

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER'S CHURCH, WELLESBOURNE

England & Wales - Charity number 1143822

Details

Other names ST PETER'S CHURCH, WELLESBOURNE PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2011-09-16

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: GENERAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES USUAL IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Warwickshire

Finances

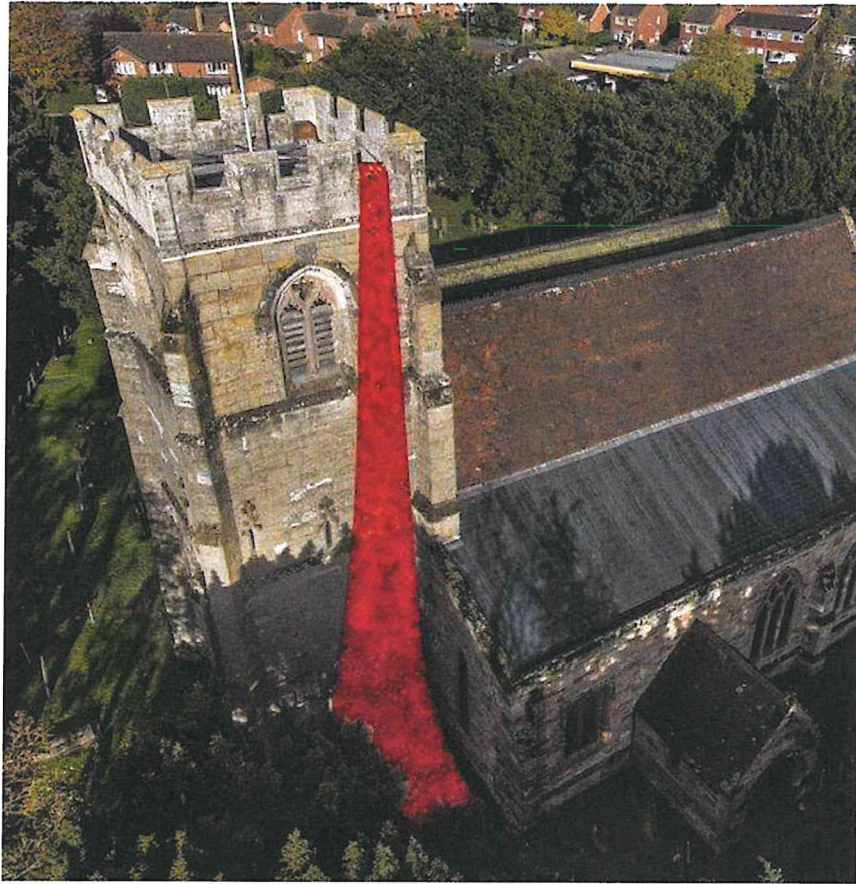
Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£153,480	£172,446	-	-
2024-12-31	£154,797	£192,191	-	-
2023-12-31	£157,628	£181,953	-	-
2022-12-31	£196,176	£151,206	-	-
2021-12-31	£166,484	£142,593	-	-
2020-12-31	£124,167	£140,699	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christine Ann Murphy		2014-04-06
DAVID CLOSE		2015-04-26
Graham Day		2016-04-17
JANET ANN WALLACE		2019-04-28
John Jackson Towers		2017-04-30
Linda Denise Mitchell		2019-04-28
Margaret Howard		2016-04-19
Rev GREGORY BARTLEM		2018-09-17
VERONICA JULIA QUINN		2011-09-16

Accounts

St. Peter's Church, Wellesbourne



SUMMARY REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2025

Vicar:	Revd Greg Bartlem
Churchwardens:	Jann Wallace David Close
Secretary:	Ros Jarrett
Treasurer:	Jann Wallace
Independent Examiner:	Warren Ridgway
Bank	Barclays Bank Ltd. Market Cross, Stratford-upon-Avon
Central Board of Finance	Church of England Funds

Aim and Purposes

St. Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Greg Bartlem, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church, Church Centre and grounds of St. Peter's Church, Church Street, Wellesbourne.

Objectives and Activities

St. Peter's Church aims to be a broad church for everyone in Wellesbourne. Our objectives are to worship God, make new disciples, and transform communities. The PCC maintains an overview of these objectives, seeking to ensure that the activities we offer appeal to a wide variety of Wellesbourne people of all ages, temperaments and backgrounds.

It is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church, Church Centre and grounds to facilitate this work.

Electoral Roll and Attendance

The Church's Electoral Roll is the register of its voting members. As of January 2026 the number on the roll is 124. Church attendance figures were encouraging with new people joining us. Additionally, special services throughout the year, such as Remembrance, Christmas and Easter were well attended.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The pattern of worship and prayer at St Peter's seeks to cater for a wide range of people. Our regular pattern of services, throughout 2025 took the following form:

Sundays	10am Family Communion in Church. 10am Connections: informal, contemporary worship in the Church Centre. (both services moving to 10.30am from September)
	Once a month we aimed to hold a 'Together Service' combining the above congregations.
Tuesdays	Morning Prayer at 9.10am (Until September)
Mondays	Prayers on Toast at 9am in the Vicarage (from September)

St Peter's Church continues to grow with new people joining us during 2025. This has been very encouraging! I am especially thrilled at the large numbers of children attending our midweek groups. Liz our Children's and Families Worker is doing a great job!

The Connections Services (café style services held in our Church Centre) have explored a range of themes this year, combining reflection and discussion with contemporary worship songs, ably led by Richard Bacon and a dedicated team alongside him.

Highpoints of the year included 480 of us, packing out the church for our Crib and Christingle service on Christmas Eve (we will need to split it for 2026!) and the joy of the many School services. I also enjoyed seeing so many of you at our Vicarage Garden Party. The Christmas Fare was also wonderful!

We were also thrilled to begin offering Prayer Ministry regularly, this has been a wonderful opportunity for people to encounter God's love and healing.

Breathe 24 in June, helped us to invest time in prayer whilst we continued to try new ways of connecting with God. The church WhatsApp group continues to be a blessing, enabling us to connect better with each other and God aside from Sundays.

In September, we waved goodbye to Helen Smith, who has served us so well as Curate here. Helen has been a real blessing to us, across virtually every aspect of church life. We do miss her.

This year's Remembrance service, held in the churchyard again attracted a huge attendance, whilst the Poppy Cascade once again brought many visitors into the church building. This is a wonderful community project with the church playing its part.

The church services themselves were supported by Stewart Wallace our Director of Sung Worship, Stewart continues to be a real blessing to us as do Sue Bacon at Connections and the many members of the sung worship teams.

Sadly, the St Peter's Singers came to an end during 2024, we thank everyone who has played their part in this wonderful worshipful ministry. The Dene Singers, blessed us also on a number of occasions, especially at Christmas.

Once again, we thank Jann Wallace who puts together the PowerPoint presentations for each week's service.

Sides Person Report: Over the last 12 months we have had a very good rota of sides people. We gained some new volunteers who can also administer communion and one person stepped down. Many thanks to all the volunteers during 2025. Cyril Loman - Sides person co-ordinator.

Prayer and Pizza: a weekly group for 'Tweenagers' (school years 7-10) continues to help these young people find their own Christian faith. This year we enjoyed using 'The Thrive bus' a specially kitted out dedicated moveable Youth facility.

Prayer and Popcorn, meets on Thursday evenings and is aimed at older Primary school children, numbers were often in the high teens for this.

JAM (Jesus and Me) is a Christian club run by the church and based at the school, again we meet on Thursdays (straight after school) and numbers are in the mid 20s. Thanks so much to Liz and our many wonderful volunteers for taking part in this wonderful outreach.

Prayer Chain: The Prayer Chain consists of a group of people who pray in confidence for those in need. We take calls for the sick, dying and those in various kinds of trouble, both for themselves and on behalf of others. We explain to them that we pray for a week and encourage them to ring again to request more prayer if needed.

The Poppy Cascade: A highpoint of 2025 was the return of the Poppy Cascade, now in its 3rd year. This time around the church was beautifully decorated by the Wellesbourne Crafternoons team, the church was open daily and drew many people once again into the building, where at the weekends they were served hot drinks and cake. Over £1300 was donated to the church through this endeavour. Once again we are most grateful to the team of volunteers who made it happen.

Pastoral Offices: We conducted 6 baptisms, 2 weddings, 24 funerals (9 at the Crematorium and 15 in the church - 12 were burials) during 2025.

Wellesbourne C of E Primary School: St Peter's enjoys a very warm and positive relationship with the school. We supported our school by providing two Foundation Governors (Pam Norton and Greg Bartlem) whilst Greg is also Chair of the Christian Foundation Team, which is a subgroup of the Governors, along with serving as Vice Chair of the Governors.

The school children attended 11 church services at St Peter's during 2025 alongside many Christian assemblies at the school from both the 'Open the Book' team (led by William Howard) and members of the church. With thanks to Liz Host for her work with this.

Discipleship & Pastoral Care

Home Groups: Our Home Groups continue to be an integral part of our church family here at St Peter's and continue to flourish due to the special relationships and trust existing between group members. These groups are a safe space to meet, share fellowship, pray, study, discuss and have fun too. Each group is autonomous, unique, special and the groups themselves decide on their own study material as best suits them. Group members are caring and supportive of each other and confidences, beliefs, doubts and opinions shared remain in the group. "What's shared in group stays in group".

We have 9 home groups, meeting mornings, afternoons and evenings, one of which meets in the one of the local sheltered housing schemes. Our groups are interdenominational, friendly and welcoming.

We are always ready to welcome new group members, so in the first instance please speak to Rev Greg or Linda Mitchell who will find a group for you, or maybe even start another new group. We are mindful to keep the healthy balance of not overloading groups and excited to start growing more new groups as need demands.

Children & Young People

The main church-led provision in school is JAM club (Jesus and Me) which has around 15 members. Liz and Catherine Simms lead the weekly, after-school club comprised of children aged between 7-11 years old. The sessions are interactive and lively; each one includes a song, snack, craft, story, game and finishes with a prayer. It is encouraging to see the children get involved in discussions based around a Bible story and grow in their knowledge of Christianity. In addition, though, the club provides a safe space for the children to bring their questions and prayer requests. Several times a year, the members of JAM club are involved within church services and really enjoy leading prayers or presenting a Bible based drama.

Prayer and Popcorn is a group that meets on Thursday evenings during term-time. There are around 14 young people (Years 5, 6 and 7) currently involved on a weekly basis. The sessions are led by Liz and volunteers from the church community. Each session includes a faith-based story and discussion, with a focus on themes relevant to this age group. Games and snacks are also important elements of the session and we finish each evening with prayers; these are often led by the children. Members of the group were involved in the Crib service and enjoyed performing an interactive version of 12 Days of Christmas to the congregation.

Prayer and Pizza is a group that meets on Wednesday evenings during term-time. There are around 12 members who attend on a regular basis aged between 11-14 years old. The sessions are very active and revolve around games played inside the church centre and outside on the paddock (during warmer weather). We have also enjoyed the Thrive Youth Bus and fire pits as part of our winter time activities (Oct – Feb). Food is always enjoyed and we try and say a prayer at the end where the young people can pray or be led in prayer by a leader.

Stay and Play/Praise offers weekly provision for families with pre-school aged children to enjoy community. Margaret Howard and the team of volunteers are integral to this ministry, providing a warm welcome to local families. Liz has started an additional monthly service (Stay and Praise) in church to encourage families into the building. Meeting at 1pm (on the 1st Sunday of the month), the families meet to hear a story, play a game, sing and pray together. After which, they go over to the church centre for Stay and Play. Sessions involve snacks, songs, play-based activities and hot drinks for adults. New families are always joining, having heard about the group through word-of-mouth or Facebook.

Our Open the Book (OTB) team brings engaging and interactive Bible stories into the primary school. The dramas are enjoyed by children and teachers who always look forward to seeing the keen actors dressing up in imaginative costumes and wielding a variety of props. Feedback from staff and pupils is especially positive and OTB performances never fail to bring memorable moments during Collective Worship. In addition to the OTB assemblies, Greg and Liz visit the primary schools regularly to lead collective worship for the children and staff.

Lego Church has been running for a year now and is a provision for the Lego building community! We meet on the 4th Sunday of every month and at our last session we had 25 children and 15 adults attend. Sessions run in the Carr Room but may need to move to the Quinn Room if numbers continue to increase. At present, Liz runs the session alone but is looking for volunteers to join the sessions. The children enjoy building Lego creations around a theme, working alone, with an adult, in pairs or groups. Snacks and drinks are available for everyone. To end the session, children bring their Lego creations into the Connections service where they do a show-and-tell. The congregation are always very encouraging and enjoy seeing what's been built. We join together in a prayer to end the session.

Mothers Union: Our 2025 meetings commenced in January with our AGM and we have met each month in the year since then. We have been busy with other projects including Mothering Sunday when we provided and supplied a selection of plants and chocolates to be given to Coffee Tots mums by their children. We also provided funds, raised by our Church stall, for the purchase of pizzas and craft items for members of our church Prayer and Pizza group.

For the ninth year running The Heart of England Cycle Club asked us to provide for sale, cakes and savoury snack plus hot and cold drinks which raised monies for MU funds. We received a letter from the cycle club expressing their thanks with a further donation of £40 for MU funds.

Our Deanery lunch in August, which has now become an annual event, included members from Wellesbourne, Barford, Shottery, Kineton and Newbold on Stour. Karen Morris our Diocesan President was also in attendance at the lunch, a good time seemed to be had by all attendees.

MU had its usual stall at the Christmas Fair full of craft items, cakes, marmalade, chutneys, and much more. Everyone enjoyed the occasion with plenty of opportunity for members to do some Christmas shopping.

This year we again supported the Community Fund by providing Christmas goodies which were distributed to vulnerable people and people who are on their own in the Wellesbourne area. Our congregation of St Peter's supported us and was very generous in giving many Christmas items and food goodies.

We provided two large Christmas hampers for Coffee Tots to give to mums with children who have very little.

