

ST PETER'S CHURCH, STREATHAM
ANNUAL REPORT
MAY 2024



Year 2023-2024

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Curate:

Fr Ben Vertannes

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Winston Trotman

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Jo Hutton
Caroline Johns
James Macintyre
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, 14 MAY 2023 at 11.50 AM

1. PRAYERS

Fr Steffan welcomed those attending (c.30 persons) and opened the meeting with prayers.

2. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Fr Steffan commented on various aspects of his Chairman's Report, highlighting improved attendance figures, but reflecting on his impression that there were also signs of growth in faith and fellowship. There would be challenges ahead for our own community and also the wider Church of England, but Fr Steffan was hopeful that, in listening to Christ's teaching and following his example, barriers would be overcome.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from David Chapman, Catherine Chapman, and Sarah Tew.

4. MINUTES OF THE APCM HELD ON SUNDAY, 8 MAY 2022.

By a show of hands, the Minutes of the previous meeting were **agreed** as a true record of the meeting and signed by Fr Steffan.

5. ELECTORAL ROLL

Sheila Launchbury reported that the roll now stood at 96, down from 112 last year. This reflected one death, two members moving away from London, and a number of people living outside the parish boundary who had ceased attending the church on a regular basis. By a show of hands, the report was **approved**.

6. REPORT ON THE PCC FOR 2022/2023

There were no comments on this summary of PCC activity over the past year and, by a show of hands, the report was **approved**.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR 2022

There were no comments or questions about the report and accounts and, by a show of hands, these were **approved**.

8. FABRIC REPORT

There was one comment about this having been a busy year. By a show of hands, this report was **approved**.

9. DEANERY SYNOD

Fr Steffan took the opportunity of explaining what a Deanery was, and the democratic function of the Synod. The secretary expressed her gratitude to the Area Dean (Jonathan Croucher, the Chairman of the Deanery Synod) for producing the summary of Deanery Synod business included in the report. Fr Steffan mentioned that Fr Jonathan, after five years, had recently announced his retirement from this role. By a show of hands, this report was **approved**.

10. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Fr Steffan said that Jo Dapaah and Winston Trotman had both stated that they were willing to continue as Churchwardens for the coming year. Both had been duly nominated and

seconded ahead of the meeting. The meeting agreed unanimously that they should be **elected**.

11. DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATION

James Macintyre, Angela Newby and Winston Trotman had offered to serve as our Deanery Synod representatives. All had been nominated and seconded and were duly **elected**. Thanks were given to Duncan Eastoe, standing down at this time, for his years of service.

12. ELECTION OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Fr Steffan explained that, as the Electoral Roll had fallen below 100, only nine elected places could be filled on the PCC. Seven existing members had agreed to continue in office in the coming year. (An eighth potential continuing member, James Macintyre, would now have an *ex officio* place on the PCC as a Deanery Synod representative.) Ahead of the meeting two nominations had been received to fill the remaining places. The following 9 people were duly **elected**:

Maureen Downs	Melanie Metherell	Olivia Suter
Jo Hutton	Mary Newbrook	Sarah Tew
Caroline Johns	Marie-Thérèse Rogers	Sharon Thomas

13. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Fr Steffan reported that Pam Carragher, a former member of St Peter's, who had inspected the past year's accounts, was willing to undertake this task again next year. By a show of hands, Pam was **appointed**.

14. OTHER REPORTS

All these reports were **received** by the meeting.

15. TRAINING SESSION

Fr Steffan took the opportunity of this gathering of congregation members to discuss the function of 'welcomers', a very important part of our ministry to each other and particularly to newcomers. Attendees were invited to recount good and bad experiences in visiting other churches, and a roleplay exercise was carried out, highlighting some possible pitfalls in how we greet people. All members of the congregation should be encouraged to offer a welcome to visitors and potential new members without being intrusive. Suggestions included speaking to newcomers both before and after the service, introducing them to others who may have similar interests, inviting them to sit with them, offering to accompany new people to refreshments, etc.

There being no other business, the meeting closed with a prayer at 12.55 pm.

Signed Date 2024

VICAR'S REPORT

Dear friends,

We meet today at this moment between the Lord's Ascension, and the day of Pentecost, where the Holy Spirit was sent to enliven the church. This period has become known in the past few years as 'Thy Kingdom Come', a time of prayer across denominations for the coming of God's Kingdom. It feels appropriate, therefore, to meet today, and that our prayer as a church may be Jesus' prayer: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done."

