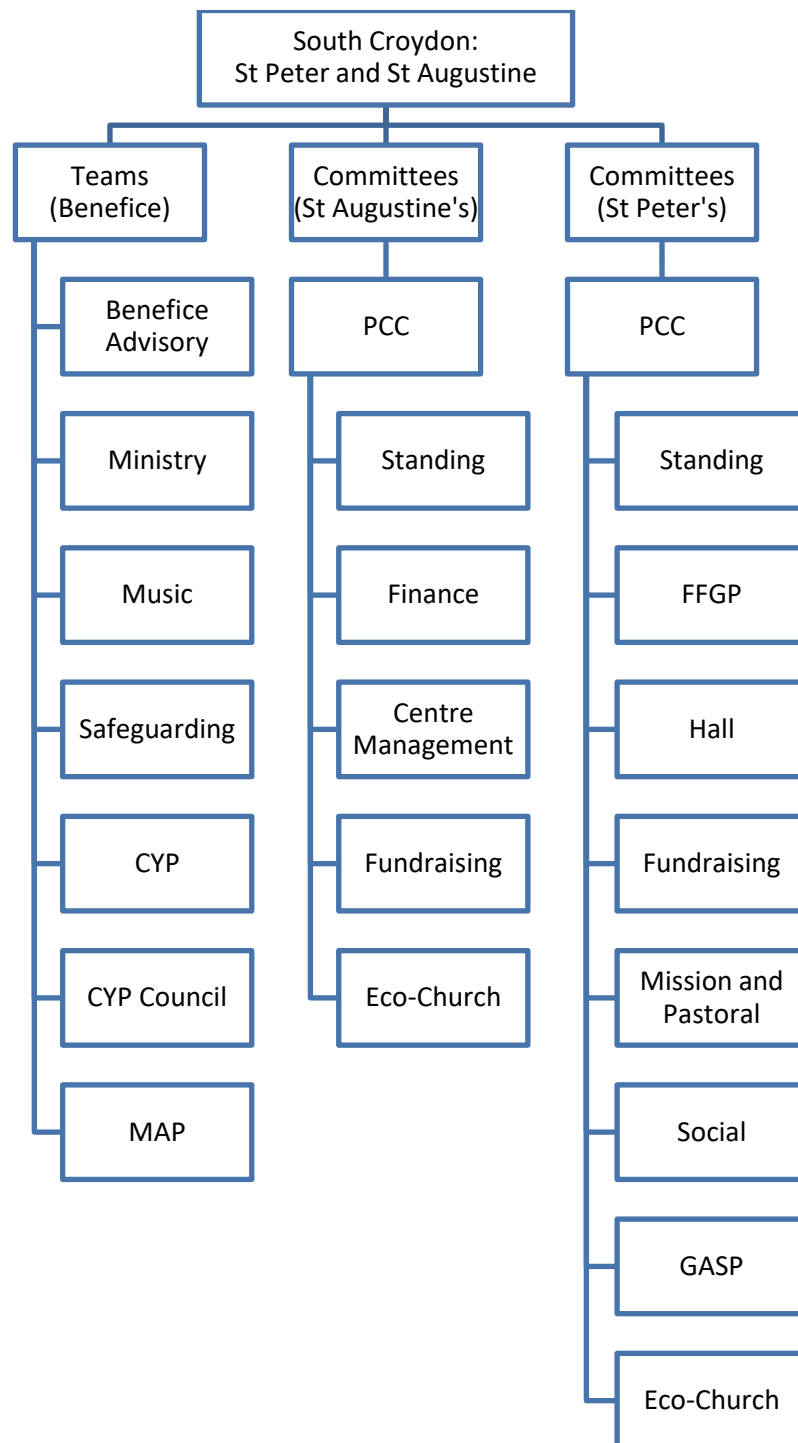
St Peter's PCC is registered with the Charity Commission (registered number 1136488).

Current PCC members (Trustees) for St Peter's are:

Incumbent	Rev'd Geoff Dumbreck	
Assistant Clergy	Rev'd Ada Onyekwelu	
Readers	Mrs Mary Loader	
	Mr Andrew Moncrieff	
Churchwardens	Mr Steve Moores	Vice Chair
	Mr David Percival*	from 2022 APCM
	Mr Gareth Saunders	to 2022 APCM
Elected members		
	Ms Susan Campbell-Dick	
	Ms Jean Cook*	
	Mrs Beverley Foulkes-Jones	
	Mr Stephen Green	PCC Treasurer
	Mr David Percival	(Church Warden from 2022 APCM)
	Mrs Karen Percival	PCC secretary
	Mr Paul Reynolds	
	Mr Gareth Saunders	(Church Warden to 2022 APCM)
	Mr Jonathan Weller	
	Mr Ben Wilson	(from 2022 APCM)

* Representatives to the Croydon Central Deanery Synod

St Peter's and the wider South Croydon Benefice Organisational Structure



Mission statement

The Benefice has adopted a Mission Statement as follows:

The South Croydon Benefice is a family of two parishes (St Peter's and St Augustine's) where everyone belongs, is valued, and can grow in faith. We exist to worship God, making Christ known through teaching and through care for our congregations, communities, and the wider world. Our churches offer traditional and modern worship in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Benefice Teams

Benefice Advisory Team

Membership: The standing committees of both parishes (ex-officio).

Appointment: Other members may be co-opted as required.

Remit: To advise the PCCs on matters of shared concern; to assist the PCCs in making joint decisions where this is necessary or desirable.

Meetings: As required.

Reporting: To both PCCs.

Delegated authority: Authority may be granted by both PCCs for specific purposes.

Ministry Team

Membership: Licenced and Authorised Ministers (ex-officio).

Appointment: Other members may be co-opted at the discretion of the Vicar.

Remit: To facilitate worship, teaching the faith, and pastoral care.

Meetings: Weekly, with at least two 'away days' per year.

Reporting: Notes from meeting to be circulated within group.

Delegated authority: N/A.

Music Team

Membership: Incumbent and Directors of Music (ex-officio).

Appointment: Other members may be co-opted as required.

Remit: To facilitate the provision of music during worship, including joint services.

Meetings: Quarterly.

Reporting: Notes from meeting to be circulated within group.

Delegated authority: N/A.

Safeguarding Team

Membership: Incumbent, PSOs and APSOs (ex-officio), one Churchwarden from each parish.

Appointment: Other members may be co-opted as required.

Remit: To promote a safer church, ensuring that the parishes comply with safeguarding obligations and guidance.

Meetings: Quarterly.

Reporting: Notes from meetings to be circulated to both PCCs. Safeguarding incidents to be reported to PCC of applicable parish. Safer recruitment decisions to be made by PCC of applicable parish.

Delegated authority: Authority may be granted by both PCCs for specific purposes.

Children and Young People Team

Membership: Incumbent, those safely recruited by PCCs as CYP leaders for duration of appointment (ex-officio).

Appointment: Other members may be co-opted as required.

Remit: To plan and evaluate services and events for Children and Young People.

Meetings: Quarterly.

Reporting: Notes from meetings to be circulated to both PCCs.

Delegated authority: Authority may be granted by both PCCs for specific purposes.

Children and Young People Council

Membership: Incumbent (ex-officio), 2 elected representatives from each parish (under 18), 1 CYP leader from each parish.

Appointment: Elected representatives to be chosen by young people.

Remit: To provide a forum for children and young people.

Meetings: Termly.

Reporting: Notes from meetings to be circulated to both PCCs.

Delegated authority: N/A.

Mission Action Planning Team

Membership: Incumbent (ex-officio); at least 3 representatives per parish, drawn from the electoral roll.

Appointment: Applications should be made to the Vicar at the start of each MAP cycle, with parish representatives approved by the appropriate PCC. Subgroups may be required to oversee individual projects, with others co-opted as necessary.

Remit: To develop, implement and evaluate the Benefice Mission Action Plan.

Meetings: Twice per year, with meetings of subgroups as required.

Reporting: Notes from meetings to be circulated to both PCCs. MAP goals to be ratified annually by both PCCs.

Delegated authority: Authority may be granted by both PCCs for specific purposes.

St Peter's Committees

Standing Committee

Membership: Incumbent, Churchwardens, PCC Treasurer and PCC Secretary (ex-officio).

Appointment: Other members may be co-opted as required.

Remit: Responsible for matters, especially of an emergency nature, between PCC Meetings.

Meetings: As required.

Reporting: Notes from meetings to be circulated to the PCC.

Delegated authority: The standing committee may approve expenditure in accordance with the PCC Financial Policy. The standing committee may transact the PCC's business between meetings of the PCC; but the standing committee (a) may not discharge a duty of the PCC, and (b) may not exercise a power of the PCC which is subject to the passing of a resolution by the PCC or compliance by the PCC with some other requirement. Further authority may be granted by the PCC for specific purposes.

Current membership: Rev'd Dr Geoff Dumbreck, Stephen Green, Steve Moores (Chair), David Percival and Karen Percival.

FFGP

Membership: Incumbent, Churchwardens, PCC Treasurer (ex-officio); other members as co-opted or appointed by the PCC.

Appointment: Applications should be made to the Chair and are subject to annual PCC approval.

Remit: To oversee the regular care of the church buildings and the Churchyard and advise the PCC as necessary. To advise on matters of finance. To discuss matters of social responsibility or any other items of concern to the PCC which are not the brief of another PCC Committee.

Meetings: Every two months.