We also provided crackers and table decorations, as last year, for them to have a traditional Christmas lunch which was held prior to Christmas Day. Presents and much more were also given for families in need. A hamper was made up of Christmas food and goodies and was given to a St Peter's family in need.

All the Christmas food and hampers were blessed by the Rev Greg at the Mothers 'Union service on Advent Sunday in December. Our Wellesbourne branch Christmas carol service was held at The Vicarage by the kind invitation of Rev Greg and Catherine. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Our sales table at the back of the church still very popular our takings increased significantly particularly at the time of the poppy cascade catering, so during the year we have been able to support the prayer and pizza by £300, we paid for the crackers for the Coffee Tots Christmas meal, £50 was spent on plants and chocolates for Mothering Sunday for children to give to their mums at Coffee Tots.

We also supported St Peter's by the giving of £200 and the Mothers 'Union work by £200.

I would like to thank members for serving tea, coffee and biscuits at each meeting, finally I would like to thank everyone who has supported during the last year and giving their time to the Mothers 'Union. Veronica Quinn.

Home Communion: Home Communion visits are made to members of our congregation who are unable physically to attend communion services at St Peter's Church and are served by a team of nine people which includes the clergy. We also continue to offer communion services at both Lawrence Mackie House and Ettington Lodge sheltered housing scheme during the second week of every month.

Community Support

Wendy Biddington led on this valuable work in 2025 and we are most grateful for her compassion towards some of the most vulnerable people in our village. Wendy's update is below:

Community support is incredibly important for the vulnerable in our village. It is such a privilege to share the love of Jesus through listening, kindness, compassion and generosity and my thanks to all the volunteers who help in any of the initiatives below.

Community fund: With confidentiality in mind you don't hear much about this work which can involve delivering furniture, buying a winter coat or white goods, a bike or other essentials. Our designated phone for referrals is 07351 946442. Anne Penfold has now taken over this work and will be building a team and working in partnership with other agencies.

Foodbank: We collected 4260.64kg in Wellesbourne. This provided food and other items to 330 adults and 194 children which was an increase of approximately 25% in activity. This included a number of homeless people – some living rough. At Christmas we gave out 62 hampers but had to buy in quite a lot of food for these. Our thanks to all those who made donations into foodbank over the year – it really is appreciated. We are now only open on a Friday but offer a delivery service on a Monday for those who cannot collect their food box. This is working well. Our designated phone number for referrals is 07581 297197

Ettington Lodge: Sadly the dementia café on a Monday has now closed so we can no longer link in with them for festival times. Instead this Christmas we offered a carol service to all the residents with coffee and mincepies which was appreciated by those who came. There is a small group who come to the Holy Communion service and the home group Bible study. This year the collections were given to foodbank

Wellesbourne and Walton Community Cares (WW-CC): The holiday at home scheme held in the Bowls Club imagined we were in Italy. Eurostar tickets were issued at the door, a short walk down the corridor and folk arrived in Italy! Food, activities, quizzes and games all reflected the theme. OSCARS continued at Easter, summer and Christmas and the format of quiz, 'Ritzzy' tea followed by entertainment worked well. Transport will be a future challenge with Backnforth no longer in operation. All these events are free so we do have to look at fund raising through grants, raffles at our events and the Santa sleigh collection at Sainsburys as well as the sleigh round the village. Do look on our website - <https://www.ww-cc.co.uk> as this is now updated regularly with photos and news.

Meet&Eat: This year we met every Wednesday 12-1.30pm in the Methodist Hall except Christmas Eve. Special meals were provided for Valentine's Day, Easter, harvest and Christmas and these were free of charge. During Lent we supported an organisation providing homes in Africa. Christmas Day lunch did go ahead this year with a new person organising it not associated with Meet&Eat and 22 people enjoyed a wonderful lunch plus three others had a meal delivered to their home.

Plans for 2026: It would be lovely to continue all these initiatives but it does rely on teams of volunteers. No one is expected to turn up every week so volunteering is manageable with people's busy lives. If you would like to more about any of these please contact Wendy on 01789 840953 or w.nbiddington701@outlook.com

Mission Partners: St Peters Church continued to support 3 charities in 2025. These were Flourish, a Leamington based teenage girl's project, the Wellesbourne Dementia Café and Coffee Tots which is based in Coventry.

Friends of St. Peter's: In 2024 we continued to provide the brunch breakfasts on a monthly basis which have proved to be very popular and are growing in size. The Friends also provided refreshments at the Community Fayre in September and at St Peter's Christmas Fair. We are always looking for new members to increase our team.

Facilities/Premises

The Fabric Committee: The Fabric Committee met four times during the year where they discussed issues relating to the Church building and the Churchyard.

Premises: The pressure unit was replaced in 2025 which has solved the heating issues but has not solved the underlying problem of loss of water from the system where no one has come up yet with a suggestion as to where the loss is taking place. It might even be possibly outside the church building.

An energy audit was carried out by colleagues from the Diocese that recommended replacing the current heating system with under pew heating and infrared heating. The building manager and David Close are arranging visits to other churches to see how these systems function.

The building manager carried out a test of cold spots in the church using equipment loaned from the Parish Council. It would appear that the images show that the cold spots are evident on every window and on every door space making it very difficult to assess what could be done to significantly reduce draughts throughout the church, despite a small grant being available to prevent the draughts. As part of energy saving, a small group from the PCC has been set up to look at ways in which costs can be managed.

A rationalisation of the church equipment as part of the asset register is virtually complete and a stock check will be carried out during 2026.

The site manager and David Close have been discussing placing plaques on backs of chairs to be offered to the church and the village community as a fundraising opportunity for a minimum donation.

Drainage from the roof of the church has found to be prevented in some areas by severe blockages in the hoppers and downpipes. The issue is ongoing.

Churchyard: The snowdrops have flowered profusely in the old churchyard giving a magnificent display along with some early primroses and crocuses.

The Churchyard continues to be well maintained and much appreciated by many families. We are grateful to the Parish Council for arranging and paying for some of the grass cutting. Burials and interments of ashes continued in the new churchyard extension.

Terry Hobbs and Michael Dane thoroughly pruned the copper beech hedge which divides the old and new churchyard. The tree branches along the public footpath and a dead tree by the northern boundary were removed.

At the end of the year, the grass cutting budget was being reviewed with a view to the number of cuts being reduced in 2026.

Michael Dane completed a survey of the number of grave spaces available in the new churchyard, with present use the churchyard may be full in 5 years. Discussions have been started with the Diocese on how to proceed once the new churchyard is full.

Aylworth Tomb: Work is being done to find grants to fund the complete restoration and repair of the tomb. Quotes for a repair have been received from two companies.

Once again the poppy cascade proved to be very successful, raising money for local charities and church funds.

No issues were reported in 2025 regarding anti-social behaviour during the school holidays.

The Church Centre: The Church Centre Committee met three times during 2025.

The Church Centre lettings have been quite steady during the year, however we do have some spare capacity. The centre is now in a better situation at the end of the year after closing for the pandemic, but the tremendous rise in utilities and costs generally has been a key factor regarding our full recovery.

The committee decided not to increase the hire charges during 2025, these rates however will be monitored and reviewed at our committee meetings, particularly in the face of competition from other venues in the village which includes the new Parish Council community hub. We consider that the Church Centre hire rates give good value for all hirers.

The centre is generally well serviced and maintained and a good venue for all. Our cleaner is now in her eighth year and cleans the centre for about 8 to 9 hours per week.

Bell Ringing: Our weekly Practice on Thursday evenings continued to be a success, we have a good regular band turn up to ring. We also have our very faithful local regular Sunday morning ringers who ring from 10.00 until 10.25am

Our practice night is on Thursdays 7.30pm until 9.00pm

We do need new recruits or people who have learnt to ring and would like to have another go, St Peter's bells are a fairly light ring and are easy going, they suit anyone from the age of 12 years if you want to know more come and have a chat, please do get in touch with Peter Quinn peterquinn22@gmail.com or telephone 07785793500

We ring for all special occasions such as weddings, Royal occasions and special church services.

Our band is closely associated with the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers and the Four Shires Guild of Bell Ringers, these guilds hold regular practice meetings at Wellesbourne they also hold more or less a practice every week of the year, they also have a series of social events during the year.

Communications

Church Website: The Church website www.stpeterswellesbourne.org.uk had a new home page this year and further changes are planned to make it more friendly. It is updated each week with the Weekly Newsletter and events are updated as they are planned. The website continues to get about five visits a day; the main pages visited are the Church Centre, Contact Details and Diary, Events and Socials.

The Wellesbourne and Walton News: The Parish Council have now taken over the running of the W&WN. The church continues to contribute £2000 a year and have a guaranteed two pages in the magazine. Linda Dane also continues to prepare these two pages. The content of the magazine continued to flourish with contributions coming from all sectors of the community. We are most grateful to everyone who volunteers towards the WVN but in particular Michael and Linda Dane.

Volunteers

We are very grateful to a myriad of volunteers who undertook tasks which kept the church going throughout 2025. The church is also most grateful to our vergers Michael Dane, Cyril Loman and Pam Garnett along with all the other members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for keeping the church running.

Churchwardens: Jann Wallace and David Close served us faithfully as Churchwardens during what proved to be a stable and encouraging year.

The Inventory, Logbook and Terrier have been kept up to date, and the various works undertaken have been recorded and reported in the Fabric Report to the PCC.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Peter's, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (the vicar), churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of different congregations are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

St. Peter's is registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission (Charity Number 1143822). This report is submitted to the Charity Commission each year.

The PCC met five times during the year. In addition, the APCM was held on the 6th April. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of Committees each dealing with a particular aspect of our parish life. These Committees which include Church Centre and Fabric are responsible to the PCC and report back to it,

with minutes of their deliberations and recommendations being received by the full PCC and discussed and approved as appropriate.

Deanery Synod provides a link between the parish and the rest of the deanery and beyond to the wider diocese.

Safeguarding: Under the leadership of Pat Clarke, Safeguarding continues to be taken seriously at St Peter's. Staff and volunteers undertake training (where appropriate to the role) which is available online. Our Safeguarding Officer reported to PCC meetings via the Safeguarding dashboard which gives us an update of what areas of our work need further action such as adopting new policies, training or changing what we do. We have continued with a voluntary contact list for congregation members who might wish us to contact their families in case of an emergency.

The Church Office: Our Administrator Ros Jarrett provided administrative support to St Peter's for 16 hours a week.

The Ministry Support Team: co-ordinates the ministry of St Peter's under the leadership of the Vicar. Core members in 2025 were the Revd Helen Smith (until September) Lynn Darby, Jann Wallace, David Close and Ian Host.

This team met regularly to worship, to ensure the smooth running of church services and events, and ensure pastoral care is in place where most needed.

"St. Peter's Wellesbourne, inspired by Jesus to forgive, encourage and serve"

Administrative Information

St. Peter's Church is situated in Church Street, Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9LS. It is part of the Diocese of Coventry and the Fosse Deanery, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Church Street, Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9LS.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2017) and a registered charity with the Charity Commission (Charity Number 1143822).

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent	Reverend Greg Bartlem	Chairman
Curate	Reverend Helen Smith (until September 2025)	
Wardens	Mrs Jann Wallace	
	Mr David Close - Vice Chairman	

Deanery Synod	Mrs Margaret Howard
	Mr Ian Host
	Mrs Jann Wallace

Elected members:	Mrs Veronica Quinn
	Mr Cyril Loman
	Mrs Christine Murphy
	Mrs Fiona Unsworth (until April 2025)
	Mr Graham Day
	Mr Jackson Towers
	Mrs Linda Mitchell (until April)
	Mrs Jan Willows
	Mrs Lynn Darby
	Mrs Alison Lusty (from April)
	Mrs Anne Penfold (from April 2025)
	Mrs Sue Henderson (from April 2025)
	Mr Michael Crocker (from April 2025)

Minutes Secretary:	Mrs Linda Dane (non-voting)
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Secretary:	Mrs Ros Jarrett (non-voting)
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Financial Review

The net result for the year on all funds was an excess of payments over receipts of £18,966 (2024: £37,394). On restricted funds there was a surplus of receipts over payments of £6,594; the deficit on unrestricted funds was, therefore, £25,560.

Planned giving reduced slightly from £65,181 in 2024 to £64,591 in 2025, whilst other/ad hoc giving increased from £14,904 in 2024 to £22,313 in 2025, mostly due to a gift day in February which raised almost £2,000, and grants received: £3,328 from the Deanery, £2,000 from the John James trust towards to cost of the children and families' worker, £750 towards the cost of the Thrive Youth Bus, £1,750 towards the repair of the Aylworth Tomb and £437 from Wellesbourne Parish Council for the servicing of the church clock. Two bequests totalling £2,100 were received in the year. Gift Aid recovered is lower in the year due to the timing of claims submitted. A claim for Gift Aid for 2025 was submitted in February 2026 and £4,410 received in March 2026.

Adding together the bank and deposit balances, the total carried forward in unrestricted funds at 31 December reduced to £104,007 (2024: £129,567). Of this, £26,249 (2024: £22,901) is designated for the Church Centre, repair of the Aylworth Tomb and St Peter's Friends.

Fundraising was again successful in 2025. Once again, one of the highlights of the year was the busy and successful Christmas Fair held in December which raised another record total of £3,028. The Friends of St Peter's continued to hold Saturday morning brunches in August, October, November and December which raised a total of £685. Other fundraising for the year included a concert in the church which raised £130, a concert recital which raised £301, and a quiz night in the Church Centre, raising £145. A stand at the Community Fayre raised £300. The Mother's Union have a table at the back of church where they raise funds by selling produce such as cakes, marmalade and jam, and handmade cards/craft items. From these funds, they donated £200 to St Peter's in 2025 for which we are very grateful. We also received a very generous donation of £1,300 from the funds raised by the Poppy Cascade.