It is coming up to 4 years since I arrived at St Peter's, in the gloomy days of Covid, and I am immensely proud of all that we have done to rebuild St Peter's and to bring it to the point it is at today. Our Christmas attendance, at all our services, was a quite noticeable increase from previous years, as we saw at Easter, and meeting people after services it was clear that it was not just one thing that caused the growth, but instead lots of different connections that had been made between St Peter's and the community we serve. Sunday attendance is growing too, with an average of between 60-75 at the 10.30am (and often more, and rarely less), and many Sundays where there are over 100 people across the three services, with many children and teenagers attending. This is one way of looking at the health of a congregation and can be a helpful one.

Every year in a church is a busy year, and this past year has been busy. It's easy in life, in church, to get caught up in the business, and not notice what really matters. More than numbers or projects, what has really brought joy this year has been seeing connections grow and flourish between people; the way people have cared for and walked alongside people both in the busyness, in the happy moments, and in the more challenging and sadder – growing in love. We've also been exploring ways of going deeper in faith. One highlight for me has been our Lent group, with a group exploring different ways of praying followed by a book group. For a church of our size to get between 15-20 at a Lent group is unusual, and a sign of the hunger we have, to learn more about God and about each other. This is a much better way of looking at the health of a church than numbers! It was a great joy to welcome Br Jude CR as our Holy Week preacher, and he was struck by the depth of prayer and love he found at St Peter's.

We've accomplished a number of things through this year – not least our Toddler Church, and the new Servedy. There are some exciting things coming up, including a large Deanery Confirmation service in a few weeks. Our stewardship campaign earlier in the year has meant an increase in our planned giving, which is helping to stabilise our finances. But there is work to be done (as always). In terms of the organisation and running of St Peter's, looking to build in more resilience, moving from a model of individuals to small groups running and managing the different areas of our life together, both to include more people and to give those carrying a lot of work a lighter load. We have two vacancies coming up at churches in the deanery, which will mean the clergy covering more at those churches on Sundays, to ensure they have communion Sunday by Sunday before they appoint new priests. And there is the bigger challenge, of trying to listen to how God might be asking us to change, to grow, to serve.

Lastly, in September-October this year I will be on a mini-sabbatical (having been ordained 7 years). Sabbaticals tend to be good for clergy, but also for congregations, as they are reminded that the vicar's not that important!

In all that will come – we do it in the grace of God.

Fr Steffan – Vicar

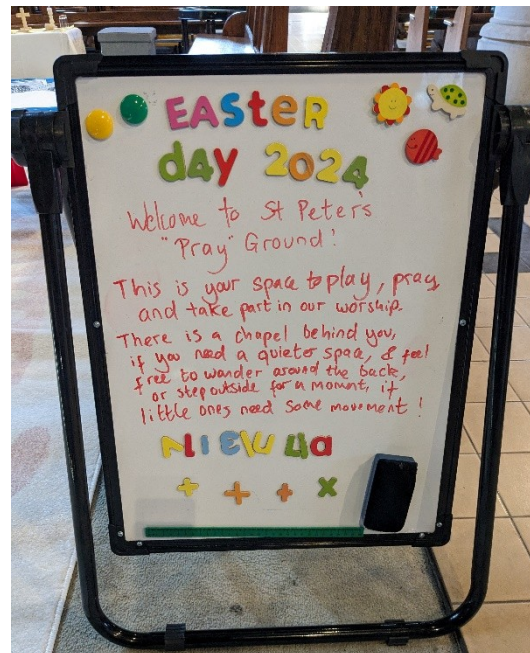
CURATE'S REPORT

It seems remarkable to me that I am about to begin my third year at St Peter's as your curate, and I remain grateful beyond words to be ministering with and among all of you. A lot has happened since I was ordained a priest last July, not least the arrival of my son Rowan in October 2023! Tash, Theia, Callie and I would like to thank you for the love, kindness and support you've continued to give us as we adjust to being a family of five.

I have continued to enjoy a wide range of opportunities this year to help my learning as a new priest. It has been a special privilege to begin presiding at the Mass, and I will always remember the celebration of my First Mass last July - a typically joyful St Peter's party!

This year, I have taken particular responsibility for moving forward our Mission Action Plan with regard to Children and Young People. Our first priority was to establish a midweek group for preschool aged children and I'm delighted that 'Toddler Church' is now in its ninth month and flourishing. It is a highlight of my week, when on average 13-14 children between 0 and 5 join us for playtime, refreshments and a short service of songs, Bible stories and prayers on Wednesday mornings. Over 80 different children have attended at some point since September and I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has volunteered their help, time, baking and other donations to get this new service off to such an encouraging start. Please keep our Toddler Church and those who attend in your prayers!