Reporting: Notes from meetings to be circulated to the PCC.

Delegated authority: Authority may be granted by the PCC for specific purposes.

Current membership: Rev'd Dr Geoff Dumbreck, Stephen Green, Steve Moores (Chair), David Percival and Gareth Saunders.

Mission and Pastoral:

Membership: at least six members; at least 1/3 must be members of the PCC.

Appointment: Applications should be made to the Chair and are subject to annual PCC approval.

Remit: To advise the PCC on matters concerning the Christian nurture of the members of congregation of St Peter's. To promote the work of the Church among the young people of the parish. To promote support, within the community of St Peter's for the Church's missionary work at home and overseas. To recommend to the PCC the allocation of funds in the Missions and Charities Account. To advise the PCC as to how it might fulfil its evangelistic and pastoral responsibilities.

Meetings: Quarterly.

Reporting: Notes from meetings to be circulated to the PCC.

Delegated authority: to distribute monies from the Mission and Pastoral account to charities with local, national and international objectives, and to arrange collections for charities or good causes. Further authority may be granted by the PCC for specific purposes.

Current membership: Rev'd Dr Geoff Dumbreck, Rev'd Ada Onyekwelu, Beverley Foulkes-Jones (Chair), Mary Loader and Jonathan Weller.

Co-opted members: Clare Green, Karen Ip and Rosemary Smith.

Fundraising:

Membership: Up to eight members, to include one Churchwarden and a member of the social committee, as appointed by PCC or co-opted.

Appointment: Applications should be made to the Chair and are subject to annual PCC approval.

Remit: To plan, organise and run events or activities to raise money and/or increase income to finance the maintenance of the Church and its assets or for any special projects which the Committee may recommend and/or the PCC agrees deserves the financial support of the church.

Meetings: Approximately quarterly.

Reporting: Report to be presented to PCC at each meeting.

Delegated authority: Authority may be granted by the PCC for specific purposes.

Current membership: Andrew Moncrieff (Chair), Lucy Dee, Philip Dee, Karen Percival, Gareth Saunders and Ben Wilson. Co-opted members: Rachel Chapman and Norman Davis,

Hall & Church House

Membership: Those appointed by PCC or co-opted.

Appointment: Applications should be made to the Chair and are subject to annual PCC approval.

Remit: To be responsible for the care, maintenance and hiring of the Hall. To review (at least once a year) and to report to the PCC on the use made of the Hall by the church, local community and others. To be responsible for the care, maintenance, and hiring of Church House, both residential accommodation and meeting-room facilities. To advise the PCC on new or additional ways in which the Hall or Church House meeting-room, if appropriate, may be used in the mission of the Church or to meet the needs of the local community.

Meetings: Quarterly.

Reporting: Report to be presented to PCC at each meeting.

Delegated authority: To authorise day-to-day spending in relation to Church Hall and Church House, but not to enter into any legal agreement that would normally require PCC approval. Further authority may be granted by the PCC for specific purposes.

Current membership: Philip Dee, David Percival, Gareth Saunders. Co-opted members: Norman Davis (Chair).

Social:

Membership: Volunteers as may be attracted to assist on an ad hoc basis

Appointment: No formal appointment necessary.

Remit: To be responsible for social domestic arrangements as required.

Meetings: As required.

Reporting: Report to be presented to PCC at each meeting.

Delegated authority: Authority may be granted by the PCC for specific purposes.

Current membership: Lucy Dee (Chair) and Karen Percival. Co-opted members: Beverley Foulkes-Jones, Clare Green and Pauline Hogan.

Gardening at St Peters (GASP):

Membership: Volunteers as may be attracted to assist on an ad hoc basis

Appointment: No formal appointment necessary.

Remit: To maintain Church House Garden and supplement the work of Croydon Council in maintaining the Churchyard.

Meetings: As required.

Reporting: Report to be presented to PCC at each meeting.

Delegated authority: Authority may be granted by the PCC for specific purposes.

Current co-ordinator: Stephen Green

Current membership: Volunteers as may be attracted to assist on an ad hoc basis

Eco-Church Committee

Membership: Those appointed by PCC or co-opted.

Appointment: Applications should be made to the Chair and are subject to annual PCC approval.

Remit: To consider the environmental impact of church activities and to promote better care of the environment.

Meetings: Quarterly.

Reporting: Report to be presented to PCC after each meeting.

Delegated authority: Authority may be granted by the PCC for specific purposes.

Current membership: Rev'd Dr Geoff Dumbreck (Chair), Jean Cook, Stephen Green, Steve Moores, Karen Percival, Gareth Saunders

Bankers

National Westminster Bank Plc, 111 South End, South Croydon, CR9 1ZY (Current Account)

The CBF Church of England Funds, Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET (Deposit Accounts)

Investment manager

The CBF Church of England Funds, Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET

Independent Examiner

Wandle House Associates, Chartered Accountants, Wandle House, 47 Wandle Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 1DF

Inspecting Architect

Daniel Benson, Ablett Architects Ltd, Kingfisher House, 21-23 Elmfield Road, Bromley, Kent BR1 1LT

Achievements and Performance - Reports for the 2022 calendar year

Vicar's Report to St Peter's 2023 APCM for the 2022 calendar year

In February 2022, we held a special Evensong to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne. We marked the Platinum Jubilee weekend in June, with a memorable afternoon tea in the churchyard. Then, in September, we came together again to mourn her death.

It is a fitting tribute to the late Queen that these were among the best attended services and events at St Peter's last year. As we look ahead to the coronation of King Charles, we give thanks for his mother's life and witness. She exemplified the Christian ideal of servant leadership. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

After the disruption of the last two years, 2022 brought stability and the opportunity to grow. Easter and Christmas services returned to the pre-pandemic pattern. Provision for children and young people steadily increased, as did the number of baptisms and marriages. We held our first Pilgrim Course for many years – just one outcome of our Mission Action Plan, now in its second year.

None of this could have happened without the hard work, prayer and support of the whole church community. I would like to thank each of you for all that you do.

Parochial Church Council

Particular mention must go to Gareth Saunders, who stepped down as Churchwarden at the last Annual Meeting but was re-elected to the PCC; he continues to oversee many improvements at the church, church hall, and Church House.

Gareth's place was taken by David Percival, whose engineering background and attention to detail has been invaluable as we seek to install new equipment. Steven Moores was re-elected as Churchwarden for a further year; he has worked tirelessly to finalise the lighting project and secure level access to Church House.

Church administration increases each year, and Karen Percival has given a huge amount of time to keep the PCC running smoothly. I am deeply indebted to her and to Stephen Green, who has managed the finances in a time of increased spending and economic uncertainty, while also running the highly successful garden group (GASP). Clare Green has diligently supported the PCC as Electoral Roll Officer and editor of the pew sheet.

Jean Cook has kept us up to date with the proceedings of Deanery Synod, as has David Percival in his other role as Lay Chair of the Deanery. Other committee chairs who deserve our particular thanks are Beverley Foulkes-Jones (Mission and Pastoral), Andrew Moncrieff (Fundraising) and Lucy Dee (Social).

Serving on the PCC is a significant commitment but essential to the life of our parish, and I am grateful to all others who have been members for all or part of the past year: Mary Loader, Philip Dee, Susan Campbell-Dick, Paul Reynolds, Jonathan Weller, and Ben Wilson.

Benefice Teams

I am extremely lucky to have such supportive colleagues on the Ministry Team. Andrew Moncrieff and Mary Loader have continued to serve as readers, Lucinda Stevens as a Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary, and Michael Brockett as Pastoral Minister. We are all blessed by their tremendous gifts.

We were joined in the autumn by Michael Nayagam, who is training for ordained ministry in the Church of England, having previously been ordained in the Roman Catholic church. He has brought considerable energy, insight and experience to the team.

Music for all major services is planned at Benefice level, under the direction of Paul Reynolds and David Wilcox. Our worship on several occasions has been greatly enhanced by the involvement of St Augustine's choir.

Safeguarding is also managed benefice-wide, though particular mention must go to Ann Stranack, Parish Safeguarding Officer at St Peter's, for her care and commitment to safeguarding at St Peter's.

I continue to chair the Children and Young People team, the Children and Young People Council, and the Mission Action Plan team; I will say more on our work in these areas below.

Services

Services largely returned to normal in 2022, with numbers holding up well at the Sung Eucharist. The ambience of services has been greatly enhanced by the new lighting system. I would like to thank all those who take a particular role in services: our verger (Philip Dee), our server (Howard McCluskey), the bellringers (under Tower Captain Sam MacMahon), the flower-arrangers and church decorators, the choir, the sidesmen and chalice assistants, all who read or lead intercessions, and those serving coffee afterwards.

Our attempts to reinvigorate Evening Worship has mixed results, with low attendance at many services. However, I am delighted that Croydon Sign Church has begun to hold monthly services on Sunday afternoons, and it has been a privilege to preside for them when they hold a Eucharist.

The number of occasional offices increased in all categories, with seven baptisms, five weddings, and five funerals.

Children and Young People

In common with many churches, it has been a significant challenge to restart work among Children and Young People after the pandemic. I am enormously grateful to Mary Loader, who was able to run the Sunday School for much of the year, and to those who assisted her.

Children from St Peter's also attended Benefice-wide Fun Days held at St Augustine's, a trip to the South Bank in the summer, and a trip to Krunk restaurant. All these events were aimed at younger children (5-12).