£106,853 was spent from the unrestricted funds to provide the Christian Ministry from St Peter's Church, including our contribution of £65,000 to the diocesan share which largely provides the stipendiary costs and housing for clergy. The costs of the Families' Worker are included in the Christian Ministry figure. This post was funded by a very generous legacy received in 2022. There was no restriction on the use of this legacy and the PCC were in favour of funding children and family work at St Peter's, in Wellesbourne Primary School and in the wider community.

No expenses were claimed by any PCC member for attending meetings during the year (2024: £0).

The PCC does not act as custodian trustee for any other charity.

Reserves Policy

Restricted Reserves

The Carr Fund Restricted Reserve is held to cover the cost of maintaining the Carr graves in perpetuity (£10,000) with the remainder held to be used as the PCC determines. To date it has been held for fabric issues for the church and churchyard.

Other restricted reserves are set up as a result of specific criteria by the giver such that they can only be spent in a very restricted manner.

Unrestricted Reserves

Unrestricted reserves are held to cover costs that may arise that cannot be met out of annual income flows. This amount represents a minimum of the running costs for six months for the church and the church centre as

currently operated (excluding the parish share which it is assumed is covered by giving). This cash buffer represents funds in the respective current and deposit accounts at a point in time.

Designated Reserves

Designated reserves are funds set up by the PCC out of unrestricted funds and can be added back into the unrestricted funds at any time. As they are wholly within the control of the PCC they are regarded as a special type of unrestricted fund.

Going Concern

The PCC has considered the issue of the charity continuing as a going concern and concluded that the charity can continue for the foreseeable future.

Approved by the PCC on 26 April 2026 and signed on their behalf

by Reverend Greg Bartlem (PCC Chair)

Signed  G. Bartlem ,



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WELLESBOURNE		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2025	Charity no (if any)	1143822
	Set out on pages 14-18		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

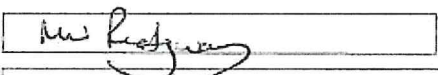
Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

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

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

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

Signed:  Date: 14th April 2026

Name: Michael Warren Ridgway

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): A.C.M.A.

Address: 63, Warwick Road, Wellesbourne, Warwick CV35 9UB

St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned giving		64,591	-	64,591	65,181
Collections at Services		4,084	-	4,084	1,504
Bequests/one-off donation		2,100	-	2,100	2,057
All Other Giving/Voluntary Receipts	5a	15,106	7,207	22,313	14,904
Gift Aid Recovered		13,904	-	13,904	16,391
		<u>99,785</u>	<u>7,207</u>	<u>106,922</u>	<u>100,037</u>
Activities for Generating Funds	5b	28,320	-	28,320	32,743
Investment Income	5c	4,974	1,538	6,512	9,266
Church Activities	5d	9,876	1,472	11,348	8,350
Listed Places of Worship VAT recovered	5e	308	-	308	4,401
Total Receipts		<u>143,263</u>	<u>10,217</u>	<u>153,480</u>	<u>154,797</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities:					
Parish share		65,000	-	65,000	60,912
Clergy and Staffing expenses		13,325	-	13,325	12,944
Church Running Expenses	5f	59,470	570	60,040	84,623
Church Centre Running Costs	5g	21,040	-	21,040	18,183
Mission giving and Donations	5h	6,810	3,053	9,863	11,116
Costs of Generating Funds	5i	3,178	-	3,178	4,413
Total payments		<u>168,823</u>	<u>3,623</u>	<u>172,446</u>	<u>192,191</u>
(Excess) of Payments/receipts		<u>(25,560)</u>	<u>6,594</u>	<u>(18,966)</u>	<u>(37,394)</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand 1st January		<u>129,567</u>	<u>52,930</u>	<u>182,497</u>	<u>219,891</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand 31st December		<u>104,007</u>	<u>59,525</u>	<u>163,532</u>	<u>182,497</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Bank Current Account General	2,661	23,654	26,315	29,689
Bank Current Account Church Centre	5,610	-	5,610	7,953
CBF Deposit: Carr Fund	-	35,871	35,871	34,003
CBF Deposit: Church	77,517	-	77,517	93,411
CBF Deposit: Church Centre	17,969	-	17,969	17,191
Petty cash	200	-	200	200
Maintenance Float	50	-	50	50
	<u>104,007</u>	<u>59,525</u>	<u>163,532</u>	<u>182,497</u>
Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid Recoverable	<u>3,883</u>	<u>527</u>	<u>4,410</u>	<u>2,307</u>
Assets Retained for Church Use: Church Centre at cost		<u>258,881</u>	<u>258,881</u>	<u>258,881</u>
Liabilities				
Fees owed to Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance	217	-	217	888
Clergy Expenses	-	-	-	320
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,208</u>

Notes

1. The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis.
2. Asset retained for Church use is the Church Centre at cost basis. The Church Centre and contents are valued at £3,660,000 for insurance purposes.
3. St Peter's church and contents are valued at £14,630,000 for insurance purposes.
4. The movements in the designated and restricted funds during the year were:

Designated Funds	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Organ and Music Fund	3,443	-	3,443	0
St Peter's Friends Fund	4,458	884	93	5,249
Aylworth Tomb	-	6,000	-	6,000
Church Centre Reserve	15,000	-	-	15,000
	<u>22,901</u>	<u>6,884</u>	<u>3,536</u>	<u>26,249</u>

Fund Descriptions:

The Organ and Music Fund was used in the year to help towards payment of the organist's salary.

St Peter's Friends is a group which raises funds for the church through various activities such as serving Saturday morning brunches to the community.

The Aylworth Tomb Fund consists of an amount set aside for the repair of the structure as agreed by the PCC.

The *Church Centre Reserve* is set aside for major repairs and maintenance to the centre.

Restricted Funds		Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Community Benevolent Fund		9,837	1,764	570	11,031
Fabric Fund (Carr Bequest)		34,333	1,538	-	35,871
Memorial Wall	5a	5,105	1,472	270	6,307
Meet & Eat		1,954	1,976	2,183	1,747
Foodbank		701	809	300	1,210
Youth & Childrens' Ministry		-	750	300	450
Collection for other charities		-	159	-	-
Aylworth Tomb		1,000	1,750	-	2,750
		<u>52,930</u>	<u>10,218</u>	<u>3,623</u>	<u>59,366</u>

Fund Descriptions:

The Community Benevolent Fund exists to help individuals and families in crisis through the provision of such items as white goods, furniture, clothing and petrol vouchers as a short term measure.

The Fabric Fund from the Carr Bequest is partly to cover the cost of maintaining the Carr graves in perpetuity (£10,000), with the remainder held for use as the PCC determines. To date it has been held for fabric issues for the church and churchyard.

The Memorial Wall Fund holds monies paid in advance for inscriptions on the Memorial Wall for ashes interred in St Peter's churchyard.

The Foodbank Fund exists to help individuals and families in crisis through the provision of carefully selected emergency food supplies as a short term measure.

The Youth & Childrens' Ministry Fund was created due to a grant from the Boyse Trust to fund the use of Coventry Diocese's Thrive Youth Bus. The grant was for £750, of which £300 was spent in the year.

The Aylworth Tomb fund is the result of a grant received during the year towards the repair of the Aylworth Tomb situated in St Peter's churchyard.

5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts				
Donations	9,341	4,548	13,889	13,904
Collections for Other Charities	-	159	159	-
Grants	5,765	2,500	8,265	1,000
	15,106	7,207	22,313	14,904
b) Activities for generating funds				
Church Rental Income	1,740	-	1,740	1,179
Church Centre Income	19,858	-	19,858	23,161
Fundraising	5,949	-	5,949	4,932
Other Income	773	-	773	3,472
	28,320	-	28,320	32,744
c) Investment Income				
Dividends	89	-	89	152
Interest	4,885	1,538	6,423	9,114
	4,974	1,538	6,512	9,266
Interest is earned on monies invested in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. Dividends are paid from shares held in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund – Income Shares accounts. Investment income on the Carr Bequest fund has been taken into the restricted funds analysis – see note 4.				
d) Church Activities				
Fees paid to PCC for Wedding, Funerals etc	9,876	-	9,876	8,055
Memorial Wall	-	1,472	1,472	295
	9,876	1,472	11,348	8,350
e) VAT recovered via LPW initiative	308	-	308	4,401


Payments		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
f)	Church running expenses	£	£	£	£
	Office expenses, telephone etc	2,579	-	2,579	2,452
	Worship materials, music and organists	7,374	-	7,374	8,289
	Special services and events	1,381	-	1,381	1,908
	Church Maintenance and Repairs	10,606	-	10,606	7,232
	Churchyard Maintenance	7,457	-	7,457	6,798
	Churchyard Survey	-	-	-	1,530
	Utilities and Insurance	12,880	-	12,880	16,183
	Refurbishment of organ	-	-	-	21,126
	Memorial Wall	-	270	270	-
	Children & Youth Ministry	17,193	300	17,493	19,105
		59,470	570	60,040	84,623

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
g)	Church Centre Running Costs	£	£	£	£
	Maintenance and Administration	4,223	-	4,223	823
	Utilities and insurance	10,373	-	10,373	10,364
	Cleaning	6,444	-	6,444	6,996
		21,040	-	21,040	18,183

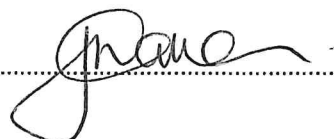
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
h)	Mission Giving and Donations	£	£	£	£
	Payments to Mission Partners	6,510	-	6,510	6,288
	Payments to Other Charities and Mission	300	3,053	3,353	4,828
		6,810	3,053	9,863	11,116

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
i)	Costs of Generating Funds	£	£	£	£
	Church Rental Costs	360	-	360	295
	Fundraising Costs	818	-	818	319
	Cost of pages in Wellesbourne & Walton News	2,000	-	2,000	-
	Printing Costs - Wellesbourne and Walton News	-	-	-	3,799
		3,178	-	3,178	4,413

Approved by PCC on 26 April 2026 and signed by:

 G. Bartlem

Revd Greg Bartlem, Chair PCC



J A Wallace, Treasurer & Churchwarden

Accounts

St. Peter's Church, Wellesbourne



SUMMARY REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024

Vicar:	Revd Greg Bartlem
Churchwardens:	Jann Wallace David Close (from April 2024)
Secretary:	Ros Jarrett
Treasurer:	Jann Wallace
Independent Examiner:	Warren Ridgway
Bank	Barclays Bank Ltd. Market Cross, Stratford-upon-Avon
Central Board of Finance	Church of England Funds

Aim and Purposes

St. Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Greg Bartlem, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church, Church Centre and grounds of St. Peter's Church, Church Street, Wellesbourne.

Objectives and Activities

St. Peter's Church aims to be a broad church for everyone in Wellesbourne. Our objectives are to worship God, make new disciples, and transform communities. The PCC maintains an overview of these objectives, seeking to ensure that the activities we offer appeal to a wide variety of Wellesbourne people of all ages, temperaments and backgrounds.

It is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church, Church Centre and grounds to facilitate this work.

Electoral Roll and Attendance

The Church's Electoral Roll is the register of its voting members. As of January 2025 the number on the roll is 138. Church attendance figures were encouraging with new people joining us. Additionally, special services throughout the year, such as Remembrance, Christmas and Easter were well attended.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The pattern of worship and prayer at St Peter's seeks to cater for a wide range of people. Our regular pattern of services, throughout 2024 took the following form:

Sundays	10am Family Communion in Church. 10am Connections: informal, contemporary worship in the Church Centre. Once a month we aimed to hold a 'Together Service' combining the above congregations.
Tuesdays	Morning Prayer at 9.10am
Monthly	'Fuel' Holy Spirit Encounter evenings (Until August)

St Peter's Church continues to grow with new people joining us during 2024. This has been very encouraging! Connections Services have explored a range of themes this year, combining reflection and discussion with contemporary worship songs, led by our dedicated team.

Highpoints of the year included 369 of us packing out the church for our Crib and Christingle service on Christmas Eve, and the joy of the many School services.

We were thrilled to begin offering Prayer Ministry once more, this has been a wonderful opportunity for people to encounter God's love and healing.

Breathe 24 in October, offered us a great opportunity to invest time together in prayer whilst we continued to try new ways of connecting with God.

The church WhatsApp group continues to be a blessing, enabling us to connect better with each other and God aside from on Sundays.

In July we celebrated the ordination of Helen Smith as Priest, Helen is a real blessing to us.

Our Remembrance service, held in the churchyard attracted a huge attendance, whilst the Poppy Cascade once again brought many visitors into the church building. This is a wonderful community project with the church playing its part.

The church services themselves were ably supported by Jackson Towers, the Director of Music and Organist, who retired from the role at the end of September. We are thrilled that Jackson and Jude remain part of our church family.

Jackson's replacement, Stewart Wallace is already proving to be a popular addition to the team; he is a gifted worship leader. We are also blessed with a great team of musicians, including Helen. Thank you all!

Sadly, the St Peter's Singers came to an end during 2024 and we thank everyone who has played their part in this wonderful worshipful ministry.

St Peter's has, though, been blessed by the new Dene Singers (a group affiliated to the church and led by Tim and Wendy Scott). They have sung in the church at a number of our services.

Once again, we thank Jann Wallace who puts together the PowerPoint presentations for each week's service.

Sides Person Report: Over the last 12 months we have had a very good rota of sides people. We gained some new volunteers who can also administer communion and one person stepped down. Many thanks to all the volunteers during 2024. Cyril Loman - Sides person co-ordinator.

Prayer and Pizza: a weekly group for 'Tweenagers' (school years 7-9) continues to help these young people find their own Christian faith. Numbers fluctuated throughout the year.

Prayer and Popcorn, was launched during the year. This meets on Thursday evenings and is aimed at older Primary school children. Numbers were often in the high teens for this.

The Young People made a great gospel contribution to our Crib and Christingle service via a wonderful talent show.

JAM (Jesus and Me) is a Christian club run by the church and based at the school. Again, we meet on Thursdays (straight after school) and numbers are in the mid twenties. Thanks so much to Liz, Helen and our many wonderful volunteers for taking part in this wonderful outreach.