To further support our work with young people, we have redesigned and re-resourced the Children's Area in church, now nicknamed the 'St Peter's Prayground'. The space is designed to support our youngest members in participating in worship through sensory play and imaginative aids. The different uses of this area on Wednesdays and Sundays has been helped by introducing efficient storage for children's resources in the Resurrection chapel. Finally, we have begun to create room for our older children and teenagers to get to know each other better by offering Youth Alpha alongside our Adult Alpha course, currently meeting each Thursday to explore the basics of Christianity together. We have a remarkable, thoughtful and insightful group of young people here at St Peter's, and I am excited to see where this group might lead us.



All of this work complements the exceptional work with children and young people across our children's church, our school visits and assemblies, our serving team, our reading team and our youth choir. A huge thank you to everyone involved in supporting these important ministries, and to each of our children and young people for the gifts they bring to our church community.

I am looking forward to stepping into the next year with you all in hope, in joy and with faith! Every blessing.

Fr Ben – Curate

TREASURERS' REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2023

I would like to begin my first Treasurer's report by thanking everyone named and unnamed who contribute to stewarding our finances throughout 2023, including Simon Launchbury, Assistant Treasurer, Catherine Chapman, Planned Giving Officer and manager of the Choir and Organ accounts and Winston Trotman and Jo Hutton for banking the collections each week.

INCOME COMMENTARY

The congregation at St Peters continues to support the mission and ministry, overall Income from Planned Giving has increased by 6% and Unplanned Giving has also increased substantially driven by generous donations at special services such as funerals where a portion of the collection will be shared with a specific charity. At the end of 2023 we conducted a generous giving campaign and as a result regular standing orders are expected to increase by approximately 12% per month. We continue our commitment to allow individuals to donate via cash and cheques.

Venue Hiring. Continues to make strong contribution to income, Football Fun group renewed their booking in 2023 and we were also utilised by the choir Opus 16 who have used the church as a rehearsal space and for concerts. The church was also selected as the location for a TV show and this one-off booking generated £3,400. Many thanks to Angela for all her hard work in hiring out the Crypt.

Grants. We have been able to collect the residual grants relating to the lighting project that was carried out in 2022, we received £11,445 from Veolia & £6,600 from Greater London Authority for the lighting project. To support the ministry we have also received Grants relating to support hiring a Director of Music (£4,000), Toddler Church (£3,240)

2023 Bequests. We have been the recipient of generous legacies from the estates of our extended family £1,500 into the unrestricted funds, £44,000 for the Organ and £6,000 towards the development of the Choir.

EXPENDITURE COMMENTARY

Clergy Expenses. Includes the cost of curates housing, the contribution to Fr Bens pre-ordination pilgrimage (£350) as well as other permitted expenses either relating to growing our mission and ministry eg books, materials or general expenses eg telephone/broadband costs.

Repairs. We continue to invest in the fabric of the building to ensure that we have a safe, warm environment in which to worship. The repair costs in 2023 were lower than prior years as we did not undertake any major works. This year the larger items relate to repairs to the roof Maguire Bros £6,000, JSC Cooke – Belfry & North Side Roof £13,286, Guttering £7,188.

CCLA INVESTMENTS

Our investments in the funds have continued to benefit from the buoyant markets and we received an revaluation profit of approximately £22,000. To cover shortfalls in our funding when our expenditure exceeded our income during the year we sold shares and also transferred funds from the deposit account to the value of £26,000, at the end of 2023 the CCLA investments were valued at £441,530 compared to £419, 430 at the end of 2022.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sharon Thomas – Treasurer

St Peters Church, Streatham

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 Total £
Income and endowments from:				
Voluntary Income	2a	78,141	2,898	81,039
Activities for generating funds	2b	205	11,837	12,042
Income from investments	2c	21,626	17	21,643
Church Activities	2d	23,480	312	23,792
Other Income	2e	15,579	52,281	67,860
		<u>139,031</u>	<u>67,345</u>	<u>206,375</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	3	145,503	16,760	162,264
Raising funds		-	11,826	11,826
		<u>145,503</u>	<u>28,587</u>	<u>174,090</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(6,473)	38,758	32,285
Surplus on Revaluation of Investments		22,099	-	22,099
Funds brought forward		436,559	30,335	466,894
		<u>452,186</u>	<u>69,093</u>	<u>521,278</u>

Prior year comparatives

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 Total £
Income and endowments from:				
Voluntary Income	2a	79,750	4,553	84,303
Activities for generating funds	2b	1,197	9,183	10,380
Income from investments	2c	15,169	4	15,173
Church Activities	2d	21,165	383	21,548
Other Income	2e	65,180	172	65,352
		<u>182,460</u>	<u>14,294</u>	<u>196,754</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	3	184,334	12,549	196,884
Raising funds		-	212	212
		<u>184,334</u>	<u>12,338</u>	<u>196,672</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(1,874)	1,956	83
Funds brought forward		19,003	28,379	47,382
		<u>17,129</u>	<u>30,335</u>	<u>47,465</u>
Other Assets				
CCLA Investments		419,430	-	419,430

All income derived from continuing activities.
The notes form part of the financial statements.