We held the first meeting of the Youth Council in November; this is a new initiative to ensure that our young people are fully involved in decision-making. Our first project is to develop a youth group for older children (11+).

Mission

The Mission Action plan continued to bear great fruit, thanks to the hard work of the planning team and several subcommittees. Our focus remains on the first three marks of mission: Tell, Teach and Tend.

This year the Tell group worked on a refreshed website. It not only looks crisp and modern; it is also set up to display well on smartphones. They also worked on a schedule for publicity, ensuring that posters and social media posts are produced in a timely fashion for maximum effect.

Meanwhile the Teach group continued to reach out to local schools, but with considerably more success, welcoming children to explore the story of the nativity. In the autumn we held the first six-session Pilgrim Course at St Peter's Church House, exploring baptism. This was very well received, not least because of the wonderful food provided by St Peter's social committee.

Finally, the Tend group were able to promote Saturday morning opening, ensuring that more people are at hand to welcome visitors. They also organised the first pet service in many years, with a veritable menagerie being brought forward for blessing.

The Mission Action Plan seeks to co-ordinate and expand our mission, but many other activities take place alongside it. Volunteers from across the Benefice have continued to provide sandwiches for Nightwatch in the months where we previously hosted the Floating Shelter.

The recently formed EcoChurch group has continued to meet, as we seek to improve our environmental sustainability. I am delighted that Karen Percival has agreed to take over as chair of this group. The social committee provided a superb vegan lunch as part of Climate Sunday, just one of many meals we were able to enjoy this year thanks to their hard work.

This year's Lent Discussions at St Augustine's were particularly well attended, as we explored faith and the arts. We enjoyed stimulating talks from Dr Susannah Avery-Quash, Dr Joost Joustra, the Revd Dr Ayla Lepine, Fr Stephen Stavrou, and Dr Simon Jackson.

Challenges

I am very pleased with the progress that we made in 2022, but as always challenges remain. I would like to focus on three.

Children and young people. We need more leaders to help with the Sunday school and the new youth group. We also need to expand our provision to pre-school children, as we have little to offer them at present besides the children's corner.

Volunteers for mission. As in so many churches and organisations, much of the work falls to a handful of very committed volunteers. This limits our capacity to do all the work we might wish to. It is not as simple as asking for more people to come forward; we also need to train and equip people, giving them the confidence to take on new projects. I am hopeful that the Pilgrim Course will play a big part in this.

Mutual support. I want to ensure that we are a community where everyone can thrive and feel that their contribution is recognised. It is easy to point out gaps in our provision or mission, but much harder to plug them! We need to support each other if we are to meet the considerable challenges facing churches today.

I remain extremely grateful to be Vicar of this Benefice. You are all in my prayers, and I would ask that you keep me in yours, as we strive together to make Christ known to South Croydon.

The Revd Dr Geoff Dumbreck

Annual report of the Fabric, Goods and ornaments of St Peter's Church

We've held three formal FF&GP meetings during the year, on 10 March, 12 May and 21 November 2022, with reports being prepared for the PCCs throughout the year.

The list below captures some of the ongoing works to the St Peter's estate:

Roof Repair Works:

Despite recording our claim with the administrators (Cromwell & Co Insolvency Practitioners) as creditors, and who confirmed our claim on 02/09/2021 following the voluntary liquidation of our roofing contractor (WJR Roofing), our claim has proved fruitless and a means of recovering any monies to assist with the costs of the remedial works remains unlikely.

Many tiles to the northern face of the eastern elevation continued to slip over the course of 2022 following gusts of wind during Met Office named storms. The more tiles that slip and slide from their position render the installation as a whole more unable to withstand further gusts of wind – despite the weight of the double lapped tiles.

Following Storm Eunice on 18 February 2022, we decided to make a claim against our insurers for remedial works to the most northern face of the eastern roofs. These works were quoted for by Garhigh Southern Ltd

during the third quarter of the year, and our insurers duly appointed a loss adjuster, Quadra Claims Services Ltd. We agreed a value with the insurance company to undertake the works ourselves through Garhigh, and scheduled remedial work to commence early in 2023.

Garhigh will also be attending to roof and gutter maintenance items outside of the WJR Roofing defects on the eastern roofs.

Boiler Replacement:

The boiler installation is complete but the faculty remains outstanding despite chasing the diocese for their response. We will also require a faculty for a future joinery project, to screen the boilers from public view, and to provide much needed storage for our behind-the-scenes materials, etc. It is anticipated that these storage spaces will be formed on the adjacent walls of the west door below the bell tower. Due to this future project, inexpensive light fittings were installed as part of the lighting project, knowing that those installed would be temporary until the ground floor of the bell tower is refurbished.

Church Lighting Design:

The lighting project was completed and the Certificate of Practical Completion awarded by Ablett Architects to our design and build contractor, C.E.S., on 21 January 2022. However, the installation of the overthrow structure above the western steps leading to Church House was much later, and installed in mid-August 2022. This was largely outside of C.E.S.'s programme responsibility since the overthrow arch fabricated and installed by Michael Hart remained the responsibility of the church under the C.E.S. contract.

During 2022, during high winds, some of the external building mounted light fittings with disc shaped shades had a tendency to twist slightly. C.E.S. removed the affected light fittings and installed a more robust fitting, placing an oak plinth between the fitting base plate and the stonework. This has largely overcome the problem.

Arundel House (AH) - easement to Church House from Heathfield Road

The Diocesan Secretary authorised her surveyor to spend diocesan funds, even 100% of the costs if necessary, to construct the works required.

Once the offer of diocesan funds was offered to the directors of AH, quotations were obtained from Carshalton Landscape Services by the AH agents, and a quotation of nearly £3k was presented and accepted. The remedial works were commissioned by AH, with 50% of the costs to be paid by the diocese upon the successful completion of these works.

Re-Gilding of the Clock Face:

The gold numerals to the clock face on the north elevation have shown significant signs of deterioration and require either repainting or gilding. Quotations are likely to be sought following the completion of the lighting project to improve this public elevation, with gold leaf being the preferred option due to the longevity of the finish. Once the clock's hands are removed, this would also present a good opportunity to replace the worn bush which in which the hand spindle rotates.

Time keeping of the clock itself appears good following the earlier rebuilding of the gearbox, the fabrication of new northern clock hand internal bearings, and general maintenance undertaken by Mr. Steve Attwood.

Clock Maintenance:

Mr Attwood's contract was signed on 10 July 2019 and lasts for a period of 5 years at a cost of £250 annually. The contract is due to be renewed in July 2026.

Risk Assessments:

The annual review of the FF&GP risk assessments remains on the FF&GP's agenda. This will likely occur during the first half of 2023. These risk assessments only capture general risks under the remit of the FF&GP, not risks outside of this group, such as safeguarding, youth church and others. Other committee chairs and management will be responsible for undertaking their own specific risk assessments as may be required.

West Porch Handrails:

Following the Bishop of Southwark's visit to St Peter's over the Easter period of 2014, it was suggested that we should reinstall the missing handrails to the West Porch steps as a future project. These were likely removed for the 2nd World War effort as redundant fixing positions can be seen in the stonework.

We approached the then Archdeacon, Chris Skilton, for faculty approval to install new handrails to mirror those on the north steps. This was approved before Chris retired, so no new faculty is required to undertake these works in the future. These works have commenced to a limited degree, so the faculty remains valid.

Handrail for the Bell Tower Spiral Stairs:

We received a request from our Tower Capt. (at the time) Mr. Michael Morton for a handrail to provide assistance for those ascending & descending the spiral stairs. The width of the stairs and their shape made this awkward, so we looked at rope handrails in lieu of rigid metal handrails. But rather than fixing to the outer wall, we considered an installation to the central column within the stairs, as other old buildings with tower stairs have done. This would aid to keep feet on the widest part of the treads. This gained the approval of our previous Inspecting Architect, Paul Sharrock, and a letter of support obtained.

A List B faculty application was made, just before Christmas 2019, and a subsequent List B faculty was awarded. These works are on the FF&GP agenda to be undertaken.

Gravestones:

We continue to undertake regular inspections of the gravestones for those which appear unsteady, tipped to an awkward angle, or those we've received comments about from users of our churchyard.

5G Telecommunications Installation Proposal:

In 2021 the PCC approved a motion to allow NETCS to undertake surveys and obtain planning permission for the installation of these new internal and external aerials. The planning application was received and validated by the London Borough of Croydon planners on 06 May 2021. Planning permission was granted on 25 August 2021, with no conditions attached other than to construct to the approved plans.

A second PCC vote is required before this can become reality, and was to be voted on at the sitting of the PCC on 17 November 2021. However, nothing was received from NETCS to enable this, likely to have been caused by a protracted faculty application.

The DAC responded to NTCES on 14 June 2022 to confirm that the appropriate documents had been issued to enable the public notices to be displayed. We sought to instruct solicitors to act on our behalf and approached WS Law (formerly Winckworth Sherwood Solicitors) to that effect, as costs were to be paid by NTCES. After several months with virtually no responses from WS Law, we stepped down WS Law and instructed Birketts instead to act for us. These discussions will likely occur early in 2023.

Tea Point Upgrade:

We discussed with C.E.S. a further scope of works outside of their formal contracted works, to extend the small power electrical infrastructure to enable us to install a dishwasher to the tea point, together with

providing a wall mounted Burco, and hot water handwashing to the sink. These works were undertaken in late 2022, and are now awaiting the plumbing works ahead of the equipment being purchased.