Prayer Chain: The Prayer Chain consists of a group of people who pray in confidence for those in need. We take calls for the sick, dying and those in various kinds of trouble, both for themselves and on behalf of others. We explain to them that we pray for a week and encourage them to ring again to request more prayer if needed.

Discipleship & Pastoral Care

Home Groups: Our Home Groups continue to be an integral part of our church family here at St Peter's and continue to flourish due to the special relationships and trust existing between group members. These groups are a safe space to meet, share fellowship, pray, study, discuss and have fun too. Each group is autonomous, unique, special and the groups themselves decide on their own study material as best suits them. Group members are caring and supportive of each other and confidences, beliefs, doubts and opinions shared remain in the group. "What's shared in group stays in group".

We have had home groups at St Peter's for about 15 years now starting with just two. At last year's Annual Report we totalled 8 groups and I am very pleased to report that we have just started our 9th group. One of our Home Groups meets in one of our village's Sheltered Housing complexes and our groups are also interdenominational in membership. Our Home Groups contributed some really beautiful prayer stations at last year's Breathe 24. During Lent and Advent, the opportunity to attend a Church-Wide Study Group / course was also well-received.

We are always ready to welcome new group members, so in the first instance please speak to Rev Greg or Linda Mitchell who will find a group for you, or maybe even start another new group. We are mindful to keep the healthy balance of not overloading groups and excited to start growing more new groups as need demands.

Children & Young People

The main church-led provision in school is **JAM club** (Jesus and Me) which has gone from 7 to 21 members this year. Liz and Helen lead the weekly, after-school club comprised of children aged between 7-11 years old. The sessions are interactive and lively; each one includes a song, snack, craft, story, game and finishes with a prayer. It is encouraging to see the children get involved in discussions based around a Bible story and grow in their knowledge of Christianity. In addition, though, the club provides a safe space for the children to bring their questions and prayer requests. Several times a year, the members of JAM club are involved within church services and really enjoy leading prayers or presenting a Bible based drama.

Prayer and Popcorn is a group that meets on Thursday evenings during term-time. There are around 14 young people (Years 5 and 6) currently involved on a weekly basis. The sessions are led by Liz and volunteers from the church community. Each session includes a faith-based story and discussion, with a focus on themes relevant to this age group. Games and snacks are also important elements of the session and we finish each evening with prayers; these are often led by the children. Members of the group were involved in the Crib service and enjoyed performing a drama to the congregation. This group has only been running since September and is an exciting and popular new addition to the church provision for young people.

Prayer and Pizza is a group that meets on Wednesday evenings during term-time. There are around 8 members who attend on a regular basis aged between 11-14 years old. The sessions are very active and revolve around games played inside the church centre and outside on the paddock (during warmer weather). We have a short devotional time, food and prayers at the end where the young people can pray or be led in prayer by a leader. Liz, Catherine and Jordan are the current leaders and are actively recruiting others to join the leadership team in order for the sessions to continue. Prayer and Pizza hasn't had a meeting since Christmas as we don't have enough adults to run the sessions. We will be meeting with the parents and youth later this month to ask for their input on planning and staffing future sessions.

Little Angels offers provision for families with pre-school aged children to enjoy community. Margaret Howard has run the weekly Monday session with the help of 6 very valuable volunteers on a rota basis for several years for which we are very grateful. Liz has recently joined in with sessions to make links with local families, specifically those with older siblings at the primary school. Sessions involve snacks, songs, play-based activities and hot drinks for adults. The group offers a warm welcome to families and a safe, enjoyable atmosphere for young children and their carers, increasingly grandparents holding the fort, with many mums needing to return to work. Numbers have increased recently to around 10 families which makes for a happy buzz.

Our **Open the Book (OTB)** team brings engaging and interactive Bible stories into the primary school. The dramas are enjoyed by children and teachers who always look forward to seeing the keen actors dressing up in imaginative costumes and wielding a variety of props. Feedback from staff and pupils is especially positive and OTB performances never fail to bring memorable moments during Collective Worship. In addition to the OTB assemblies, Greg, Helen and Liz visit the primary schools regularly to lead collective worship for the children and staff.

The **Family services and Connections** offer provision for families on Sunday mornings. Attendance amongst families with children is varied but on average there are around 5-6 regular children. Liz or Catherine offer an activity time with the children in attendance and the service is accessible for all ages. The new family service will bring more opportunity for families with young children to become involved in times of worship on Sunday morning.

Mothers Union: Our 2024 meetings commenced in January with our AGM and we have met each month in the year since then. We have been busy with other projects including Mothering Sunday when we provided and supplied a selection of plants and chocolates to be given to Coffee Tots mums by their children. We also provided funds, raised by our Church stall, for the purchase of pizzas and craft items for members of our church Prayer and Pizza group.

For the eighth year running The Heart of England Cycle Club asked us to provide cakes and savoury snacks for sale, plus hot and cold drinks, which raised £275 for MU funds. We received a letter from the cycle club expressing their thanks with a further donation of £40 for MU funds.

In April we were encouraged to raise money for work overseas to help with education and to help with setting up agricultural ventures. We held a coffee morning in church where we raised £250; we added a further £100 from our funds so we were able to send £350 to support these projects.

Our Deanery lunch in August, which has become an annual event, included members from Wellesbourne, Barford, Shottery, Kineton and Newbold on Stour. Karen Morris our Diocesan President was also in attendance at the lunch. A good time seemed to be had by all attendees.

We hosted two further MU Diocesan events: a quiet day in June with Charmaine Host leading, then in October a Diocesan member's day lunch with 70 attending.

MU had its usual stall at the Christmas Fair full of craft items, cakes, marmalade, chutneys, and much more. Everyone enjoyed the occasion with plenty of opportunity for members to do some Christmas shopping. From our sales we were able to give St Peter's Church £100 and had a further £245 into our funds.

This year we again supported the Community Fund by providing Christmas goodies which were distributed to vulnerable people, and people who are on their own in the Wellesbourne area. The congregation of St Peter's supported us and was very generous in giving many Christmas items and food goodies.

We provided two large Christmas hampers for Coffee Tots to give to mums with children who have very little. We also provided crackers and table decorations, as last year, for them to have a traditional Christmas lunch which was held prior to Christmas Day. Presents and much more were also given for families in need. A hamper of Christmas food and goodies was made up and given to a St Peter's family in need. All the Christmas food and hampers were blessed by the Rev Greg at the Mothers' Union service on Advent Sunday in December. During the service it was a pleasure to welcome our Diocesan President and for her to enrol three new members: Jann Wallace, Sue Bacon and Jackie Hinds.

Our Wellesbourne branch Christmas carol service was held at The Vicarage by the kind invitation of Rev Greg and Catherine. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Our sales table at the back of the church is still very popular. Our takings increased significantly particularly at the time of the poppy cascade catering, so during the year we have been able to support the prayer and pizza by £300, we paid for the crackers for the Coffee Tots Christmas meal, £50 was spent on plants and chocolates for Mothering Sunday for children to give to their mums at Coffee Tots. We also supported St Peter's by the giving of £200 and the Mothers' Union work by £100.

I would like to thank members for serving tea, coffee and biscuits at each meeting. Finally I would like to thank everyone who has supported me during the last year and given their time to the Mothers' Union. Veronica.

Home Communion: Home Communion visits are made to members of our congregation who are unable physically to attend communion services at St Peter's Church and are served by a team of nine people which includes the clergy. We also continue to offer communion services at both Lawrence Mackie House and Ettington Lodge sheltered housing scheme during the second week of every month.

Community Support

Wendy Biddington led on this valuable work in 2024 and we are most grateful for her compassion towards some of the most vulnerable people in our village. Wendy's update is below:

Community support covers a multitude of situations which are often linked into one or more of the different volunteering opportunities below. They all require time for listening, signposting and an active, sometimes immediate, response to situations as they arise. Rather than saying thank you to all involved at the end of

every item may I say a huge thank you for all the volunteers who give their time, talents and money so we can support those in need in our community with compassion, love and blessings.

Community fund: This happens quietly and discreetly as confidentiality is incredibly important because some clients have to hide their identity. Our thanks to the Lions who often help to co-fund gifts or transport furniture for us. The furniture store is full of basic furniture and we keep curtains and linen in the Foodbank store. We now also work with the Parish Council who have deposited money into the Community Fund for us to administer. Our designated phone for referrals is 07435 918210. Over the next six months Anne Penfold will be taking over the running of this initiative.

Foodbank: Thank you so much for all your donations – we collected 5,118.91kg over the year. This has helped us provide food for 253 adults and 105 children. Our activity has increased again this year and we gave 35 summer picnic goody bags out to the school and 70 Christmas ‘goody bags’ between the school and Foodbank clients. Our thanks to the Mother’s Union for their ongoing support at Christmas. We are grateful to Sainsbury’s, the Co-op, both One Stop shops, Hasting House and St Peter’s Church for providing space for donation boxes. We have a designated phone number for referrals which is 07581 297197, and now distribute food directly from the store since we moved to the Methodist building. All clients are contacted and given an appointment time to come on either a Monday or Friday afternoon. The new store is much more spacious and safer to work in. We continue to have different teams for the various roles which include being the phone holder for referrals and making appointments with clients, the store team, the team emptying the collection boxes to take to the warehouse in Kineton and return with any orders to the store, and the team who distribute to the clients. Delivering food parcels is now unusual.

Ettington Lodge: Offering a holy communion service and a home group bible study to the residents twice a month is a delight. At festival times we join the day care folk upstairs for a combined service which is much appreciated with the musicians who come in and support them.

Wellesbourne and Walton Community Cares (WW-CC): Do look on our website - <https://www.ww-cc.co.uk> as this is now updated regularly with photos and news. OSCARS teas are held three times a year in the Village Hall and the Holiday at Home scheme took place again in the Bowls Club, imagining we were on holiday in Cornwall. The Santa sleigh collection outside Sainsbury’s just before Christmas and the sleigh collection round the village raises a substantial amount of money to support these initiatives which are free. We are also grateful for the grants we have received. All advertising for these events is in the Wellesbourne and Walton News with a tear off slip to be returned to Hastings House.

Meet&Eat: We have met every Wednesday 12-1.30pm in the Methodist Hall this year and celebrated our first birthday in April. Most weeks we have 27 diners, two cooks and two or three folk who serve at table. We celebrated Valentine’s Day, Meet&Eat birthday, and had an Easter, summer and Christmas themed lunch. Some of our surplus in Lent supported Amasango School for Career Children in South Africa and Help for Heroes. At the end of the year some surplus was used for the five course Christmas Day lunch which was attended by 15 folk who would otherwise have been by themselves on Christmas Day.

Plans for 2025-2026: the intention is that all these activities will continue so long as we have the volunteers. If anyone feels inspired to volunteer, please contact the numbers above.

The Poppy Cascade: A highpoint of 2024 was the return of the Poppy Cascade with a new installation of painted rocks stationed around the church building. Again, the cascade was a big draw and people travelled for miles to see it. A new group, Wellesbourne Crafternoons, began in the church centre, and proved popular.

Pastoral Offices: We conducted 12 baptisms, 4 weddings, 20 funerals (6 at the Crematorium and 14 in the church - 5 were burials) during 2024.

Wellesbourne C of E Primary School: St Peter’s enjoys a very warm and positive relationship with the school. We supported our school by providing two Foundation Governors (Pam Norton and Greg Bartlem) whilst Greg is also Chair of the Christian Foundation Team, which is a subgroup of the Governors, along with serving as Vice Chair of the Governors.

The school children attended 8 church services at St Peter’s during 2024 alongside many Christian assemblies at the school from both the ‘Open the Book’ team (led by William Howard) and members of the church.

Mission Partners: St Peter's Church decided at its APCM to support 3 new charities. These were Flourish, a Leamington based teenage girl's project, the Wellesbourne Dementia Café and Coffee Tots which is based in Coventry.

Friends of St. Peter's: In 2024 we continued to provide the brunch breakfasts on a monthly basis which have proved to be very popular and are growing in size. The Friends also provided refreshments at the Community Fayre in September and at St Peter's Christmas Fair. We are always looking for new members to increase our team.

Facilities/Premises

The Fabric Committee: Following Peter Quinn stepping back from responsibility for church building maintenance, Ken Shirley was appointed as Church Building Manager. Peter is to be thanked for his many years of voluntary work keeping the fabric of the church in such good condition. Thanks are also due to the Friends of St Peter's for funding the Christmas lights in the tree opposite the church entrance.

Premises: Since September the church heating system has become unreliable. A major factor was an automatic pressure unit under the church floor continuing to fail, resulting in loss of heat. Further remedial work is ongoing.

As part of the Diocesan push towards reducing carbon use, St Peter's Church was one of 10 churches selected for a complete energy audit. This is scheduled to take place early in 2025.

Following a very comprehensive stock check of all the church's equipment from Bibles to pews, work is being done to rationalise the information so future checks are less onerous. A start has been made where the upper vestry has been thoroughly cleared. Work is continuing with the bell tower which will be followed by the remainder of the church.

Churchyard: Areas of the churchyard have been planted with primroses and more snowdrops, and wildflower seeds have been sown with various success of growth. Plans for cutting the beech hedge between the old and new churchyard has been scheduled for early 2025. The new hedge planted alongside the footpath in the new churchyard is growing well and a few saplings were added in the autumn to replace some originals that have not survived.

The church gate and railings have been cleaned and repainted.

More small grants have been successfully awarded for the restoration of the 17th century Aylworth Tomb. It remains to be seen if there is sufficient money from grants and funds earmarked in the church budget to completely restore the tomb.

Once again the poppy cascade proved to be very successful, raising money for local charities and church funds.

Permission has been granted by the Diocese to cut back the overhanging branches on the church path but we are still waiting for the District Council to give planning permission.

During the summer, six gravestones were vandalised. The PCC decided because of the cost not to reinstate the stones apart from one exception where the family are still resident in Wellesbourne.

The school holidays proved challenging with minor vandalism in the church so the building was closed at lunchtime rather than later in the afternoon. The wooden benches in the churchyard became a regular meeting place for several of the village children accompanied by considerable litter.