St Peters Church, Streatham

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Investments	2		441,530		419,431
Current Assets					
Debtors		-			
Cash at bank and in hand		79,749		47,463	
		<u>79,749</u>		<u>47,463</u>	
Creditors: amounts due within one year		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets			79,749		47,463
Creditors: amounts due after more than one year			-		-
Net assets			<u>521,278</u>		<u>466,894</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted general fund	7		452,186		17,129
Restricted Funds	4		69,093		30,335
Investments in CCLA			-		419,429
			<u>521,278</u>		<u>466,894</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities, Income and Expenditure Account and the Notes form part of these financial statements.

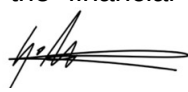
On behalf of the PCC, I present the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023

Sharon Thomas, Treasurer to the Parochial Church Council



Sharon Thomas, Treasurer to the PCC

I confirm the financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council 12

May 2024 

Fr Steffan Mathias, Chairman

Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or that the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or that the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. (The signed copy of the statement is available to view – see the Treasurer.)

Pamela Carragher, Independent Examiner 07/05/2024

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS' REPORT

We have had no major issues to report. All people needing a DBS check have been completed. We are not doing so well with the safeguarding training, hopefully we can get this up to date soon. I appreciate people getting their information to me as soon as possible when I am completing a DBS check we must all remember how important this is for the Safety of our Church.

Maureen Downs – Safeguarding Officer



CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

We give thanks for the completion of another year in the life of St Peters and we can say that the covid pandemic which caused so much disruption is a distant memory.

We must give a very big thank you to Jo Dapaah, who will step down as warden this year, having done a sterling job over the last 7 years. She has galvanized the flower team, contributed at PCC & standing committees, an intercessor and reader to mention a few of the aspects of church life she has contributed to.

As churchwardens we must also say a big thank you to those individuals who have given of their time and talents contributing to the smooth running of St. Peters, without whom the

churchwardens' job would be a bit more difficult. A special thanks to David Chapman and all those who contributed in bringing the church servery project to fruition and to

those who made financial donation. It was also a great pleasure to Welcome Bishop Martin for the first time at St. Peters, which gave the wardens an opportunity to dust of their wands and

process him into the church. We give thanks to God and look forward to another successful year in the life of St. Peters as we grow in numbers, faith and continue to contribute to the greater good of the Anglican church.

Jo Dapaah and Winston Trotman – Churchwardens

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) SECRETARY'S REPORT



It has been a pleasure to assume the role of PCC secretary although taking over from the successful and long-term reign of the previous secretary has been a daunting responsibility. I am very grateful for the support of the previous secretary and other members of the PCC and congregation.

The responsibilities of the Parish Secretary are laid out in the Parish Secretary's Handbook, a revised edition of which was published in November 2023. This placed increased emphasis on governance arrangements and the effective operation of the PCC as opposed to following a specific set of guidelines. For example, there is no longer a set requirement for the number of PCC meetings to be held a year although it must be sufficient to ensure the effective running of the parish.

A major task of the Parish Secretary and the PCC is the promotion of the Southwark diocesan vision; Christ centred and outward focused. Fr Steffan has introduced a bible reflection section into PCC meetings and this is a positive addition. As a PCC we must continue to put the Southwark vision at the centre of all we do. The PCC (and not just the clergy!) is responsible for leading our worship and ensuring St Peter's fulfils the ideals of the Southwark vision.

In general, the PCC works effectively to ensure the smooth running of the church. Minutes and Agendas were published according to recommended timescales and Diocesan returns were all completed. The failure to complete the online safeguarding course by all PCC members is disappointing and this will be swiftly remedied in the post APCM PCC. That said, the building is still standing, there is still some money left in the bank (according to the Treasurer!). The completion of the Access Audit, for which we received a commendation from the Archdeacon and the opening of the servery were highpoints in the year.

Finally, a big thank you to all PCC members for their time and commitment in maintaining St Peter's as a vibrant and diverse community of worshippers.

Yours in faith.

Duncan Eastoe – PCC Secretary

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, TODDLER CHURCH & SCHOOL VISITS

CHILDREN'S CHURCH meets in the Parish Room during the 10.30am Mass on Sundays. Numbers vary due to children being involved in Serving, Junior Choir or the attraction of the Toddlers Play Area in Church! Bible stories and special Church festivals are explained and backed up by art-work and quiz sheets.