We are in discussions with a supplier of warrantied secondhand commercial dishwashers that can wash both glasses and crockery, with very short wash cycles.

We also broadened the scope of this project to include for providing hot hand washing to the choir vestry toilets too, and the electrical infrastructure upgrades were consequently extended to this area.

Vicar's Name Board:

We're extending the vicar's name board at the side of the south exit door now that the current board is full. We taking this project forward with the view to adding a second board on the opposite side of the south porch entrance door. The two boards should appear identical in appearance, but it is important that the Rev Bill Warren's name be added. Similarly, the vicar's photo wall opposite the vicar's vestry is to be added with the Rev Warren's photograph.

Sound System:

Following the completion of the lighting project, the sound system upgrade project was raised in profile. The faculty was awarded, and the order was placed with Novum Audio Visual Ltd to supply radio lapel and lectern microphones, a new mixing desk with external device Bluetooth connectivity, a pan, tilt and zoom remote controlled camera, and live streaming facility. The intention was for this to be installed before our Christmas 2022 events, however, a world-wide shortage of semi-conductors meant a delay, and the installation was re-scheduled for the first quarter of 2023.

Lady Chapel DDA Access:

The FF&GP held an adhoc meeting in the Lady Chapel during the year to discuss improvements for DDA access from the choir vestry door to the floor level of the Lady Chapel. The FF&GP intend to provide a more permanent looking ramp to the Lady Chapel behind the choir pews. We anticipate to build a working prototype of such a ramp in 2023.

Grand Piano:

We are looking to purchase a baby grand piano at the request of our Director of Music, for installation on the stage adjacent to the ramp, where the Christmas tree was positioned in 2022. This project is in its infancy and further discussions are to be held.

The Arts:

We're considering ways to use the church building for non-religious events, as well as for our own religious uses. Part of the church's new lighting was designed with a view to facilitating musical performances, and displays by local artists. We're working on a calendar of events going forwards from which we may draw an income.

Eco Church:

An Eco Church group was established in September 2021, with a view to improving our church's carbon footprint and promoting a more sustainable existence, in line with Church of England guidance. Eco Church will report separately and it's from this group that the FF&GP will receive its sustainability cues.

Steve Moores - Churchwarden

Annual report of the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council

The PCC has met five times. It has discussed access and developments to Church House, safeguarding, finances, worship, communication, fabric issues (including the roof repairs), the lighting and sound improvement projects and the new internal and external aerials for NETCS.

Steve Moores - Churchwarden

The Mission and Pastoral Committee

The committee met four times during the year.

Sadly, we heard that Dorothy Bwanakaya in Zimbabwe died in the first part of the year. Our condolences were sent to James and his family. Photos of Dorothy and her funeral were displayed in church.

At the end of the year Archdeacon Moira Astin visited Zimbabwe and the communities that the Southwark Diocese are linked with there. The Zimbabwe Link held a Quiz night at Christchurch, Purley in October which we publicized.

During Christian Aid week we collected £135.00 by way of a Red Bucket collection/on-line giving and £149.28 from a soup lunch, on a sunny May day in the garden of Church House.

Bev attended a women only event at the Old Town Mosque on International Women's day in March organized by the Dialogue society. She spoke about Amnesty International. Members of both the Muslim and Christian communities in Croydon attended. There was a meal and wonderful music. On 19th November Bev and Mary attended the interfaith walk organized by Faiths Together in Croydon. 30 attended including the Mayor and Sara Jones MP. The group visited a Hindu temple-Logan's Community Complex, PV Raichura centre, the Minster, Old Town Mosque and the Siri Guru Singh Sana Gurdwara who provided a delicious lunch.

We continued to collect food and other items for the Purley Food Hub with items required listed each week in our pew sheet. We also collected for them at Harvest together with the Ukraine Appeal.

Some church members made sandwiches for Night Watch in November/December.

Cards have been sent to children baptized at St Peter's on the anniversary of their baptisms.

Donations for the Bishop's Lent Appeal were invited on-line and via the giving machine. Boxes were also again given out. See the accounts for details of the monies received via the giving machine/boxes.

We distributed monies from the Mission and Pastoral account (again see the accounts for full details) to a number of local and national charities.

Rosemary Smith has arranged the collection of monies for the Children's Society. A representative from the Children's Society, Phillipa Basset spoke during the sermon slot on 24th July about the Society's work.

On 10th December, Human Rights Day, Bev organized an Amnesty International Write for Rights stall. £42.60 was collected for Croydon Amnesty and many people took away booklets with promises to write cards to prisoners and others. A pile of cards were written at the event.

We held a Red Bucket collection for the drought in East Africa and the floods in Pakistan and raised £156.11

We have kept an eye on the more vulnerable members of our congregation. Bev and Steve organized a fish and chip supper in the church yard in August. 11 attended.

Beverley Foulkes-Jones

Church Hall and House Committee

Financials

The Hall account made a small loss of £1,184 for the year ended 31.12 2022 but in reality had a surplus of income over expenditure of £10,316. Cash at bank as at 31 December 2022 was £1,190.

The Hall Committee had borrowed approximately £30,000 from the P.C.C. to pay for the refurbishment of Church House in May 2020 with the rest of the cost being funded by Hall reserves. The Hall Committee repaid all of the outstanding notional loan of £11,500 back to the P.C.C. by year end close.

PMA who hire our Hall on an annual basis was open for business throughout the year so receipts returned to its pre covid level of £15,150 whilst £12,000 was received in rental income for the private accommodation in Church House.

Parking income remained steady at around £9,500 which although lower was mainly due to the timing of receipts and payment of parking arrears (£10,452 in 2021). A regular user of Church House meant meeting room receipts contributed £1,400 and the Scout Hut £1,200 respectively.

The Hall Committee, in addition to the full repayment of the notional loan, transferred £10,800 to the P.C.C. to help towards the Parish Share retaining £100 per month for the Church House maintenance fund to ensure the private accommodation remains in a good state of repair.

The Hall Committee also covered the salary costs of both the Verger and our Saturday cleaner at a combined cost of £2,900. In line with P.C.C. policy, the Hall Committee adhered to the National living wage as a minimum.

Details of our expenditure is broken down as usual between the Church Hall, Church House and the Scout Hut.

Church Hall

St Peter's Church Hall was built between 1929 and 1931. The water pipes of galvanised steel are therefore 92 years old. After a major leak in the fire hydrant pipe in 2021 (fortunately unmetered) a further leak was established when an invoice from Castle Water bill was received totalling £3,200 in June 2022 which fortunately the Hall Committee were able to pay without further recourse to the P.C.C.

But was the water leak in the main water pipe to the Hall or the water pipe to the South Croydon Day Centre (SCDC)? The renewal of the water pipe to the Hall was actioned first and replaced in September 2022 at a cost of £3,840. Unfortunately, after a number of tests involving the stop cocks at the Hall and Day Centre, it was established that the water pipe to the Day Centre appeared to be the problem.

The new water pipe to the Day Centre will be laid in late January 2023 at a cost of £4,100. The contractors will be using the moling technique saving the Hall Committee a considerable sum of money. I would like to thank in particular Frank Ip, the SCDC manager and Steve Brooks (PMA) for their help and co-operation in limiting water loss by turning off the water at the meter at the end of the day over a sustained period.

Church House

The only major expenditure at Church House during 2022 was carried out in December when an additional 200mm Knauf wool loft insulation was laid over the existing insulation of 75mm in the roof space above the private accommodation at a cost of £720 including labour and materials. This was an action point from the EPC and the Eco Church Committee identified it as a 'quick win'. The Hall Committee were able to action this prior to year-end as cash flows remained robust.

For the record, both the batteries in the fire and carbon monoxide alarms within the Church House meeting room were replaced during 2022.

Scout Hut

The main door to our book storage facility plus a new porch to protect the door from inclement weather was installed together with the replacement of the frame and panel to the side of the Scout Hut at a cost of £1,700. A local business who rent part of the Scout Hut made a contribution to these works of £500 which meant the project only cost £1,200. This woodwork will need painting when the warmer weather returns in the spring of 2023.

General expenditure

During the year, the Hall Committee were able to support the work of the church and in particular the Fundraising Committee by paying for the replacement of the mini hob (for bacon butties), a new Gazebo and table clamps for use at the Village Fayre and Christmas market respectively.

A Henry Hoover vacuum cleaner and kettle was purchased for the Church House meeting room and kitchen and finally the Hall Committee were able to purchase the Christmas tree and cover the cost of the mulled wine for the post Carol Service refreshments.

Looking into 2023

The large sycamore at the front of the Hall will be removed at a cost of £840. The new water pipe to the Day Centre will be installed (see Church Hall above) and the Hall Committee are hopeful that the water charges will return to 'normal'.

It is hoped that a smart meter gauge will be installed to monitor oil consumption for the Hall boiler which currently remains somewhat of a 'guessing' game.

The disabled loo floor at the Hall will need replacement with quotes sought as we move into the 2nd quarter. Further works will involve the removal of some water damaged (historic) lath and plaster at the Hall and the installation of a false ceiling.

Finally, the refurbishment of the Church House meeting room is almost complete with the kitchen being the final area to be updated. A specification will be drawn up and quotes sought for the work towards the end of 2023.

Finally, as we move into the post Covid epoch, the Hall Committee will continue, as it has always done, to support the work of the church and will seek guidance from the P.C.C. for funding projects and other initiatives including assisting with helping to fund the Parish Share.