The Church Centre: The Church Centre Committee met three times during 2024. The Church Centre lettings have been quite buoyant during the year, but we do have some spare capacity. The Centre is now in a financially positive situation at the end of the year after closing for the pandemic and the tremendous rise in utilities and costs generally. Our cleaner is Andrea Ball who is now in her eighth year and cleans the Centre for approximately 8 to 9 hours per week.

The committee decided not to increase the hire charges during 2024; these rates will, however, be monitored and reviewed at our committee meetings.

The Centre is generally well serviced and maintained and a good venue for all.

Bell Ringing: Practice has continued to be a success. We have a good regular band who turn up to ring on Thursday evenings. We also have our faithful local regular Sunday morning ringers who ring from 9.30 until 9.55am. Our practice night is on Thursdays 7.30pm until 9.00pm

We held our annual Christmas Dinner in December at the King's Head where 20 ringers, spouses and friends enjoyed good food and fellowship.

We have had two new members join our band during the year who are at various stages of the bell ringing process, so that we have a full band to ring on Sundays and also for special occasions such as weddings.

Our band is closely associated with the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers and the Four Shires Guild of Bell Ringers. These guilds hold regular practice meetings and also hold a series of social events during the year.

We are always looking for new recruits to join us so please do get in touch with Peter Quinn peterquinn22@gmail.com or telephone 07785 793500. We need new recruits or people who have learned to ring and would like to have another go. St Peter's bells are a fairly light ring and are easy going. If you would like to know more, please come and have a chat.

The Churchyard: The Churchyard was well maintained and much appreciated by many families. We are grateful to the Parish Council for arranging and paying for some of the grass cutting. Burials and interments of ashes continued in the new churchyard extension which is beginning to look more established.

Communications

Church Website: The Church website www.stpeterswellesbourne.org.uk had a new home page this year and further changes are planned to make it more user-friendly. It is updated each week with the Weekly Newsletter and events are updated as they are planned. The website continues to get about 10 visits a day; the main pages visited are the Weekly Newsletter, About Us, Church Centre and Contact Details.

The Wellesbourne and Walton News: The Parish Council has now taken over the running of the W&WN. The church continues to contribute £2,000 a year and has a guaranteed two pages in the magazine. Linda Dane continues to prepare these two pages. The content of the magazine continued to flourish with contributions coming from all sectors of the community. We are most grateful to everyone who volunteers towards the W&WN but in particular Michael and Linda Dane.

Volunteers

We are most grateful to a myriad of volunteers who undertook tasks which kept the church going throughout 2024. The church is also most grateful to our vergers Michael Dane, Cyril Loman and Pam Garnett along with all the members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for keeping the church running.

Churchwardens: Jann Wallace and David Close (from April 2024) served us faithfully as Churchwardens during what proved to be a stable and encouraging year.

The Inventory, Logbook and Terrier have been kept up to date, and the various works undertaken have been recorded and reported in the Fabric Report to the PCC.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Peter's, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (the vicar), churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of different congregations are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

St. Peter's is registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission (Charity Number 1143822). This report is submitted to the Charity Commission each year.

The PCC met five times during the year. In addition, the APCM was held on 21st April. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of Committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of our parish life. These Committees which include Church Centre, Fabric and Finance are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it, with minutes of their deliberations and recommendations being received by the full PCC and discussed and approved as appropriate.

Deanery Synod provides a link between the parish and the rest of the deanery and beyond to the wider diocese.

Safeguarding: Under the leadership of Pat Clarke, Safeguarding continues to be taken seriously at St Peter's. Staff and volunteers undertake training (where appropriate to the role) which is available online. Our Safeguarding Officer reports to PCC meetings via the Safeguarding dashboard which gives us an update of what areas of our work need further action such as adopting new policies, training or changing what we do. We have continued with a voluntary contact list for congregation members who might wish us to contact their families in case of an emergency.

The Church Office: Our Administrator Ros Jarrett provides administrative support to St Peter's for 16 hours a week.

The Ministry Support Team: co-ordinates the ministry of St Peter's under the leadership of the Vicar. Core members in 2024 were the Revd Helen Smith, Lynn Darby, Jann Wallace, David Close and Ian Host. This team met regularly to worship, to ensure the smooth running of church services and events, and to ensure pastoral care is in place where most needed.

“St. Peter's Wellesbourne, inspired by Jesus to forgive, encourage and serve”

Administrative Information

St. Peter's Church is situated in Church Street, Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9LS. It is part of the Diocese of Coventry and the Fosse Deanery, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Church Street, Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9LS.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2017) and a registered charity with the Charity Commission (Charity Number 1143822).

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent	Reverend Greg Bartlem	Chairman
Curate	Reverend Helen Smith	
Wardens	Mrs Jann Wallace	
	Mr David Close (from April 2024)	Vice Chairman

Deanery Synod	Mrs Margaret Howard
	Mr Ian Host
	Mrs Jann Wallace

Elected members:	Mrs Veronica Quinn
	Mr Cyril Loman
	Mrs Christine Murphy
	Mrs Fiona Unsworth (by secondment)
	Mr Graham Day
	Mr Jackson Towers
	Mrs Linda Mitchell
	Mrs Jan Willows
	Mrs Lynn Darby

Minutes Secretary:	Mrs Linda Dane (non-voting)
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Secretary:	Mrs Ros Jarrett (non-voting)
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Financial Review

The net result for the year on all funds was an excess of payments over receipts of £37,394 (2023: £24,325). On unrestricted funds there was a surplus of receipts over payments of £3,685; the deficit on unrestricted funds was, therefore, £41,079.

Planned giving increased from £62,887 in 2023 to £65,181 in 2024 whilst other/ad hoc giving reduced from £28,146 in 2023 to £14,904 in 2024 due in the main to one-off donations being less than in 2023. Gift Aid recovered is lower in the year due to the timing of claims submitted. The claim for the final quarter of 2024 was submitted in early 2025.

Adding together the bank and deposit balances, the total carried forward in unrestricted funds at 31 December reduced to £129,567 (2023: £170,646). Of this, £22,901 (2023: £26,400) is designated for Music, the Church Centre, and St Peter's Friends. Two small, dormant investment accounts were closed during the year. The balances of £915.00 and £1501.54 were transferred into St Peter's main bank account as unrestricted funds.

Fundraising was again successful in 2024. Once again, one of the highlights of the year was the busy and successful Christmas Fair held in December which raised a record total of £2,264. The Friends of St Peter's continued to hold Saturday morning brunches throughout the year which raised a total of £1,537. Other fundraising for the year included a concert in the church which raised £176, and a barn dance in the Church Centre, raising £300. The Mother's Union have a table at the back of church where they raise funds by selling produce such as cakes, marmalade and jam, and handmade cards/craft items. From these funds, they donated £200 to St Peter's in 2024 for which we are very grateful. We also received a very generous donation of £1,955 from the funds raised by the Poppy Cascade.

£86,504 was spent from the unrestricted funds to provide the Christian Ministry from St Peter's Church, including contribution to the diocesan share of £60,912 which largely provides the stipends and housing for clergy. The costs of the Families' Worker are included in the Christian Ministry figure. This post is funded by a very generous legacy received in 2022. There was no restriction on the use of this legacy and the PCC were in favour of funding children and family work at St Peter's, in Wellesbourne Primary School and in the wider community.

A second bequest was used to fund the balance of the refurbishment of the organ which took place in January/February 2024. The total invoiced cost for this was £26,407. VAT of £4,401 charged on this work was recovered, reducing the overall cost to £22,006. We received £500 towards this from The On Organ Fund in Chichester and £5,000 of the remaining cost was met by a generous donation from the Friends of St. Peter's fund.

An unexpected expense in the year was a requirement by the diocese for all PCCs to carry out a topographical survey of the churchyard in order to produce a detailed plan in accordance with the Churchyard Plans and Records Regulations 1992. Royal Surveys from Leamington Spa undertook the work for this project at a cost of £1,530.

Although the running of Wellesbourne & Walton News was taken over by the Parish Council from 1 January 2024, the timing of invoices meant that £3,799 in print costs relating to work carried out in 2023 was paid by St Peter's in 2024 and is included in the 2024 accounts.

No expenses were claimed by any PCC member for attending meetings during the year (2023: £0).

The PCC does not act as custodian trustee for any other charity.

Reserves Policy

Restricted Reserves

The Carr Fund Restricted Reserve is held to cover the cost of maintaining the Carr graves in perpetuity (£10,000) with the remainder held to be used as the PCC determines. To date it has been held for fabric issues for the church and churchyard.

Other restricted reserves are set up as a result of specific criteria by the giver such that they can only be spent in a very restricted manner.

Unrestricted Reserves

Unrestricted reserves are held to cover costs that may arise that cannot be met out of annual income flows. This amount represents a minimum of the running costs for six months for the church and the church centre as currently operated (excluding the parish share which it is assumed is covered by giving). This cash buffer represents funds in the respective current and deposit accounts at a point in time.

Designated Reserves

Designated reserves are funds set up by the PCC out of unrestricted funds and can be added back into the unrestricted funds at any time. As they are wholly within the control of the PCC they are regarded as a special type of unrestricted fund.

Going Concern

The PCC has considered the issue of the charity continuing as a going concern and concluded that the charity can continue for the foreseeable future.

Approved by the PCC on 06 April 2025 and signed on their behalf

by Reverend Greg Bartlem (PCC Chair)

Signed



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Peter's Church, Wellesbourne		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2024	Charity no (if any)	1143822
	Set out on pages		
	14 - 18		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

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

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


**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed:  **Date:** 18/03/25

Name: Michael Warren Ridgway

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

Address: 63, Warwick Road, Wellesbourne, Warwick CV35 9UB

St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned giving		65,181	-	65,181	62,887
Collections at Services		1,504	-	1,504	1,341
Bequests/one-off donation		2,057	-	2,057	-
All Other Giving/Voluntary Receipts	5a	8,600	6,304	14,904	28,146
Gift Aid Recovered		16,391	-	16,391	19,084
		<u>93,733</u>	<u>6,304</u>	<u>100,037</u>	<u>111,458</u>
Activities for Generating Funds	5b	32,743	-	32,743	33,457
Investment Income	5c	7,552	1,714	9,266	6,221
Church Activities	5d	8,055	295	8,350	6,492
Listed Places of Worship VAT recovered	5e	4,401	-	4,401	-
Total Receipts		<u>146,484</u>	<u>8,313</u>	<u>154,797</u>	<u>157,628</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities:					
Parish share		60,912	-	60,912	60,312
Clergy and Staffing expenses		12,944	-	12,944	15,802
Church Running Expenses	5f	84,623	-	84,623	63,880
Church Centre Running Costs	5g	18,183	-	18,183	20,607
Mission giving and Donations	5h	6,488	4,628	11,116	14,011
Costs of Generating Funds	5i	4,413	-	4,413	7,341
Total payments		<u>187,563</u>	<u>4,628</u>	<u>192,191</u>	<u>181,953</u>
(Excess) of Payments/receipts		<u>(41,079)</u>	<u>3,685</u>	<u>(37,394)</u>	<u>(24,325)</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand 1st January		<u>170,646</u>	<u>49,245</u>	<u>219,891</u>	<u>244,218</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand 31st December		<u>129,567</u>	<u>52,930</u>	<u>182,497</u>	<u>219,891</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Bank Current Account General	10,762	18,927	29,689	17,984
Bank Current Account Church Centre	7,953	-	7,953	6,159
CBF Deposit: Carr Fund	-	34,003	34,003	32,290
CBF Deposit: Church	93,411	-	93,411	146,877
CBF Deposit: Church Centre	17,191	-	17,191	16,324
CBF Deposit: Youth Services	-	-	-	7
Petty cash	200	-	200	200
Maintenance Float	50	-	50	50
	<u>129,567</u>	<u>52,930</u>	<u>182,497</u>	<u>219,891</u>
 Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid Recoverable	<u>1,972</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>2,307</u>	<u>1,872</u>
 Assets Retained for Church Use: Church Centre at cost		<u>258,881</u>	<u>258,881</u>	<u>258,881</u>
 Liabilities				
Fees owed to Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance	888		888	868
Clergy Expenses	320		320	211
	<u>1,208</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,208</u>	<u>1,079</u>

Notes

1. The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis.
2. Asset retained for Church use is the Church Centre at cost basis. The Church Centre and contents are valued at £3,330,000 for insurance purposes.
3. St Peter's church and contents are valued at £13,300,000 for insurance purposes.
4. The movements in the designated and restricted funds during the year were:

Designated Funds	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Organ and Music Fund	3,358	155	70	3,443
St Peter's Friends Fund	8,042	1,537	5,121	4,458
Church Centre Reserve	15,000	-	-	15,000
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	26,400	1,692	5,191	22,901

Fund Descriptions:

The Organ and Music Fund supports music in the church e.g. purchasing new music books for the choir and tuning the organ. It is funded by occasional donations, and fees paid to St Peter's Singers.

St Peter's Friends is a group which raises funds for the church through various activities such as serving Saturday morning brunches to the community.

The *Church Centre Reserve* is set aside for major repairs and maintenance to the centre.

Restricted Funds		Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Community Benevolent Fund		10,060	2,855	3,079	9,836
Fabric Fund (Carr Bequest)		32,619	1,714	-	34,333
Memorial wall	5a	4,810	294	-	5,104
Meet & Eat		946	1,719	710	1,955
Foodbank		810	730	839	701
Aylworth Tomb		-	1,000	-	1,000
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		49,245	8,312	4,628	52,929

Fund Descriptions:

The Community Benevolent Fund exists to help individuals and families in crisis through the provision of such items as white goods, furniture, clothing and petrol vouchers as a short term measure.

The Fabric Fund from the Carr Bequest is partly to cover the cost of maintaining the Carr graves in perpetuity (£10,000), with the remainder held for use as the PCC determines. To date it has been held for fabric issues for the church and churchyard.