TODDLER CHURCH meets at 9.15am on Wednesdays during term time. Stories and songs on biblical themes in the Lady Chapel are followed by free play and refreshments. 15 or so toddlers with their parents/carers attend regularly and friendships are formed and enquiries made about Baptisms and Church in general.

SCHOOL VISITS 5x year2 classes from Julians and 3x year1 classes from Hitherfield have been welcomed at St. Peter's in the last year. We are pleased to show the children our lovely church and tell them of some of its history.

CHRISTMAS EVE and GOOD FRIDAY events for children with art and craft activities have been well attended and appreciated and supported by parents/carers. Some of the children who attended these events are the older siblings of Toddler Church attendees.

Jo Hutton and colleagues Hilary and Mihaela

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Deanery Synod is a great opportunity to engage with other people from different church venues around Lambeth South Deanery. The meetings are themed with a guest speaker, and we have met twice this year.

8th November 2023 - 'Homelessness' held at St James' Clapham with two speakers: Nelly Mesenga from Together Southwark and a speaker from Housing Justice which places refugees in homes who 'host' them.

17th April 2024 - 'Lay Ministries' held at Immanuel and St Andrews, guest speaker Rev Carol Coslett, Assistant Director of Lay Ministries, we also heard from a Reader, SPA and Pioneer.

Angela Newby, James Macintyre, Winston Trotman

THE 'HENRY & MARIGOLD' CLEANING TEAM

Recognition and appreciation for the, often unsung, heroes who are members of the Henry and Marigold Cleaning Team – in operation since 2019. Due to circumstances some have had to leave, but currently the members are:

Angela Newby, Barbara Ekprikpo, Barbara Drayton, Fr Ben, Fr Steffan, Jake McLeod, Jo Dapaah, Julie Mitchen, Kola Oduola, Marie Rogers, Sally Smith, Sarah Tew, Sheila Launchbury, Simon Launchbury, Veronica Shepherd, Winston Trotman

Special mention to Mel Steyn and Tracey McOgg.

These members turn up at their designated time on a Saturday morning and give of their time, effort and physical talents to maintain and present St Peter's as a clean, pleasant, welcoming and beautiful space for all to use and enjoy. So, many, many thanks for your continued hard work and support.

Of course, should there be anyone else who would like to join the team, please reach out to me at any time. You would be more than welcome.

Barbara Drayton – Coordinator

ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER'S REPORT

As we reach the last year of the current Electoral Roll 'term', which is started from scratch every six years, in consultation with Fr Steffan, I have removed a number of people who have dropped away from regular attendance (18). or, sadly, died (1). Happily, we have added 10 new members to the Roll. In summary, last year's Roll stood at 96, 19 names have been deleted, and 10 names added, leaving a total of 87. Nearly 68% of members live within the parish boundary.

Sheila Launchbury – Electoral Roll Officer

FABRIC REPORT

Church Served (Faculty Ref: 2022-075779)

The major project for 2023/24 has been the installation of a Church Served into the disused South West porch. Thanks are due to Jo Hutton, Mihaela Musat and Angela Newby who worked with me to ensure that we have a very attractive and functional served. The project was executed with the knowledge that we needed a church served that would stand the test of time with potentially many users, but also a space that, in its redesign and designation would fit well with the aesthetic of our Victorian Church. It is wonderful that since Easter we have started to use it.

We took the opportunity during this work to refurnish and decorate the South West external doors, make improvements to the water supply to the Crypt Gents WC and to ensure that we have lighting in the (rarely used) spiral staircase in that corner.

Thanks are due to Simon and Sheila Launchbury for the generous gift of a wheel frame for the Bechstein Grand Piano. This frame will reduce wear on the church tiles.

Garden

Thanks are also due to the efforts of Richard Holdaway and Angela Newby and all those that assist on working parties, for the work on the church garden. Also, thanks to Winston Trotman for organising the repairs and servicing of the church lawnmower.

David Chapman – Clerk of Works

MUSIC REPORT

There has been a change in our Youth Choir membership as Ania, Adrianna and Elinor have become regulars of the adult choir. Adrianna taking up our Alto Choral Scholarship vacancy. It has been great to have more involvement of Elinor in playing the organ from time-to-time at services and for Adrianna taking the role of conductor on Good Friday.

The 2023 recruitment process has meant that we now have five regular new Youth Choir members and an occasional sixth. The occasional Pop-Up Choir was not well enough attended, and so we have put that on hold for the time being.