It would be prudent for the Hall Committee, at some stage, to set up a Hall Fabric Fund with the roof, as reported previously, showing signs of its age. As the Hall is not a listed building, it is unlikely to get the grant support that has been forthcoming for our much-loved Sir George Gilbert Scott designed Grade II listed Victorian church building.

I would like to thank all members of the Hall Committee for their help & support throughout the year and in particular to Norman Davis who continues to steer the Hall & Church House Committee through its various challenges with great fortitude, patience and above all a good sense of humour!

Gareth Saunders

Honorary Treasurer – Church Hall & House Committee

Croydon Central Deanery Synod

Deanery Epiphany Carol Service January 2022

The Deanery epiphany carol service took place on the 9th January 2022 at St Michael's, Poplar Walk in central Croydon. The Bishop of Croydon officiated.

February 9th 2022 at Emmanuel Church, Normanton Road, South Croydon. The meeting was also streamed live on YouTube.

The main presentation was given by Steve Phaure of Croydon Community Action (CVA), an umbrella organisation for voluntary groups and charities. CVA says that its "mission statement focuses the organisation on 'promoting, supporting and developing effective voluntary action, community development and community activity for the benefit of the whole community within the London Borough of Croydon'." CVA continues to work closely with several council-related bodies, including the Health and Well Being Board, the Children and Families Partnership, Croydon Growth Board and the Safer Croydon Partnership.

Thursday 23 June 2022 at Christ Church, Sumner Road, Croydon

The main speaker was Nicola Newman, Deputy Director of Croydon Drop-in. Croydon Drop-In was founded 44 years ago to support infants, children and the families of young people in Croydon. They do this by providing information, advice, a counselling service and health education in schools. Their "Talk Bus" (a mobile unit) is set up every week outside McDonald's in North End, where young people can come in with no need for a referral. Issues talked about include exam stress, mental and sexual health. Croydon Drop-In's counselling service, aimed at those aged 10 to 25 years, takes place in their main building at 132 Church Street and they also operate a telephone referral service. Counselling is offered in several schools in the Borough.

Farewell to the Area Dean, the Rev'd Simon Foster

James Reid informed that meeting that the Area Dean, the Rev'd Simon Foster would be retiring next month. He was presented with a gift by the Synod with thanks for his contribution as Area Dean.

Wednesday 14th September 2022 at Croydon Minster, Church St, Croydon.

The main speaker was Liz Bridge, a Quaker chaplain at Wandsworth Prison. The prison is intended to operate mainly as a remand centre for men, with 1,000 awaiting a trial or sentence and 600 serving a sentence. Most men are in their cells for long periods of time and there is no communal dining room; classes are no longer given in person post Covid. The prison is old and cold. At Christmas, Liz's team endeavoured to give a hand knitted woolly hat to every prisoner and provided a pattern, which has been distributed through the Deanery.

Welcome to the Rev'd Dr. Geoff Dumbreck as the new Area Dean

David Percival introduced our new Area Dean, the Rev'd Dr. Geoff Dumbreck, vicar of the South Croydon Benefice. He was commissioned as Area Dean on 4th October 2022.

David Percival - Lay Chair and St Peter's representative on the Croydon Central Deanery Synod

Jean Cook - St Peter's representative on the Croydon Central Deanery Synod

Fundraising Committee

Unfortunately, our first event of the year, the Spring Book and Cake Sale, was cancelled because there was a small outbreak of Covid-19 and we were struggling for enough people to set up and host the event. However, after that we were able to successfully host all our usual annual fundraising events: the Spring Mini Market, the Village Fayre, the Autumn Book and Cake Sale and the Christmas Market. All these events were successful, both financially and in terms of creating an enjoyable atmosphere outreaching the local community.

With Covid-19 hopefully a distant memory (!), we decided to hold a Quiz Night on a rather larger scale than we have done previously, with the aim of raising money for both the church and Water Aid. In October we host about 80 people in the Church Hall for a most enjoyable evening. Paul Reynolds kindly acted as Quizmaster, using his experience and questions from his world cruising job. The quiz was carried out in groups with rounds interspersed with food. A good selection of soups was served after two rounds, and an equally good selection of puddings later in the evening. Needless to say, with the high reputation of the cooks in the congregation the quality was excellent too! A raffle was also held during the evening. A very encouraging total of £532 was raised and everyone much enjoyed the event. We therefore plan to hold a similar style quiz in 2023.

As always, I would like to thank the Fundraising Committee for all their hard work over the year, and everybody that contributes to the events, setting up and managing stalls, and all those who come and spend money. Having completed the Lighting Project, our present fundraising target is to refurbish the west end of the church.

Andrew Moncrieff

Social Committee Report

I am pleased to be able to report that 2022 saw a return to the usual run of Social Events at St Peter's following the interruption caused by Covid.

We served a sandwich lunch between the Service and the Parish AGM in May.

We extended an open invitation to a Cream Team in the Churchyard to celebrate

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We had no idea how many people to expect, but I think we were all slightly taken aback by the number of people who attended.

I estimate we probably served cream teas to 80 people or so over the afternoon. It was a lovely community event. The tea consisted of scones, jam and cream, assorted cakes and the Platinum Jubilee Lemon and Amaretti Trifle (the official pudding for the Platinum Jubilee, the winner of the competition to find a new desert. It was a massive team effort, and we received many positive comments. The event was never envisaged as a fundraiser, but the tea was clearly enjoyed, and we raised £398 in donations

On Patronal Festival Sunday we served Pimm's, soft drinks and nibbles.

In September we provided refreshments after the Service of Commemoration marking the death of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Following the Harvest Festival Service, we served a bread and cheese lunch. It was pleasing to see a reasonable number of people stay. After covering expenses, a donation of £43 was sent to the Purley Food Hub.

We were asked to provide a lunch after the Climate Sunday Eucharist. After a busy month we were all set to buy sandwiches but at the last minute the speaker, the Joyful Environmentalist asked that the lunch be

vegan. I would like to record my thanks here to Karen Percival who rose to the challenge and created a fantastic spread. Everything went down well apart from the alternative milk. Apparently, barista style oat milk is the best one to buy for coffee!

We again provided refreshments after the All Souls Service.

We provided the suppers for the Pilgrim Course held over 6 weeks in October and November.

We have continued to provide tea, coffee and biscuits after the 11 am service on Sunday. During the year we have stopped using plastic cups and have moved to using china mugs. We are looking forward to the installation of the dishwasher and the wall-mounted water heater. Thanks to everyone who helps with this and a particular thank you to those who have stepped in when needed.

I would also like to express my thanks to the volunteers who have helped at our social events by cooking or preparing food, pouring tea or wine and washing up.

We are also grateful for the donations from individuals, which have covered the costs for these events.

Social Committee Financial Report

B/F 31Dec 2021	£168.07
Donations/Sundays	£414.58
Consumables	(£262.45)
Hardware	<u>(£159.91)</u>
C/F 31 Dec 2022	£160.29

The pandemic seriously curtailed social activities in Church during 2021. It felt good to finally get back to serving tea and coffee after the service in September. In the early days the volunteers serving tea and coffee were encouraged to wear masks and gloves. We elected to serve wrapped biscuits and to offer sugar sachets.

We were happy to assist with serving refreshments after the commemorative evensong for David Carter.

We served tea coffee and biscuits following the All Souls' Service.

A farewell sandwich lunch for Ada was provided after the morning service on 21 November. The donations for this lunch more than covered the costs and £62.30 was passed to the Treasurer.

We served homemade soup and sausages in rolls at the Light Commissioning Event on 12 December. This was very much appreciated by those who attended.

The heightened Covid situation at the Carol Service meant that we served the mulled wine and mince pies to the congregation in their pews. This minor change reduced the risk and meant that we were still able to provide refreshments.

It has been a little challenging to get enough volunteers for the coffee rota but my slightly desperate notice in the pew sheet and Geoff 's subsequent email and announcement has eased the situation for the time being.

I would like to express my thanks to the volunteers who have helped at these events by cooking or preparing food, pouring tea or wine and washing up. We are also grateful for the donations from individuals, which have covered the costs for these events.

Lucy Dee

Benefice Safeguarding Team

Benefice report on Safeguarding to the St Peter's APCM 2023

Policies and Procedures

The Benefice has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2020 to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Any incidents are dealt with in line with the Diocese of Southwark's safeguarding policies and procedures set out in "A Safe Church" which can be found online at

<http://southwark.Anglican.org/safeguarding/>

Details for contacting the Parish Safeguarding Officer or a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team are listed on the benefice website, on notices in the church and in the weekly newsletter.

These policies and procedures have been adopted by the two PCCs in the Benefice. St Peter's and St Augustine's churches are 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 who may pose a present risk to others.

Safeguarding is a standing item on the agenda for the PCC meetings at both churches and members receive copies of minutes of meetings. The PCC's review their policies and procedures annually in line with this guidance.

Church officers and volunteers are required to undertake safeguarding training; a record of uptake is kept. All members of the Ministry Team have undertaken Leadership (C2) safeguarding training; the Churchwardens and the Director of Music are required to take Leadership (C2) safeguarding training; all members of the PCC are required to undertake Foundation (C1) safeguarding training and Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse training.

All leaders and helpers working with children and vulnerable adults are required to have a valid Disclosure and Barring Service certificate.