The Memorial Wall Fund holds monies paid in advance for inscriptions on the Memorial Wall for ashes interred in St Peter's churchyard.

The Foodbank Fund exists to help individuals and families in crisis through the provision of carefully selected emergency food supplies as a short term measure.

The Aylworth Tomb fund is the result of a grant received during the year towards the repair of the Aylworth Tomb situated in St Peter's churchyard.

5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts				
Donations	8,600	5,304	13,904	27,816
Collections for other charities	-	-		330
Grants	-	1,000	1,000	-
	<u>8,600</u>	<u>6,304</u>	<u>14,904</u>	<u>28,146</u>
b) Activities for generating funds				
Church rental income	1,179	-	1,179	2,010
Church centre income	23,161	-	23,161	18,271
Advertising income Wellesbourne and Walton News	-	-	-	7,163
Fundraising	4,932	-	4,932	5,480
Other income	3,472	-	3,472	533
	<u>32,744</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,744</u>	<u>33,457</u>
c) Investment Income				
Dividends	152	-	152	150
Interest	7,400	1,714	9,114	6,071
	<u>7,552</u>	<u>1,714</u>	<u>9,266</u>	<u>6,221</u>
Interest is earned on monies invested in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. Dividends are paid from shares held in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund – Income Shares accounts. Investment income on the Carr Bequest fund has been taken into the restricted funds analysis – see note 4.				
d) Church Activities				
Fees paid to PCC for weddings, funerals etc	8,055	-	8,055	5,731
Memorial wall	-	295	295	761
	<u>8,055</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>8,350</u>	<u>6,492</u>
e) VAT recovered on cost of organ refurbishment	4,401	-	4,401	-

Payments f)	Church running expenses	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
	Office expenses, telephone etc	2,452	-	2,452	2,831
	Worship materials, music and organists	8,289	-	8,289	10,374
	Special services and events	1,908	-	1,908	2,469
	Church maintenance and repairs	7,232	-	7,232	8,953
	Churchyard maintenance	6,798	-	6,798	6,912
	Churchyard survey	1,530	-	1,530	-
	Utilities and Insurance	16,183	-	16,183	18,866
	Refurbishment of organ	21,126	-	21,126	5,281
	Memorial wall	-	-	-	360
	Children & Youth Ministry	19,105	-	19,105	7,834
		84,623	-	84,623	63,880

g)	Church Centre Running Costs	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
	Maintenance and administration	823	-	823	2,087
	Utilities and insurance	10,364	-	10,364	11,861
	Cleaning	6,996	-	6,996	6,659
		18,183	-	18,183	20,607

h)	Mission Giving and Donations	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
	Payments to mission partners	6,288	-	6,288	8,630
	Payments to other charities and mission	200	4,628	4,828	5,381
		6,488	4,628	11,116	14,011

i)	Costs of Generating Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
	Church rental costs	295	-	295	245
	Fundraising costs	319	-	319	152
	Printing costs - Wellesbourne and Walton News	3,799	-	3,799	6,944
		4,413	-	4,413	7,341

Approved by PCC on 06 April 2025 and signed by:

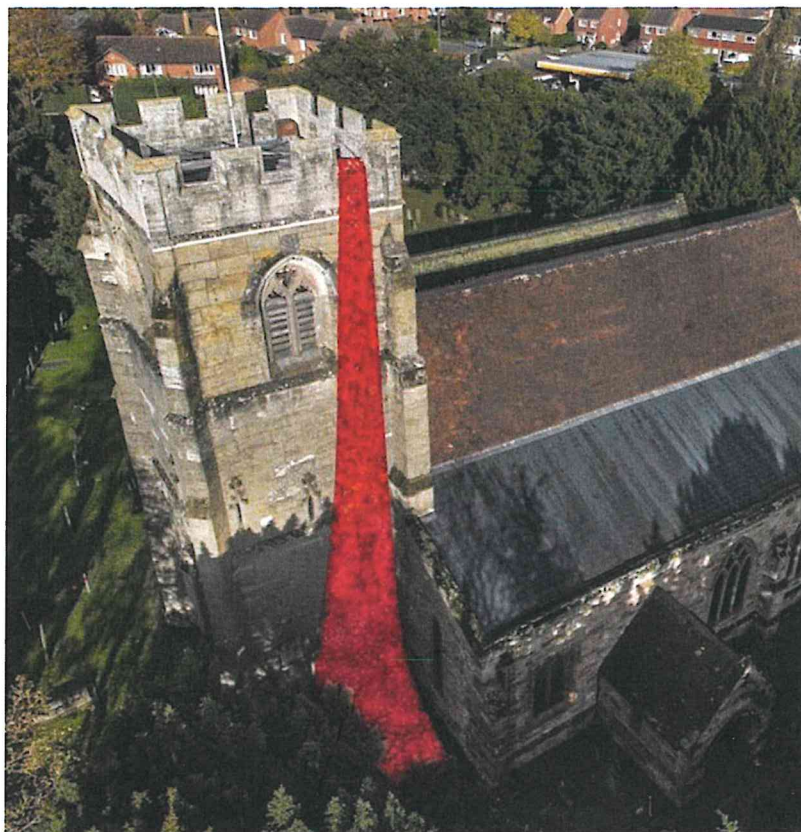
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Revd Greg Bartlem, Chair PCC

..... J A Wallace, Treasurer & Churchwarden

Accounts

St. Peter's Church, Wellesbourne



SUMMARY REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2023

Vicar:	Revd Greg Bartlem
Churchwardens:	Jann Wallace Bob White (until April 2023)
Secretary:	Ros Jarrett
Treasurer:	Jann Wallace
Independent Examiner:	Warren Ridgway
Bank	Barclays Bank Ltd. Market Cross, Stratford-upon-Avon
Central Board of Finance	Church of England Funds

Aim and Purposes

St. Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Greg Bartlem, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church, Church Centre and grounds of St. Peter's Church, Church Street, Wellesbourne.

Objectives and Activities

St. Peter's Church aims to be a broad church for everyone in Wellesbourne. Our objectives are to worship God, make new disciples, and transform communities. The PCC maintains an overview of these objectives, seeking to ensure that the activities we offer appeal to a wide variety of Wellesbourne people of all ages, temperaments and backgrounds.

It is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church, Church Centre and grounds to facilitate this work.

Electoral Roll and Attendance

The Church's Electoral Roll is the register of its voting members. As of January 2024 the number on the roll is 137. Church attendance figures were encouraging with new people joining us. Additionally, special services throughout the year, such as Remembrance, Christmas and Easter were well attended.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The pattern of worship and prayer at St Peter's seeks to cater for a wide range of people. Our regular pattern of services, throughout 2023 took the following form:

Sundays	10am Family Communion in Church. 10am Connections: informal, contemporary worship in the Church Centre. Once a month we aimed to hold a 'Together Service' combining the above congregations.
Tuesdays	Morning Prayer at 9.10am
Wednesdays	Night Prayer Weekly via Zoom
Monthly	'Fuel' Holy Spirit Encounter evenings

St Peter's Church continues to grow with lots of new people joining us during 2023 including some families. This has been very encouraging! Connections Services have explored a range of themes this year, combining reflection and discussion with contemporary worship songs, led by our dedicated team.

Highpoints of the year included 356 of us, packing out the church for our Crib and Christingle service on Christmas Eve. Breathe 24 in September, offered us a great opportunity to invest time together in prayer whilst we continued to try new ways of connecting with God, through the likes of Morning and Night Prayer and Fuel.

The church WhatsApp group continues to be a blessing, enabling us to connect better with each other and God aside from Sundays.

In July we celebrated the ordination of Helen Smith who is serving with us and Walton as our Curate. Helen is a real blessing to us.

Our Remembrance service, held in the churchyard attracted a huge attendance, potentially linked to the poppy cascade (more on this below).

Sadly, we lost some wonderful members of the church family during 2023 including Mac (at the end of 2022) and Sheila Parry who served the church so faithfully for decades.

The church services themselves were ably supported by Jackson Towers, the Director of Music and organist, and also by our informal worship music team. The St Peter's Singers also enhanced our worship experience through their singing.

We thank Jann Wallace who puts together the PowerPoint presentations for each week's service.

Sides Person Report: Over the last 12 months we have had a very good rota of sides people. We gained some new volunteers who can also administer communion and one person stepped down. Many thanks to all the volunteers during 2023. Cyril Loman - Sides person co-ordinator.

Prayer and Pizza: a weekly group for 'Tweenagers' (school years 6-8) continues to help these young people find their own Christian faith. Numbers fluctuated throughout the year, peaking at 14.

The Young People, made a great gospel contribution to our Crib and Christingle service via a wonderful puppet display.

Prayer Chain: The Prayer Chain consists of a group of people who pray in confidence for those in need. We take calls for the sick, dying and those in various kinds of trouble, both for themselves and on behalf of others. We explain to them that we pray for a week and encourage them to ring again to request more prayer if needed.

Discipleship & Pastoral Care

Home Groups: Home groups are an integral part of our community here at St Peter's; we also welcome our Methodist and Roman Catholic friends within our groups. The groups are greatly appreciated and valued and many people say they learn and share more within them than in Church on a Sunday!

We currently have 8 home groups meeting throughout the week and will happily increase the number as need demands. Each group averages around eight to ten members and each is a safe place to share fellowship, pray, study, question (there is no such thing as a silly question!), discuss our beliefs, and our doubts too. The groups are autonomous, choosing their own study material and as the members share fellowship they support each other and grow together. Anything shared in a home group stays in the home group.

Over the summer holidays the groups led worship at our Sunday Services, enjoyed a fellowship picnic together and organised prayer stations at Breathe 24 (24 hours of continual prayer in Church). For more information or if you would like to join a home group please speak to Linda Mitchell or Revd Greg Bartlem or Revd Helen Smith.

Children and Young People: We were thrilled to appoint Liz Host Elofson as part-time Children and Families Worker in September 2023 and she is already helping our work to grow.

Liz leads Junior Church activities on Sundays twice a month and also works alongside Fiona Stutton (from Thrive Youth Ministries) and a team of volunteers in supporting children of school years 6, 7 and 8 through our Prayer and Pizza group. This group has up to 14 children attending although numbers fluctuate. Prayer and Pizza operates like a Small Group but for young people, and pizza is always available (due to a generous ongoing donation from the Mothers Union).

JAM (Jesus and Me) Club has begun at Wellesbourne School, led by Liz and Helen Smith. JAM Club is aimed at school years 3,4 and 5 and is growing fast.

Little Angels led by Margaret Howard, is a group for Pre-school children and their parents and meets on Mondays. This too is going well.

Unfortunately, due to challenging behaviour, the church's Open Youth Club on Monday evenings closed in June.

Mothers Union: Our 2023 meetings commenced in January with our AGM and we have met each month in the year. We have been busy with other projects including Mothering Sunday when we provided and supplied a selection of plants and chocolates to be given to Coffee Tots mums by their children. We also provided funds, raised by our Church stall, for the purchase of pizzas and craft items for members of our church Prayer and Pizza group. For the seventh year running The Heart of England Cycle Club asked us to provide for sale, cakes and savoury snack plus hot and cold drinks which raised £206.00 for MU funds. We received a letter from the cycle club expressing their thanks with a further donation of £25 for MU funds. Our May meeting was a celebration tea for The Coronation of our King and Queen, held at the vicarage by the kind invitation of Greg and Catherine.

We took part in the village community fair and on a very hot day sold a wide variety of items, making £161.50 towards the work of the Mothers' Union. MU had its usual stall at the Christmas Fair full of craft items, cakes, marmalade, chutneys, and much more. Everyone enjoyed the occasion with plenty of opportunity for members to do some Christmas shopping. From our sales we were able to give St Peter's Church £100 and had a further £104 into our funds. This year we supported the Community Fund by providing Christmas goodies which were distributed to vulnerable people and people who are on their own in the Wellesbourne area. Our congregation of St Peter's supported us and was very generous in giving many Christmas items and food goodies. We provided two large Christmas hampers for Coffee Tots to give to mums with children who have very little. We also provided crackers and table decorations, as last year, for them to have a traditional Christmas lunch which was held prior to Christmas Day. Presents and much more were also given for families in need. A hamper was made up of Christmas food and goodies and was given to a St Peter's family in need. All the Christmas food and hampers were blessed by the Rev Greg at the Mothers' Union service on the first Sunday in December. During the service it was a pleasure to welcome our Diocesan President and for her to enrol two new members: Pam Harris and Jenny Stoner. Our Wellesbourne branch Christmas carol service was held at The Vicarage by the kind invitation of Rev Greg and Catherine. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. Our Diocesan President and her husband was also in attendance. We provided two presents for fathers who are in prison to give to their children, and wrote Christmas cards for prisoners. These were taken to the Cathedral to be blessed at the Mothers' Union Diocesan Advent Carol Service. Our sales table at the back of the church has gone from strength to strength; our takings increased significantly particularly at the time of the poppy cascade. During the year we have been able to support the prayer and pizza by £300, we paid for the crackers for the Coffee Tots Christmas meal, £50 was spent on plants and chocolates for Mothering Sunday for children to give to their mums at Coffee Tots. We also supported St Peter's by the giving of £200 and the Mothers' Union work by £200. I would like to thank members for serving tea, coffee and biscuits at each meeting. And finally I would like to thank everyone who has supported me during the last year and giving their time to the Mothers' Union and for St Peter's congregation's generosity in giving to our Christmas project. Veronica Quinn Branch Leader.

Home Communion: Home Communion visits are made to members of our congregation who are unable to physically attend communion services at St Peter's Church and are served by a team of ten people which includes the clergy. We also continue to offer communion services at both Lawrence Mackie House and Ettington Lodge sheltered housing scheme during the second week of every month.

Community Support

Wendy Biddington led on this valuable work in 2023 and we are most grateful for her compassion towards some of the most vulnerable people in our village. Wendy's update is below:

This covers a multitude of situations which are often linked into one or more of the different volunteering opportunities below. They all require having time to listen, signpost and actively respond to situations as they arise. Many need an immediate response from providing furniture for some to at least have a bed to sleep on to sorting a homeless person with food, accommodation and a coat. Rather than saying thank you at the end of every item can I say a huge thank you for all the volunteers who give their time, talents and money so we can support those in need in our community with compassion and love.