Henry, Imogen, April and Esme all gained their cottas at the 2023 Carol Service. We welcomed Alicia to the Youth Choir at the end of 2023. The Youth Choir are working towards their first RSCM Voice for Life medal: Light blue. This development of skills in the following areas: Using the voice well, Musical Skills, Repertoire and Belonging to the Choir.

The adult and youth choirs continue to excel at providing amazing music for the support of our services at St Peter's. There have been many outstanding moments during the year at mass and evensong and for our major services at Easter and Christmas. The adult choir sang at Durham Cathedral for a week in August 2023 swelled by many former members. This week was led by former choir member, Thomas Chapman and accompanied by John Keys and Oliver King.

A Director of Music recruitment campaign was conducted in Q4 2023, but unfortunately it was not possible to appoint from that process. Therefore, I continue to lead the choir. I am very grateful for the support I receive from our fabulous choir members and our very appreciative congregation and clergy. Thank you!

Some major works on the organ (Faculty Ref 2020-056182) were concluded in 2023 including much work on the journey to convert the organ action to electronic from pneumatic. The fruits of all of this work on the pipework, the winding and the action of the organ are very much showing their splendour during our services. Our next phases will include important work on the winding, restoration of the three tremulants (not heard for about 30 years) and within the next two years or so much needed renovation of the console, the pistons and replacement of 50-year-old low voltage wiring! We received a generous bequest from local resident Robin Purdy in 2023 towards the organ and choir. The bequest to the organ will ensure that we can continue with the urgent restoration works outlined above. The bequest to the choir will assist our development of the Youth Choir. Some new music has already been purchased and used often in 2023 as a consequence.

The role of Catherine Chapman, as treasurer to the choir and organ funds ensures that we have careful stewardship in this area. Accounting for a choir tour of 30 people is no small undertaking and handling the important organ fund takes great care and skill.

David Chapman – Acting Director of Music

PLANNED GIVING OFFICER'S REPORT

Envelope Giving Scheme

At the year-end 2023 there were 20 people receiving boxes of stewardship envelopes, a decrease of 3 from the previous year as people continue to move to standing orders and contactless donations.

Gift Aid

At the year-end 2023 there were 36 regular monthly givers to the General Fund, Choir and Organ funds who Gift Aid their donations, which is an increase of 3. There are other regular donors who are not able to Gift Aid.

On donations given during 2023, I was able to reclaim a total of £11,774.51 from His Majesty's Revenue and Customs which is a significant increase of 50% on 2022. This is due generous donations towards the Served and to 3 people changing their tax status.

The amount of donations made using the card reader has increased significantly over the last few years but as these donations are unplanned and usually anonymous, I cannot include them in this report. However, I can reclaim Gift Aid on these under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme up to a maximum of £8,000pa.

Generous Giving

As a result of the Generous Giving presentation in November 2023 I received 26 red envelopes promising increased donations totalling £485 per month. The majority of people have carried out their promise.

If anybody would like information on the above schemes, I'll be happy to help.

Catherine Chapman – Planned Giving Officer

REPORT FROM THE SERVING TEAM



“Serving”, to quote the former Dean of Southwark, Andrew Nunn, “is a ministry!” It is a joy! St. Peter’s has a fantastic group of servers and I am grateful to them all for their skill, flexibility, good humour and friendship.

We assist with the main 10.30 mass on Sunday and at a whole range of evening & special services. I am delighted that in 2023/24 we added new servers to our number – we now have 16 servers on the rota which means we can have a full team every week. Christmas services were

beautiful and Easter, an absolute feast for the senses. ***I am always keen to hear from anyone interested in serving (or from those who have children who might be interested). Please speak to any of the adult servers after mass – we are easy to spot!***



We had a very special service in 2023 – Father Ben’s first mass as priest! It was an honour to serve on that joyous day in July. I had super feedback from clergy and visitors as well as from the regular congregation who I thank for your continued support and encouragement.

Anthea Eastoe, Coordinator



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Streatham		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2023	Charity no (if any)	1138040
Set out on pages			

(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:

MA Carragher

Date: 07/05/2024

Name:

Pamela Carragher

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

Associate of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address:

10 Stansfield Close
Reading RG2 7BQ

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 Total £
Income and endowments from:				
Voluntary Income	2a	78,141	2,898	81,039
Activities for generating funds	2b	205	11,837	12,042
Income from investments	2c	21,626	17	21,643
Church Activities	2d	23,480	312	23,792
Other Income	2e	15,579	52,281	67,860
		<u>139,031</u>	<u>67,345</u>	<u>206,375</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	3	145,503	16,760	162,264
Raising funds		-	11,826	11,826
		<u>145,503</u>	<u>28,587</u>	<u>174,090</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(6,473)	38,758	32,285
Surplus on Revaluation of Investments		22,099	-	22,099
Funds brought forward		436,559	30,335	466,894
		<u>452,186</u>	<u>69,093</u>	<u>521,278</u>