External organisation that use the churches for their activities are required to sign a written consent form agreeing to follow the benefice safeguarding policies.

Benefice Safeguarding Team

The Benefice Safeguarding Team has members from both churches:

- The Revd Dr Geoff Dumbreck (Vicar, Chair)
- Ann Stranack (Parish Safeguarding Officer – St Peter's)
- Michael Brockett (Parish Safeguarding Officer – St Augustine's)
- Steve Moores (Churchwarden – St Peter's)
- Neil Hillier (Churchwarden – St Augustine's)

The Safeguarding Team met on four occasions in 2022. The team monitors completion of the actions arising from the safeguarding self-audit and other reviews as well. The Team reports to the PCC meetings for both churches, and encourages good practice prescribed by the Diocese.

Benefice Safeguarding Team – April 2023

G.A.S.P.

Gardeners at St. Peter's celebrated its 23rd productive year in 2022.

We continued to develop the flower beds around the church and alongside the drive while maintaining the various hedges and shrubs around the church. In 2022 we developed a new winter garden in the area towards South Croydon station, including a sitting bank formed from turf raised within the churchyard.

We have also added two new benches to the Church House garden to further improve it as a place of relaxation as the new fruit trees mature.

Unfortunately the churchyard suffered greatly from the lack of rain in the summer of 2022, with the grassed areas particularly impacted. It is hoped they will recover in 2023 but some reseeding may be required in the worst hit areas.

My thanks to all involved in helping in the past year and congratulations on a job well done to all the gardeners who have helped and given up their Saturday mornings and will hopefully continue to do so. G.A.S.P. meets monthly formally on the first Saturday of the month from 9.30 a.m, but not in July, August, and December when we have a 'rest'. A list of meeting dates is on the Church notice board.

We are a friendly group and welcome all newcomers including families (children must be accompanied by a parent). Most of the group follow the gardening with a cooked breakfast at a local cafe. Work at your own pace; just come along at 9.30am, preferably with gloves and stout shoes/wellies. Equipment can be provided.

Stephen Green - Head Gardener

Financial Review - Treasurer's report

As I have mentioned in my previous reports, we prepare our accounts on what is known as "an accruals" basis, as such all the known costs for the Lighting Project, sound system and roofing repairs that have continued in 2023 have, for prudence, all been allowed for in the 2022 accounts as they were obligations entered into during the year; this is irrespective of whether we actually settled the bills relating to the project in 2021, 2022 or 2023. This means that the 2023 figures, when they are prepared, should be more reflective of a normal year of our costs/revenue. However, as we carried forward a provision for the lighting project from 2021, part of which continues to form the provision at the end of 2022 we need to reflect that the 2021 reserve is now deemed to be higher than actually needed. Consequently, there is a positive adjustment in these accounts to show a release of that part of the reserve that is no longer needed.

The sums for each reserve at the end of 2022 were significant being: £10,716 for the balance of the sound system renewal (from a total cost of £21,432), £10,336 for the roofing repair (from a total cost of £15,636) and £7,139 remaining from the 2021 retention amount for the Lighting Project. We will be able to recover VAT against some of these invoices and a counter-credit is included in the debtors for that.

We have historically taken an approach of writing down electric items fully, once purchased, to avoid the complications of showing reducing asset values for them and a commensurate "depreciation" in each year's accounts as the values for the technology falls away. Again, this approach is on the side of prudence. Theoretically our asset values could be increased slightly if we were to include a notional value for the electrical items recently installed but this would further complicate the accounts somewhat unnecessarily.

It is important for me to highlight that our regular running costs continue to exceed our regular income, this is particularly the case now that we have recommenced paying a salary for the Director of Music. I am, however, very grateful for the continued strong commitment we have to Stewardship through regular planned giving and the work of the Hall committee in generating a regular income from the rental of Church House living accommodation.

As previously, a large part of our regular ongoing costs for 2022 were our Parish Support Fund payments which go towards funding the costs of the clergy teams throughout the Diocese, including those within our Benefice. St Peter's decided an appropriate amount to contribute to the Diocese, given the shortfall in income during the pandemic and the risks of additional unexpected expenditure due to the lighting project, was £47,000 in 2022 (2021: £46,000).

I am pleased to confirm that we were once again able to maintain our policy of allocating 10% of all planned giving and loose collection income to the Missions and Pastoral committee to distribute to a range of charitable organisations; in 2022 the amount passed across to the committee was £4,567 (2021: £4,266).

Unfortunately, the impact of the war in Ukraine has had an impact on the value of investments within our long-term reserves. There has been some bounce back in values since the end of 2022 but after a number of years of positive returns, 2022 was a challenging year for all investors with our investments losing circa £28,000 during the year. As we sold down £30,000 in investments during the year, to meet the cashflow need for the projects mentioned above, this realised a gain of circa £13,000 (above the £17,000 invested) that had previously been recorded as an unrealised investment gain. The combination of the revaluation of the maintained investments and movement of unrealised to realised gains means that an overall reduction of unrealised gains (i.e. loss) of circa £40,000 is shown within the Statement of Financial Activities for the year.

We also established the new fund to support the refurbishment of the west end area of the church's interior including the washing-up facilities and cupboards. At the end of 2022 this had accumulated funds of £11,533 (2021 Nil) from donations and fundraising events held during the year.

Through these combined effects, our total funds decreased over the year by £44,600, decreasing from £289,282 to £244,682 (in 2021 our funds decreased by £63,921).

Allowing for the investment and pending gift aid claim, you will see our overall balance for unrestricted funds across all accounts stood at £42,601 at 31 December 2022 (£76,470 as at 31 December 2021). I am satisfied this is a suitable level of unrestricted reserves given the separate reserves for any future fabric repairs, however, once the current projections are complete, it would be sensible to have a period of relative calm cashflow wise to try to rebuild these reserves further, if possible.

Stephen Green - Hon. Treasurer

Plans for the future at St Peter's

We plan to see our use of plastic drinking cups reduce following the much-publicised plastic contamination of our planet. Consequently, we intend moving over to non-single use cups and mugs, but these would need to be washed regularly and quickly. To facilitate this we are holding discussions with our 'catering team' with a view to procuring a suitable dishwasher in 2023, and would hope this could be installed ahead of waiting for a re-designed tea point.

We also looking at adding to the vicar's name board now that the current board is full. David Percival is taking this project forwards with the view to adding a second board on the opposite side of the south porch entrance door. The two boards should appear identical in appearance.

The plan to develop a west end storage cabinets proposal can now move forwards, now that the new boilers are installed. We need to assess our storage needs for regularly used and larger items to be kept inside the church, and also to decide if the old boiler room is to be considered as suitable storage for less frequently accessed items.

Steve Moores

Policies

The PCC has agreed the following policies copies of which are available from the PCC Secretary:

- Safeguarding
- Financial
- Health and Safety
- Volunteers
- Equal opportunities
- Conflict of interest
- Privacy notice
- Statement of access

These Policies will be subject to an annual review by the PCC.

The key elements of the financial policies are summarised below:

Investment policy

The PCC does not generally have sufficient reserves, relative to its annual expenditure, to invest significant amounts in long term investments such as stocks and shares. The PCC has therefore adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. Funds are therefore largely held in cash using mainstream banks or building societies or the Church of England's Central Board of Finance Deposit Accounts. A small investment is held in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund together with the proceeds from the historic sale of the former Curate's house in Temple Road.

Expenditure

The PCC has granted the PCC Treasurer discretion on agreeing to any necessary expenditure on the fabric or running of the church below a level of £1,000 subject to the expenditure being reported in due course to the PCC at the subsequent PCC meeting. Amounts above this level are subject to the approval of the FFGP or the PCC.

Mission and Charities

Each year the PCC allocates 10% of its income from planned giving and loose collections, together with any associated gift aid, to its Missions and Charities account. These amounts are then distributed, in accordance with the recommendations of the Mission and Pastoral Committee, to charities and causes that reflect the objectives of our Christian fellowship and the Mission statement of the Benefice.

Reserves policy

It is the PCC's long term policy to try to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds that equates to at least 12 months' unrestricted payments. The balance is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergency spending. This amount allows some contingency for the likely level of emergency expenditure that is inherent with a building the age, current condition and size of St Peter's in comparison to our regular income. This amount is currently equivalent to £75,000.

However, the current planned level of capital expenditure has a large degree of uncertainty until tenders for the projects are received and therefore excess reserves are currently being held. The cash and general invested balance of £82,000 held as unrestricted (including designated) funds at the year end, together with the amounts payable to and by the PCC, are therefore above the long term target. The PCC will review the reserves held once the lighting, replacement boiler and church house projects are complete and determine whether we can then implement the long term policy.

There are further restricted funds held towards the organ refurbishment, car parking in the church yard and upkeep of the fabric of the building which will shortly include the renewal of the remainder of the church roof, internal decoration (after the lighting project is complete) and the overhaul of the shingles on the church spire.

Risks

Financial Risk

Financial risks are addressed within the Financial Policy. As part of this an annual budget is prepared to ensure short term viability. Actual results compared with budget are reported to the PCC at each PCC meeting (usual every two months). Investments held by the PCC are reviewed at each FFGP meeting (usual every two months) by the FFGP Committee.

All assets are insured and levels reviewed annually by the FFGP. The PCC has approved internal controls for annual accounts, cash, and cheques handling.