Community fund: This happens quietly and discreetly as confidentiality is incredibly important because some clients have to hide their identity. Our thanks to the Lions who often help to co-fund gifts or transport furniture for us. We now have a designated furniture store as the garage I mentioned last report is no longer available. We also have linen available at our foodbank store in Ettington Lodge. We now also work with the Parish Council who have deposited money into the community fund for us to administer. We have a designated phone to take referrals for help which is 07435 918210. Most of our purchases have been white goods but our thanks to Wellesbourne Fish Bar for their support with vouchers to provide a hot meal for a homeless person.

Foodbank: Again the donations to foodbank have been overwhelmingly generous and our thanks to the shop keepers who have donated boxes. Our activity has increased again this year and we gave Easter and Christmas 'goody bags' to our clients. The Mother's Union made a substantial donation to the Christmas bags. In addition, we gave goody bags to the school for a summer holiday picnic and also at Christmas. They were gratefully received by our clients. We deliver emergency food boxes appropriate for the size of family within

24 hours of referral. However, January has been incredibly busy and we might have to rethink how we work differently.

Ettington Lodge: Offering a holy communion service and a home group bible study twice a month is a delight. Last Christmas the VASA dementia day care, which happens upstairs, asked us to do a harvest and Christmas service. This year we will be celebrating together at Easter as well as Harvest and Christmas. We also offered a carol service to residents.

Wellesbourne and Walton Community Cares (WW-CC): Each member of the management team has a specific role/area of responsibility. Do look on our website - <https://www.ww-cc.co.uk> as this is now updated regularly with photos and news. Our OSCARS teas (over 60s community and recreation scheme) continued on three occasions. The Holiday at Home scheme was a huge success as we met in the Bowls Club imagining we were on a cruise on Wellesbourne of the Seas! All is in hand again this year but destination to be agreed. We also had a Christmas collection at Sainsbury's with the Lion's Santa sleigh. The proceeds will help to fund the above events this year along with some grant applications.

Meet&Eat: Started on Wednesday 19th April in the Methodist hall and replaced the warm hub in the church centre. There is a team who set up the room, cook, serve, and sort the rota. All cooks have their level 2 food handling certificate and most volunteers just do one session a month. We have a 'corporate' look with our Meet&Eat maroon aprons and feed 30-35 folk each week with homemade soup, rolls, homemade cake, fruit, tea/coffee for £3 as able. It is lovely to see folk chatting and eating together. Before Christmas we had a special soup and rolls lunch with crackers, chocolates and a goody bag funded by WRCC warm hub scheme. On the 27th January we had a cooked meal to celebrate.

Plans for 2024-2025: Apart from reviewing how we offer foodbank and funding for WW-CC activities in 2025 the above commitments will continue. Meet&Eat are looking forward to Valentine's day, celebrating our being a year old in April and probably lots of other occasions! If anyone feels inspired to volunteer, please contact Wendy

The Poppy Cascade: A highpoint of 2023 was the incredible Poppy Cascade and related displays throughout both the church and village. The poppy project drew together over 200 poppy makers under the inspirational leadership of Kate Skinner. From the end of October until after the Remembrance service, the church was packed out daily with people including a coach party from Staffordshire, who had come to see our displays. The cascade made the national newspapers and local television. We were thrilled that the church was such a focal point.

Pastoral Offices: We conducted 13 baptisms, 1 wedding and 22 funerals during 2023.

Wellesbourne C of E Primary School: St Peter's enjoys a very warm and positive relationship with the school. We supported our school by providing two Foundation Governors (Pam Norton and Greg Bartlem) whilst Greg is also Chair of the Christian Foundation Team, which is a subgroup of the Governors. The school children attended 8 church services at St Peter's during 2023 alongside many Christian assemblies at the school from both the 'Open the Book' team (led by William Howard) and members of the church. Highlights of the year were, undoubtedly, the ALIVE Worship event (8000 church school children together at a worship event at the Stoneleigh Showground and an iSingPop concert in the church, led by the children, who had been taught new Christian songs and dances and performed them in front of their families. The feedback from the children about this event was stunning!

Little Angels: Little Angels runs on Monday afternoons in the Church Centre between 1.30pm and 3pm during term time. We continue to welcome a small band of little people and their parent or grandparent. Most arrive expectantly and head for their favourite toy, others need a little coaxing. Usually there are 6 or more but never the same 6 two weeks running! It is good to be able to reach out to young families with a friendly welcome, refreshments, and a listening ear when needed. The rota of helpers (two a week) are wonderful and I'm very grateful to them. Margaret Howard

Mission Partners: St Peters Church decided at its APCM to support 3 new charities. These were Flourish, a Leamington based teenage girl's project, the Wellesbourne Dementia Café and Coffee Tots which is based in Coventry.

Friends of St. Peter's: In 2023 we continued to provide the brunch breakfasts on a monthly basis which have proved to be very popular and are growing in size. The Friends also provided refreshments at the Community Fayre in September and at St Peter's Christmas Fair. We are always looking for fresh members to increase our team.

Facilities/Premises

The Fabric Committee: Bob White resigned as chairman of the committee at the end of 2022. He was thanked for all the work he had done during the last three years. Peter Quinn took over the chair until a new person could be found. The committee met on three occasions during the year to discuss and deal with various issues of maintenance and improvement. The matters dealt with, besides the general annual maintenance, were a number of items from the 2021 quinquennial inspection report of which most have been completed, although there are some works which will take up to the next quinquennial in 2026 to complete, such as external painting.

Annual general pruning and tree maintenance have been completed in the year. The flower arrangers' cupboard was turned into a second toilet and the flower arrangers' cupboard was moved to a cupboard in the North aisle. It has now been signed off by SDC. The CCTV system has been improved with a new HD camera installed to be able to identify any problems at the South door entrance. We have submitted 2 faculty applications in the past 12 months. A new roll-down screen for the AV system has been installed in the Lady Chapel to service the South aisle and to improve and tidy up the use of the altar. A faculty was approved during 2023 to deep clean and make some alterations to the organ. This work will be carried to in the early part of 2024. The following faculty applications were approved in 2022. The proposed renovation of the grade 2 listed Aylworth Tomb has been problematic and we have been looking at ways to raise finances for the works without success. A meeting in the later part of 2023 was held with the Diocese and it was decided that they would try and deal with it and find a way forward. Peter Quinn

The Church Centre: The Church Centre Committee met three times during 2023. The members of the committee are: Greg Bartlem, Veronica Quinn, Michael Dane, William Howard (booking secretary) and Peter Quinn (chairman). The Church Centre lettings were heavily affected by Covid19 but during 2023 the bookings have gradually increased nearly to pre pandemic levels. Our cleaner is Andrea Ball who is now in her seventh year and cleans the centre for about 8 to 9 hours per week. The committee decided, owing to the dramatic cost of utilities, to increase the hire charges from the 1st April 2023. These rates will be monitored and reviewed at future committee meetings. The lighting has been improved to the main hall, the heating system has been overhauled and generally the centre is well maintained.

Bell Ringing: Thursday night practices have continued to be a success. We have a good regular band turn up to ring. We also have our faithful local regular Sunday morning ringers who ring from 9.30 until 9.55am. Our practice night is a Thursday from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. We held our annual Christmas Dinner in December at the King's Head where 21 ringers, spouses and friends enjoyed good food and fellowship. We have had three new members join our band during the year. They are at various stages of the bellringing process and there is another ringer who is interested and may join during the coming year, so that we have a full band to ring on Sundays and also for special occasions. Our band rang at the appropriate time for the Coronation "Ring for The King" in which almost every ringable tower in the country took part. We have also rung on Sundays for the morning service and, when required, ring for other special services, which includes weddings. Our band is closely associated with the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers and the Four Shires Guild of Bell Ringers. We are always looking for new recruits to join us so please do get in touch with Peter Quinn peterquinn22@gmail.com or telephone 07785793500

The Churchyard: The Churchyard was well maintained and much appreciated by many families. We are grateful to the Parish Council for arranging and paying for some of the grass cutting. Burials and interments of ashes continued in the new churchyard extension which begins to look more established.

Communications

Church Website: The Church website www.stpeterswellesbourne.org.uk had a new home page this year and further changes are planned to make it more friendly. It is updated each week with the Weekly Newsletter and events are updated as they are planned (the brunch dates for 2024 are all on the site). The website continues to get about 10

visits a day; the main pages visited are the Weekly Newsletter, About Us, Church Centre and Contact Details. In addition to the main church website, each month the Wellesbourne & Walton News (WWN) web pages had a number of visits. That will not continue into 2024 as WWN will no longer be published by the church. A majority of the visits are from tablets or mobile phones, mainly iPhones or iPads.

The Wellesbourne and Walton News: This has been a momentous year for the magazine. Firstly, we only printed 11 issues, omitting August in order for the Editor to go on holiday. Secondly, the burden of editing was clearly too much for a lone amateur and the costs were rising fast, so it was decided to seek help. The Parish Council, alarmed at the prospect of the magazine ceasing, decided to take over the magazine completely and to advertise the editorship as a paid part-time post. A new Editor was appointed, and she took over at the end of the year, so the January 2024 issue was the last to be financed by the church and edited by Linda Dane. The church will, in future contribute £2000 a year and have a guaranteed two pages in the magazine. Linda Dane will continue to prepare these two pages. Linda and Michael Dane still organise the distribution but hope that the Parish Council will take over this as well in the summer.

The content of the magazine continued to flourish with contributions coming from all sectors of the community. A particular highlight was the photos of the poppy cascade and other poppy displays that appeared in the December issue.

Volunteers

We are most grateful to a myriad of volunteers who undertook tasks which kept the church going throughout 2023. The church is also most grateful to our vergers Michael Dane, Cyril Loman and Pam Garnett along with all the other members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for keeping the church running.

Churchwardens: Jann Wallace served us faithfully as Church Warden during what proved to be a stable and encouraging year.

The Inventory, Logbook and Terrier have been kept up to date, and the various works undertaken have been recorded and reported in the Fabric Report to the PCC.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Peter's, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (the vicar), churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of different congregations are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

St. Peter's is registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission (Charity Number 1143822). This report is submitted to the Charity Commission each year.

The PCC met six times during the year. In addition, the APCM was held on 23rd April. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of Committees each dealing with a particular aspect of our parish life. These Committees which include Church Centre, Fabric and Finance are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it, with minutes of their deliberations and recommendations being received by the full PCC and discussed and approved as appropriate.

Deanery Synod provides a link between the parish and the rest of the deanery and beyond to the wider diocese.

Safeguarding: Under the new leadership of Pat Clarke, Safeguarding continues to be taken seriously at St Peter's. We have worked to implement 'Safer Recruitment' Guidance in taking up DBS checks and references for volunteers and paid staff. Staff and volunteers undertake training (where appropriate to the role) which is available both on line (e-learning module, C0) and in group format (basic training module, C1). Our Safeguarding Officer reported regularly to PCC meetings via the Safeguarding dashboard which gives us a monthly update of what areas of our work need further action such as adopting new policies, training or

changing what we do. During 2023 we set up a voluntary contact list for congregation members who might wish us to contact their families in case of an emergency.

The Church Office: Our Administrator Ros Jarrett provided administrative support to St Peter's for 16 hours a week.

The Ministry Support Team: co-ordinates the ministry of St Peter's under the leadership of the Vicar. Core members in 2023 were the Revd Helen Smith, Lynn Darby, Jann Wallace, David Close and Ian Host.

This team met regularly to worship, to ensure the smooth running of church services and events, and ensure pastoral care is in place where most needed.

As a registered charity we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. To fulfil our purpose and take steps towards achieving our vision, the activities described above have taken place.

"St. Peter's Wellesbourne, inspired by Jesus to forgive, encourage and serve"

Administrative Information

St. Peter's Church is situated in Church Street, Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9LS. It is part of the Diocese of Coventry and the Fosse Deanery, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Church Street, Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9LS.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2017) and a registered charity with the Charity Commission (Charity Number 1143822).

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent	Reverend Greg Bartlem	Chairman
Associate Minister	Reverend Steve Hood (on sabbatical until July 2023 then resigned from post)	
Curate	Reverend Helen Smith	
	Reverend Barry Coleman (until June 2023)	
Wardens	Mrs Jann Wallace	
	Mr Bob White (until April 2023)	
Deanery Synod	Mrs Margaret Howard	
	Mr Ian Host	
Elected members:	Mrs Veronica Quinn	
	Mr David Close	
	Mr Cyril Loman	
	Mrs Christine Murphy	
	Mrs Fiona Unsworth	
	Mr Graham Day	
	Mr Jackson Towers	
	Mrs Linda Mitchell	
	Mrs Jan Willows	
	Mrs Pam White (until April 2023)	
Minutes Secretary:	Mrs Linda Dane	
Secretary:	Mrs Ros Jarrett (non-voting)	

Financial Review

The net result for the year on all funds was an excess of payments over receipts £24,325. On unrestricted funds there was a surplus of receipts over payments of £7,041; the deficit on unrestricted funds was, therefore, £31,366.

Planned giving dropped slightly to £62,887 (2022 £64,697) whilst other/ad hoc giving increased from £13,587 in 2022 to £28,146. Gift Aid recovered increased due to more timely submission of claims during the year, plus £4,451 of Gift Aid relating to 2022 donations being received in 2023.

Adding together the bank and deposit balances, the total carried forward in unrestricted funds at 31 December reduced to £170,646 (2022: £202,013). Of this, £26,400 (2022: £24,421) is designated for Music, the Church Centre, and St Peter's Friends.