Prior year comparatives

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 Total £
Income and endowments from:				
Voluntary Income	2a	79,750	4,553	84,303
Activities for generating funds	2b	1,197	9,183	10,380
Income from investments	2c	15,169	4	15,173
Church Activities	2d	21,165	383	21,548
Other Income	2e	65,180	172	65,352
		<u>182,460</u>	<u>14,294</u>	<u>196,754</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	3	184,334	12,549	196,884
Raising funds		-	212	212
		<u>184,334</u>	<u>12,338</u>	<u>196,672</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(1,874)	1,956	83
Funds brought forward		19,003	28,379	47,382
		<u>17,129</u>	<u>30,335</u>	<u>47,465</u>
Other Assets				
CCLA Investments		<u>419,430</u>	-	<u>419,430</u>

All income derived from continuing activities.
The notes form part of the financial statements.

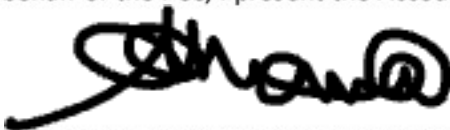
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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Investments	2		441,530		419,431
Current Assets					
Debtors			-		
Cash at bank and in hand		79,749		47,463	
		<u>79,749</u>		<u>47,463</u>	
Creditors: amounts due within one year		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets			79,749		47,463
Creditors: amounts due after more than one year			-		-
Net assets			<u>521,278</u>		<u>466,894</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted general fund	7		452,186		17,129
Restricted Funds	4		69,093		30,335
Investments in CCLA			-		419,429
			<u>521,278</u>		<u>466,894</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities, Income and Expenditure Account and the Notes form part of these financial statements.

On behalf of the PCC, I present the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023



Sharon Thomas, Treasurer to the Parochial Church Council

I confirm the financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12 May 2024



Fr Steffan Mathias, Chairman

St Peters Church, Streatham

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards (FRS 102).

The principal accounting policies and estimation techniques are as follows:

a) Going concern

The Directors / Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties regarding the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) on the receipts and payments basis

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on the receipts and payments basis and is classified in the SoFA under headings that aggregate related costs.

Charitable activities include the cost of employing the Development Worker plus other project-related expenditure.

Support costs comprise the administrative costs incurred in operating the Charity, plus expenses incurred by the Trustees in the performance of their duties.

d) Fund accounting

The Charity operates an unrestricted fund, which is freely available for any purpose within the Charity's charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees, plus a number of project-related Restricted funds (see Note 8).

2 Investments

Investments with CCLA are shown at bid market price on 31st December

	2023	2022
637051001P	65,924	70,235
637051001 S	375,606	350,546
	<u>441,530</u>	<u>420,781</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) for the year ended 31st December 2023

2a Voluntary Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Planned giving	32,045		32,045
Unplanned giving	6,567		6,567
Card Reader	2,264		2,264
Gift Aid Recovered	5,532	149	5,681
Donations	4,828	2,749	7,577
Bequests	1,500		1,500
Grants	25,405	-	25,405
	<u>78,141</u>	<u>2,898</u>	<u>81,039</u>
2b Activities for Generating funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fund Raising events	200		200
Magazine & book sales	5		5
Cathedral trip subs		11,837	11,837
Concerts and recitals		-	-
	<u>205</u>	<u>11,837</u>	<u>12,042</u>
2c Investment Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Bank Interest - Depo Account	97	17	113
Sale of Shares	7,500		
Dividends from investments	14,029		14,029
	<u>21,626</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>14,143</u>
2d Church Activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fees	615		615
Candles	-		-
Crypt Hire	17,155		17,155
Church Hire	5,710		5,710
Choir scholarship		312	312
	<u>23,480</u>	<u>312</u>	<u>23,792</u>
2e Other Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-		-
VAT refund	14,579	2,143	16,721
Other income	1,000	50,138	51,138
	<u>15,579</u>	<u>52,281</u>	<u>67,860</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) for the year ended 31st December 2023