Health and Safety

A review has been undertaken by a member of the church with specific experience in this field. The PCC has been appraised of the risks and the necessary compliance requirements and these have been complied with. Specifically procedures for recording accidents have been put in place and all wardens have been trained in fire safety. The Policy detailing these procedures is reviewed on an annual basis.

Safeguarding

St Peter's PCC will continue to ensure good practice, developing a culture of safeguarding and promoting a safer church. The PCC will:

- Review policies and procedures throughout the year ensuring that they have due regard to the guidance from the House of Bishops and adopting best practice in safeguarding.
- Carry out an annual safeguarding audit using the template provided by the diocese of Southwark taking appropriate action where necessary.
- Follow Southwark's guide to safeguarding set out in "A Safe Church" which is available online.

Encourage leaders, helpers and members of the PCC to take part in safeguarding training events developing a culture of awareness and promoting a safer church.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members (trustees) of St Peter's Church, Croydon,
Parochial Church Council**

TO BE CONFIRMED

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 29 and 30.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

As the members (trustees) of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act); the audit requirement under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the applicable requirements set out in the Charities Regulations 2008 have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr Hallam Carter-Pegg FCA
Wandle House Associates Chartered Accountants
Wandle House
47 Wandle Road
Croydon
Surrey CRO IDF
Date:

St Peter's Parochial Church Council
Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31st December 2022

		Main PCC Account			
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Income and Endowments					
Voluntary income	Note 1	43,191	7,781	50,973	67,893
Incoming resources from charitable activities (Note 2b)		3,193	-	3,193	1,069
Activities for generating funds	Note 2c	2,393	5,289	7,682	6,911
Income from investments	Note 2a	14	5,007	5,020	4,632
Income generated from Church Hall/House	Note 15	39,362	-	39,362	32,887
Other incoming resources	Note 2d	3,163	12,435	15,598	26,674
Total income		91,315	30,512	121,827	140,066
Expenditure					
Church activities	Note 3	99,727	20,836	120,564	254,603
Church Hall & House		18,245	-	18,245	8,562
Publicity and Fund Raising expenses		35	-	35	-
Total Expenditure		118,007	20,836	138,844	263,165
Net Income before investment gains				<u>(17,017)</u>	<u>(123,099)</u>
Net movement in other accounts (Mission)				117	(44)
Gains on investment assets:					
on disposal				13,360	17,404
on revaluation				(41,060)	21,839
Net movement in funds				(44,600)	(83,900)
Total funds b/fwd 1st January 2022				289,282	373,181
Total funds c/fwd 31st December 2022				<u>244,682</u>	<u>289,281</u>

St Peter's Parochial Church Council
Balance sheet at 31st December 2022

	Bank Accounts	CBF Deposit Accounts	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Current Assets				
General Fund	24,731	2,069	26,800	18,954
Fabric Fund	7,568	2,308	9,876	4,036
Car Park Fund	462	18,372	18,834	18,595
Lighting Fund	-	-	-	-
Organ Fund	1,307	-	1,307	1,307
	34,068	22,748	56,816	42,892
Other Bank and cash balances				
Missions & Charities Account	Note 14		212	94
St Peter's Hall Account	Note 15		2,597	3,780
Debtors				
	Note 10			
General Fund		10,817		
Fabric Fund		2,606		
Lighting Fund		-		
			<u>13,423</u>	<u>22,553</u>
Total current assets			<u>73,047</u>	<u>69,319</u>
Liabilities				
Liabilities due within one year	Note 11			
General Fund		(19,413)		
Fabric Fund		(10,446)		
Lighting Fund		-		
			<u>(29,859)</u>	<u>(39,232)</u>
Total Net Assets			<u>43,188</u>	<u>30,087</u>
Fixed Assets (CBF Investments)				
General Fund	Note 9		42,302	78,869
Fabric Fund (Sale of Curate's House)	Note 8		<u>159,192</u>	<u>180,325</u>
Total fixed assets			<u>201,494</u>	<u>259,194</u>
Total Net Assets			<u>244,682</u>	<u>289,282</u>
Represented by:				
Parish Funds			2022	2021
			£	£
Restricted funds:				
Fabric			161,228	184,212
Organ			1,307	1,307
Friends			3,729	3,459
Car-park			18,834	18,595
West end refurbishment fund			11,533	-
Other restricted (GASP, mission at St Peter's, music)			5,450	5,238
Unrestricted funds			<u>42,601</u>	<u>76,470</u>
Total			<u>244,682</u>	<u>289,281</u>
Other non-realisable assets				
Church House, Heathfield Road (leased from the Diocese of Southark)			-	
Church Hall, Ledbury Road			800,000	

Approved by the PCC on their behalf by

Rev'd Geoff Dumbreck
(Chair)

S. Green
Honorary Treasurer

St Peter's Parochial Church Council
Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022
St Peter's Main P.C.C. Account

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Note 1. Voluntary income				
Planned Giving	32,174	-	32,174	32,329
Gift Aid recovered on planned giving/donations	7,906	1,711	9,617	12,734
Collections & Gift Aid envelope	2,122	250	2,372	767
Donations	666	5,550	6,216	21,675
Gift Day	324	-	324	-
Friends of St Peters Church (membership)	-	270	270	245
	<u>43,191</u>	<u>7,781</u>	<u>50,973</u>	<u>67,893</u>
Note 2a Investment income				
Investment Income	14	4,768	4,782	4,622
Car Park Fund	-	239	239	9
	<u>14</u>	<u>5,007</u>	<u>5,020</u>	<u>4,631</u>
Note 2b Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Parish Magazine (Advertising & subscriptions)	6	-	6	26
Fees (Parochial)	3,187	-	3,187	1,043
	<u>3,193</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,193</u>	<u>1,069</u>
Note 2c Activities for generating funds				
Christmas Bazaar	2,393	-	2,393	1,125
Mini-markets, Garden party, Book sale, Concerts	-	5,289	5,289	5,786
	<u>2,393</u>	<u>5,289</u>	<u>7,682</u>	<u>6,911</u>
Note 2d Other incoming resources				
Accrual adjustment (lights)	3,024		3,024	
Sundry (including Bell fees)	139	-	139	30
Listed Places of Worship Scheme VAT claim	-	12,435	12,435	26,644
	<u>3,163</u>	<u>12,435</u>	<u>15,598</u>	<u>26,674</u>

St Peter's Parochial Church Council
Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022
St Peter's Main P.C.C. Account

		2022	2022	2022	2021
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
EXPENDITURE					
Note 3 Church activities					
Missions & Charities		4,567	-	4,567	4,266
Parish Support Fund		47,000	-	47,000	46,000
Salaries and expenses		8,285	-	8,285	5,161
Cost of services	Note 4	1,621	-	1,621	1,480
Church running expenses	Note 5	13,496	-	13,496	9,599
Church maintenance	Note 6	23,409	20,066	43,475	1,280
Lighting		-	770	770	185,005
Flower expenditure		70	-	70	82
Other Missions and charitable giving		22	-	22	235
Administration expenses	Note 7	382	-	382	646
Independent examiner's fee		875	-	875	850
		<u>99,727</u>	<u>20,836</u>	<u>120,564</u>	<u>254,603</u>
Note 4. Cost of services					
Sanctuary		732	-	732	274
Services (confirmation and other materials)		190	-	190	254
Cost of music		698	-	698	951
Sundry		-	-	-	-
		<u>1,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,621</u>	<u>1,480</u>
Note 5. Church Running expenses					
Light and heat		3,021	-	3,021	1,118
Telephony & Broadband		3,766	-	3,766	1,529
Insurance		6,709	-	6,709	6,322
Equipment		-	-	-	630
		<u>13,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,496</u>	<u>9,599</u>
Note 6. Church maintenance					
Fabric repairs		22,973	18,959	41,932	729
Bell tower repairs		-	96	96	39
Churchyard		436	1,012	1,448	511
		<u>23,409</u>	<u>20,066</u>	<u>43,475</u>	<u>1,280</u>
Note 7. Admin Expenses					
Stationery/Telecoms		382	-	382	541
Sundry		-	-	-	104
		<u>382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>646</u>

St Peter's Parochial Church Council
Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022
St Peter's Main P.C.C. Account

BALANCE SHEET NOTES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Note 8. Assets held by Southwark Diocese		
Fabric Fund (Sale of Curate's House)	159,192	180,325
CBF Deposit Account	-	-
Total investments	<u>159,192</u>	<u>180,325</u>
Loan to PCC		
Balance on 1st January 2021	48,843	48,843
Transferred to main PCC account	-	-
Repaid from interest on CBF Deposit Account	-	-
	<u>48,843</u>	<u>48,843</u>
Opening balance	206,499	
Revaluation of investments	1,536	
Closing balance	<u>208,035</u>	<u>180,325</u>
Note 9. CBF investment		
Balance on 1st January 2022	39,321	54,059
Dividends	1,871	2,858
Purchase/(sale) of units during year (book cost)	(16,640)	(17,595)
Balance as at 31 December 2022 (book cost)	<u>24,551</u>	<u>39,321</u>
Market value as at 31st December 2022	<u>42,302</u>	<u>78,869</u>
Note 10. Debtors (assets)		
General Fund		
HM Revenue & Customs - Gift Aid reclaims	9,617	9,376
LPOW VAT reclaim	1,190	-
Electric and Gas/telephone and broadband	-	933
Other	10	407
	<u>10,817</u>	<u>10,716</u>
Fabric Fund		
LPOW VAT reclaim	2,606	-
Lighting Fund		
LPOW VAT reclaim	-	8,686
HM Revenue & Customs - Gift Aid reclaims	-	3,151
	<u>-</u>	<u>11,837</u>
Note 11. Creditors (liabilities)		
General Fund		
New sound system	10,716	-
New boiler (retention)	140	140
Lighting work balance of cost	7,139	24,349
Share of Benefice Administrator fees paid by St Augustine's	-	1,317
Other	544	590
Independent examiner's fee	875	850
	<u>19,413</u>	<u>27,246</u>
Fabric Fund		
Roof repairs	10,336	-
New boiler (retention)	110	110
Other	-	39
	<u>10,446</u>	<u>149</u>
Lighting Fund		
Other	-	11,837
	<u>-</u>	<u>11,837</u>

St Peter's Parochial Church Council
Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022
Main P.C.C Account

Note 12. Breakdown of Main PCC Account between Funds

	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Organ Fund	Friends of St Peter's Church Fund	Car Park Fund	Refurb	Other	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Receipts								
Voluntary Income	34,296	-	-	270	-	-	250	34,816
Gift Aid	7,906	-	-	-	-	1,611	100	9,617
Church house	22,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,300
Donations	709	-	-	-	-	5,131	376	6,216
Fees	3,187	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,187
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Raising	2,717	-	-	-	-	4,792	497	8,005
Other income	<u>3,182</u>	<u>17,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,624</u>
	74,297	17,203	-	270	239	11,533	1,223	104,765
Payments								
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
For the work of the church	99,380	19,055	-	-	-	-	1,012	119,447
Church house	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lighting	770	-	-	-	-	-	-	770
Administration expenses	<u>382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>382</u>
	100,532	19,055	-	-	-	-	1,012	120,599
Surplus/(deficit)	<u>(26,236)</u>	<u>(1,851)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>11,533</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>(15,833)</u>
Sale of investments	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
Movement in current fund balance	<u>3,764</u>	<u>(1,851)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>11,533</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>14,167</u>
Fund balance 2021	(6,274)	3,887	1,307	3,459	18,595	-	5,238	26,213
Fund balance 2022	<u>(2,509)</u>	<u>2,036</u>	<u>1,307</u>	<u>3,729</u>	<u>18,834</u>	<u>11,533</u>	<u>5,450</u>	<u>40,380</u>
Creditors 2022	19,413	10,446	-	-	-	-	-	29,859
Debtors 2022	(9,106)	(2,606)	-	-	-	(1,611)	(100)	(13,423)
2022 Current fund cash balance	<u>7,798</u>	<u>9,876</u>	<u>1,307</u>	<u>3,729</u>	<u>18,834</u>	<u>9,923</u>	<u>5,350</u>	<u>56,816</u>
2021 current cash balance	10,397	4,036	1,307	3,453	18,595	-	5,104	42,892

Note 13. Assets held by Southwark Diocese

a) The assets are held by the Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance as Custodian Trustee. St Peter's PCC are the Managing Trustee. The Market value of the investments is on 31st December 2022.

b) The proceeds of the sale of the Curate's house (85 Temple Rd) is held by Southwark Church Trust for the P.C.C. Part of the capital was borrowed to pay for firstly the redecoration of the church (1997); secondly to finance the repair to the Tower balustrade in 1999 and thirdly to cover some of the cost of Phase One repairs in 2004.

St Peter's Parochial Church Council

Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

Note 14. Missionary & Charities Account - St Peter's No 2 Account

Receipts & Payments	2022 £	2021 £
Incoming Resources:-		
Lent Boxes	-	94
Transfers from main P.C.C account	4,567	4,266
Total receipts	4,567	4,360
Resources expended:-		
The Church Overseas: Missionary Societies		
Bible Society	200	200
Christian Aid - Global Hungar Appeal	-	80
CMS	300	300
DEC	-	200
USPG	300	300
	800	1,080
Home Missions: Other Church Societies & organisations (see next page)	3,150	2,844
Total Mission payments	3,950	3,924
Other donations:-		
Amnesty International	100	100
British Legion	100	80
Medecins Sans Frontieres	300	300
	500	480
Total Payments	4,450	4,404
Net Incoming Resources	117	(44)
Cash Balances:-		
On 1st January 2022	94	138
On 31st December 2022	212	94

St Peter's Parochial Church Council
Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

Note 14. Missionary & Charities Account - St Peter's No 2 Account (continued)

Breakdown of Home Missions: Other Church Societies & organisations figure above

	2022	2021
	£	£
APCMH	300	300
Bishop of Southwark Appeal	-	94
Bishop's Mustard Seed Appeal	100	80
CCAT	100	80
Children's Society	200	200
Christian Family Concern	100	100
Church Army	100	80
Church Homeless Trust	100	80
College of St Barnabas	200	80
Crisis (at Christmas)	200	200
Croydon Drop In	100	80
Croydon Nightwatch	300	300
Freedom from torture	100	100
Good Friday Procession	-	(80)
HearUs	100	80
Mission to Seafarers	100	80
PHAB	150	150
South Croydon Day Centre	500	500
St Augustine's Refugee project	100	100
St Christopher's Hospice	100	80
Welcare	100	80
YMCA Housing	100	80
	3,150	2,844

St Peter's Parochial Church Council

Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

Note 15. St Peter's Church Hall & Church House Income & Expenditure Account 2022

	£ 2022	£ 2021
Receipts		
Bookings	15,150	8,050
Parking	9,474	10,452
Scout Hut hire: storage	1,200	1,200
Church house flat rental	12,000	12,000
Hire of Church House	1,402	1,125
Miscellaneous receipts	136	60
Transfer from main PCC acc	-	-
Excess of expenditure over income	<u>1,184</u>	<u>671</u>
	40,545	33,558

Expenditure

Repairs & maintenance - Chuch house	350	48
Repairs & maintenance - Hall	5,781	1,513
Church house (flat refurbishment)	1,321	1,230
Cleaning	1,335	-
Equipment & cleaning materials	793	94
Scout hut repairs	1,200	748
Gas/Electric/Oil	-	415
Insurance	1,681	2,970
Water rates & License	3,603	151
Flat running costs	-	-
HM Revenue & Customs*	102	-
Telephone/Broadband	444	444
Verger wages	1,608	937
Stationery/postage expenses	28	10
Transfer to St Peters P.C.C.	22,300	24,996
Excess of income over expenditure	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	40,545	33,558

*2021 included in transfer to main account figure as paid to HMRC from there

Assets	2022	2021
Bank Account	2,390	3,377
Rental deposits	200	400
Cash in hand	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Assets	2,597	3,780

Represented by:-

Balance Brought Forward	3,780	4,451
Excess of income/(expenditure)	<u>(1,184)</u>	<u>(671)</u>
	2,597	3,780

St Peter's Parochial Church Council
Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

Note 16. Budget for calendar year 2023

	£'s	£'s	£'s
General funds			
Unrestricted general reserve 1 January 2023			43,000
Planned giving	34,000		
Loose collections	3,000		
Tax reclaim on planned giving/loose collections	9,000		
Legacies	17,000		
Donations	1,500		
Hall/Church House	11,000		
Fundraising	5,000		
Fees	1,000		
Investment income and bank interest	2,000		
Other income	<u>2,000</u>		
		85,500	
Diocesan Quota	47,000		
Insurance	5,500		
Missions & Charities	4,000		
Electric, Gas, telephone	8,000		
Salaries	8,500		
Other expenses	<u>6,000</u>		
		<u>(79,000)</u>	
Increase/(decrease) in general reserves			<u>6,500</u>
Unrestricted general reserve 31st December 2023			<u>49,500</u>

Fabric Fund

	£'s
Fabric general reserve 1 January 2023	161,000
Investment income and bank interest	4,500
Repairs	(2,000)
Increase/(decrease) in fabric reserves	<u>2,500</u>
Fabric general reserve 31st December 2023	<u>163,500</u>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

17. Accounting policies – Basis of Preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' 'true and fair view' provisions, together with FRS 102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS 102)).

18. Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

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

19. Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

20. Legacies

The PCC has been made aware that it is due a share of the estate for Janet Kilby; given the delay in settlement by the executors, for prudence, the amount has not been reflected in the 2022 accounts but the estimated amount based on data currently available is included in the Budget for 2023.

21. Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

22. Assets

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

The Diocese of Southwark has ownership of Church House as former Glebe land; Church House is leased to the PCC on a long term non-transferable lease and, as such, Church House is excluded from these Accounts as an unrealisable asset.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed either in or alongside the NADFAS guide, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

Individual items of equipment are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or whose value derives from them (CIFs etc.) are valued at bid market value at the year end (31 December).

23. Related parties

Payments to PCC Members

Sundry expenses were paid to PCC members, the Incumbent and other members of the clergy team where payments had been made on behalf of the PCC, subject to the provision of appropriate receipts. Gross pay of amount £3.274 was paid to PCC member Paul Reynolds in his role as Director of Music. No other payments were made to members of the PCC, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

Donations/planned giving

Unrestricted donations and payments under the planned giving scheme from related parties (members of the PCC at some part of the year covered by this report) applicable to general funds are included within the incoming resources shown.

Declaration

The PCC declare that they have approved the Annual Report and Financial Statements above.

Signed on behalf of the PCC

.....

Rev'd Dr Geoff Dumbreck

.....

Steve Moores - Churchwarden

.....

Stephen Green - Honorary PCC Treasurer