Prior year comparatives

2a Voluntary Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Planned giving	30,072		30,072
Unplanned giving	3,144	3,805	6,948
Card Reader	2,530		2,530
Gift Aid Recovered	8,223	69	8,293
Donations	1,376	679	2,055
Bequests	1,000		1,000
Grants	33,405		33,405
	79,750	4,553	84,303
2b r Generating funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fund Raising events	1,197		1,197
Magazine & book sales	-		-
Cathedral trip subs		8,577	8,577
Concerts and recitals		607	607
	1,197	9,183	10,380
2c Investment Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Bank Interest - Depo Account	-	4	4
Dividends from investments	-		-
	-	4	4
2d Church Activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fees	2,890		2,890
Candles	-		-
Crypt Hire	15,675		15,675
Church Hire	2,600		2,600
Choir scholarship		383	383
	21,165	383	21,548
2e Other Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-		-
VAT refund	5,397	172	5,569
Other income	59,783		59,783
	65,180	172	65,352

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) for the year ended 31st December 2023

3 Charitable Activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Pledge	57,600		57,600
Clergy expenses	10,358		10,358
Repairs	40,294		40,294
Church insurance	9,299		9,299
Utilities	10,045		10,045
Music	8,349		8,349
Sacristy	1,921		1,921
Printing & Copying	2,427		2,427
Crypt Maintenance	3,596		3,596
Parish Admin	377		377
Magazine Bookstall	-		-
Cathedral trip expenses		11,826	11,826
Stationery		-	-
Music and robes		522	522
Concert expenses		-	-
Additional Singers		-	-
Scholarship		735	735
Other expenses		1,095	1,095
Costs of recitals, concerts etc		-	-
Organ works		12,856	12,856
Donations to charity		1,552	1,552
Bank Charges	201		201
Fees	1,035		1,035
	<u>145,503</u>	<u>28,587</u>	<u>174,090</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) for the year ended 31st December 2023

Prior year comparatives

3 Charitable Activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Pledge	57,568		57,568
Clergy expenses	4,973		4,973
Repairs	79,366		79,366
Church insurance	8,633		8,633
Utilities	10,168		10,168
Music	10,708		10,708
Sacristy	2,783		2,783
Printing & Copying	2,083		2,083
Crypt Maintenance	3,253		3,253
Parish Admin	4,465		4,465
Magazine Bookstall	28		28
Cathedral trip expenses		8,866	8,866
Stationery	-		-
Music and robes		407	407
Concert expenses		-	-
Additional Singers		-	-
Scholarship		-	-
Other expenses	307	310	617
Costs of recitals, concerts etc		212	212
Organ works		75	75
Donations to charity		2,680	2,680

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) for the year ended 31st December 2023

4 Movement in Restricted Funds

Income	Sacristy fund	Charities Fund	Choir fund	Organ fund	Total
Cathedral Trip subs			11,837		11,837
Donations		2,029	-	720	2,749
Interest	17		-	-	17
Scholarship			312		312
Gift Aid Recovered			61	88	149
Concerts			-	-	-
Other income			6,138	44,000	50,138
Grant				-	-
VAT Refund				2,143	2,143
	17	2,029	18,348	46,951	67,345
Expenditure					
Cathedral trip expenses			11,826		11,826
Stationery			-		-
Music and robes			522		522
Concert expenses			-		-
Additional Singers			-		-
Scholarship			735		735
Other expenses	1,000		95	-	1,095
Costs of recitals, concerts etc				-	-
Organ works				12,856	12,856
Donations to charity		1,552			1,552
	1,000	1,552	13,178	12,856	28,587
Net movement in the year	- 983	477	5,169	34,095	38,758
Opening balance	2,715	584	10,277	16,759	30,335
Closing balance	1,732	1,061	15,446	50,853	69,093

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) for the year ended 31st December 2023

5 Staff costs

The average number of persons employed during the year was 0 ie none (2022: 1).

Trustees' emoluments

No Trustee received any remuneration for services as a Trustee. Trustees received travelling and out of pocket expenses amounting to £nil (2020: £nil) in respect of their duties as Trustees.

6 Analysis of funds

	Balance b/f £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance c/f £
Unrestricted fund	436,559	139,031	(145,503)	430,087
Restricted fund	30,335	67,345	(28,587)	69,093
Total funds	466,894	206,375	(174,090)	499,179

The Unrestricted fund is available for the general purposes of the charity at the sole discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds represent funds received for specified purposes:

7 Analysis of net assets by fund

	Fixed assets £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Net assets £
Unrestricted fund	441,530	10,656	-	452,186
Restricted funds:				
Sacristy	-	1,732	-	1,732
Charities	-	1,061	-	1,061
Choir	-	15,446	-	15,446
Organ	-	50,853	-	50,853
Total	441,530	79,749	-	521,278

Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or that the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or that the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. (The signed copy of the statement is available to view – see the Treasurer.)

Pamela Carragher, Independent Examiner 07/05/2024