Fundraising was very successful in 2023. One of the highlights of the year was the busy and successful Christmas Fair held in December. This raised a record total of £2,041. The Friends of St Peter's continued to hold Saturday morning brunches throughout the year which raised a total of £1,749. Other fundraising for the year included a book reading in the Church Centre, raising £231 and a barn dance raising £355. The Mother's Union have a table at the back of church where they raise funds by selling produce such as cakes, marmalade and jam, and handmade cards/craft items. From these funds, they donated £400 to St Peter's in 2023 for which we are very grateful.

As for many people and businesses, the increase in utility costs continues to be of concern. Church insurance and utility costs rose from £13,240 to £18,866 The church centre costs increased from £ 7,605 to £11,861.

£91,788 was spent from the unrestricted funds to provide the Christian Ministry from St Peter's Church, including contribution to the diocesan share of £60,312 which largely provides the stipends and housing for clergy. We increased our Parish Share contribution in 2023 by £3,000. We also appointed a Families' Worker, the cost of whose salary is included in the Christian Ministry figure. In addition, we paid a 20% deposit of £5,281 for the refurbishment of the organ which will take place in January/February 2024. The total invoiced cost for this will be approximately £26,400. VAT of £4,400 charged on this work is recoverable, reducing the overall cost to £22,000. We received £500 towards this from The On Organ Fund in Chichester and £5,000 is being funded by a generous donation from the Friends of St. Peter's fund. The balance will be met by using funds from a bequest to St Peter's.

No expenses were claimed by any PCC member for attending meetings during the year (2022: £0).

The PCC does not act as custodian trustee for any other charity.

Reserves Policy

Restricted Reserves

The Carr Fund Restricted Reserve is held to cover the cost of maintaining the Carr graves in perpetuity (£10,000) with the remainder held to be used as the PCC determines. To date it has been held for fabric issues for the church and churchyard.

Other restricted reserves are set up as a result of specific criteria by the giver such that they can only be spent in a very restricted manner.

Unrestricted Reserves

Unrestricted reserves are held to cover costs that may arise that cannot be met out of annual income flows. This amount represents a minimum of the running costs for six months for the church and the church centre as currently operated (excluding the parish share which it is assumed is covered by giving). This cash buffer represents funds in the respective current and deposit accounts at a point in time.

Designated Reserves

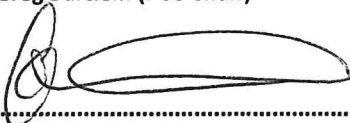
Designated reserves are funds set up by the PCC out of unrestricted funds and can be added back into the unrestricted funds at any time. As they are wholly within the control of the PCC they are regarded as a special type of unrestricted fund.

Going Concern

The PCC has considered the issue of the charity continuing as a going concern and concluded that the charity can continue for the foreseeable future.

Approved by the PCC on 14 April 2024 and signed on their behalf

by Reverend Greg Bartlem (PCC Chair)

Signed  G. Bartlem



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WELLSBOURNE

On accounts for the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2023 Charity no (if any) 1143822

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed: Michael Warren Ridgway

Date: 17/04/2024

Name: MICHAEL WARREN RIDGWAY

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

ACMA

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St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned giving		62,887	-	62,887	64,697
Collections at Services		1,341	-	1,341	780
Bequests/one-off donation		-	-	-	63,581
All Other Giving/Voluntary Receipts	5a	17,608	10,538	28,146	13,587
Gift Aid Recovered		19,084	-	19,084	11,381
		100,920	10,538	111,458	154,026
Activities for Generating Funds	5b	33,457	-	33,457	30,238
Investment Income	5c	5218	1,003	6,221	2,033
Church Activities	5d	5,731	761	6,492	9,879
Total Receipts		145,326	12,302	157,628	196,176
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities:					
Parish share		60,312	-	60,312	57,312
Clergy and Staffing expenses		15,802	-	15,802	12,070
Church Running Expenses	5e	63,520	360	63,880	53,107
Church Centre Running Costs	5f	20,607	-	20,607	14,400
Mission giving and Donations	5g	9,110	4,901	14,011	4,946
Costs of Generating Funds	5h	7,341	-	7,341	9,371
Total payments		176,692	5,261	181,953	151,206
(Excess) of Payments/receipts		(31,366)	7,041	(24,325)	44,970
Cash at Bank and in Hand 1st January		202,013	42,205	244,218	199,248
Cash at Bank and in Hand 31st December		170,646	49,245	219,891	244,218

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Bank Current Account General	1,029	16,955	17,984	48,146
Bank Current Account Church Centre	6,159	-	6,159	6,206
Bank Current Account Youth Services	-	-	-	190
CBF Deposit: Carr Fund	-	32,290	32,290	31,287
CBF Deposit: Church	146,877	-	146,877	142,316
CBF Deposit: Church Centre	16,324	-	16,324	15,817
CBF Deposit: Youth Services	7	-	7	6
Petty cash	200	-	200	200
Maintenance Float	50	-	50	50
	<u>170,646</u>	<u>49,245</u>	<u>219,891</u>	<u>244,218</u>
Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid Recoverable	1,872	-	1,872	4,451
Assets Retained for Church Use: Church Centre at cost		<u>258,881</u>	<u>258,881</u>	<u>258,881</u>
Liabilities				
Fees owed to Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance	868	-	868	1,152
Clergy Expenses	211	-	211	-
	<u>1,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,079</u>	<u>1,152</u>

Notes

- The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis.
- Asset retained for Church use is the Church Centre at cost basis. The Church Centre and contents are valued at £3,330,000 for insurance purposes.
- St Peter's church and contents are valued at £13,300,000 for insurance purposes.
- The movements in the designated and restricted funds during the year were:

Designated Funds	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Organ and Music Fund	3,128	230	-	3,358
St Peter's Friends Fund	6,293	1,749	-	8,042
Church Centre Reserve	15,000	-	-	15,000
	<u>24,421</u>	<u>1,979</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,400</u>

Fund Descriptions:

The Organ and Music Fund supports music in the church e.g. purchasing new music books for the choir and tuning the organ. It is funded by fees paid to St Peter's Singers.

St Peter's Friends is a group which raises funds for the church through various activities such as serving Saturday morning brunches to the community.

The *Church Centre Reserve* is set aside for major repairs and maintenance to the centre.

Restricted Funds		Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Community Benevolent Fund		5,749	7,343	3,032	10,060
Fabric Fund (Carr Bequest)		31,287	1,332	-	32,619
Memorial Wall	5a	4,411	760	360	4,811
Meet & Eat		-	1,609	663	946
Foodbank		758	1,257	1,206	809
		<u>42,205</u>	<u>12,301</u>	<u>5,261</u>	<u>49,245</u>

Fund Descriptions:

The Community Benevolent Fund exists to help individuals and families in crisis through the provision of such items as white goods, furniture, clothing and petrol vouchers as a short term measure.

The Fabric Fund from the Carr Bequest is partly to cover the cost of maintaining the Carr graves in perpetuity (£10,000), with the remainder held for use as the PCC determines. To date it has been held for fabric issues for the church and churchyard.

The Memorial Wall Fund holds monies paid in advance for inscriptions on the Memorial Wall for ashes interred in St Peter's churchyard.

The Foodbank Fund exists to help individuals and families in crisis through the provision of carefully selected emergency food supplies as a short term measure.

5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts				
Donations	17,278	10,538	27,816	9,220
Bequests	-	-	-	63,581
Collections for Other Charities	330	-	330	867
Contribution received from brewery re boundary wall	-	-	-	3,500
	<u>17,608</u>	<u>10,538</u>	<u>28,146</u>	<u>77,168</u>
b) Activities for generating funds				
Church Rental Income	2,010	-	2,010	2,340
Church Centre Income	18,271	-	18,271	15,711
Advertising Income Wellesbourne and Walton News	7,163	-	7,163	5,899
Fundraising	5,480	-	5,480	3,960
Other Income	533	-	533	2,327
	<u>33,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,457</u>	<u>30,237</u>
c) Investment Income				
Dividends	150	-	150	149
Interest	5,068	1,003	6,071	1,884
	<u>5,218</u>	<u>1,003</u>	<u>6,221</u>	<u>2,033</u>
Interest is earned on monies invested in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. Dividends are paid from shares held in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund – Income Shares accounts. Investment income on the Carr Bequest fund has been taken into the restricted funds analysis – see note 4.				
d) Church Activities				
Fees paid to PCC for Wedding, Funerals etc	5,731	-	5,731	6,396
Memorial Wall	-	761	761	3,483
	<u>5,731</u>	<u>761</u>	<u>6,492</u>	<u>9,879</u>


		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£	£
Payments					
e)	Church running expenses				
	Office expenses, telephone etc	2,831	-	2,831	2,095
	Worship materials, music and organists	10,374	-	10,374	7,952
	Special services and events	2,469	-	2,469	1,774
	Church Maintenance and Repairs	8,953	-	8,953	10,010
	Churchyard Maintenance	6,912	-	6,912	8,728
	Utilities and Insurance	18,866	-	18,866	13,240
	Refurbishment of organ	5,281	-	5,281	-
	Memorial Wall	-	360	360	4,657
	Youth Services	7,834	-	7,834	4,650
		<u>63,520</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>63,880</u>	<u>53,106</u>


		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£	£
f)	Church Centre Running Costs				
	Maintenance and Administration	2,087	-	2,087	1,283
	Utilities and insurance	11,861	-	11,861	7,605
	Cleaning	6,659	-	6,659	5,512
		<u>20,607</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,607</u>	<u>14,400</u>

g)	Mission Giving and Donations				
	Payments to Mission Partners	8,630	-	8,630	-
	Payments to Other Charities and Mission	480	4,901	5,381	4,946
		<u>9,110</u>	<u>4,901</u>	<u>14,011</u>	<u>4,946</u>

h)	Costs of Generating Funds				
	Church Rental Costs	245	-	245	250
	Fundraising Costs	152	-	152	18
	Printing Costs - Wellesbourne and Walton News	6,944	-	6,944	9,103
		<u>7,341</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,341</u>	<u>9,371</u>

Approved by PCC on 14 April 2024 and signed by:


 G. Bartlem

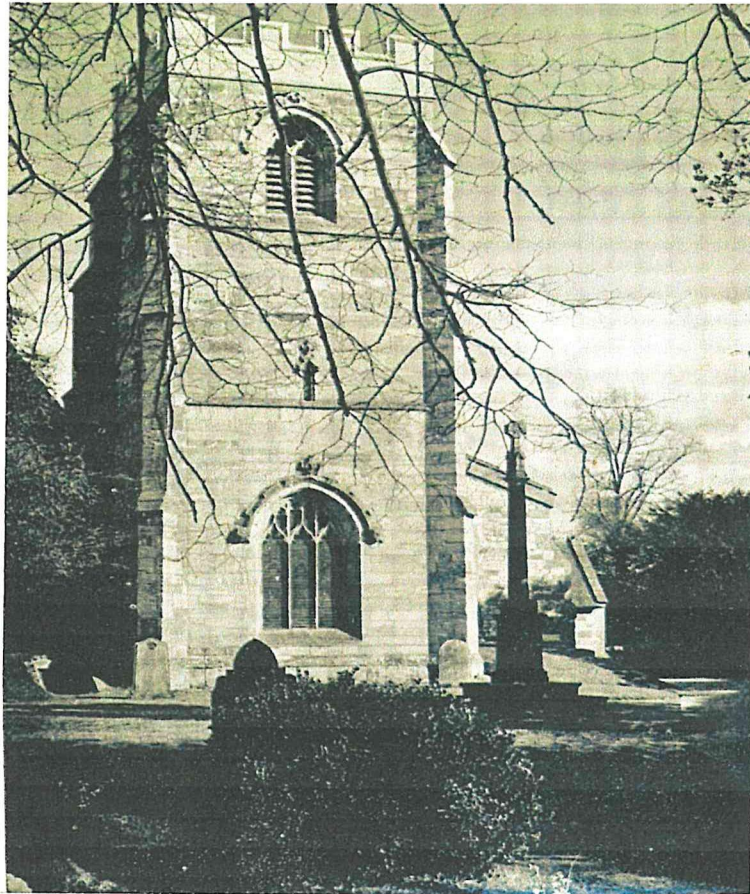

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Revd Greg Bartlem, Chair PCC

J A Wallace, Treasurer & Churchwarden

Accounts

St. Peter's Church, Wellesbourne



SUMMARY REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

Vicar:	Revd Greg Bartlem
Churchwardens:	Jann Wallace Bob White
Secretary:	Ros Jarrett
Treasurer:	Jann Wallace
Independent Examiner:	Malcolm Edge
Bank	Barclays Bank Ltd. Market Cross, Stratford-upon-Avon
Central Board of Finance	Church of England Funds

Aim and Purposes

St. Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Greg Bartlem, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church, Church Centre and grounds of St. Peter's Church, Church Street, Wellesbourne.

Objectives and Activities

St. Peter's Church aims to be a broad church for everyone in Wellesbourne. Our objectives are to worship God, make new disciples, and transform communities. The PCC maintains an overview of these objectives, seeking to ensure that the activities we offer appeal to a wide variety of Wellesbourne people of all ages, temperaments and backgrounds.

It is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church, Church Centre and grounds to facilitate this work.

Electoral Roll and Attendance

The Church's Electoral Roll is the register of its voting members. As of January 2023 the number on the roll was 137. Church attendance figures were encouraging with new people joining us. Additionally, special services throughout the year, such as Remembrance, Christmas and Easter were well attended.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The pattern of worship and prayer at St Peter's seeks to cater for a wide range of people. Aside from periods of lockdown our regular pattern of services, throughout 2022 took the following form:

Sundays

- 10am Family Communion in Church
- 10am Connections: informal, contemporary worship in the Church Centre

St Peter's continues to recover well from the effects of the Covid19 pandemic. With restrictions being lifted during 2022, we were once again able to enjoy sitting together and singing without the need to wear a mask! The services themselves were ably supported by Jackson Towers, the Director of Music and organist, and also by Helen Smith who led our informal worship. The St Peter's Singers enhanced our worship considerably through their singing. We would also like to thank Jann Wallace and Steve Hood who put together the PowerPoint presentations each week.

In addition to the regular online services, we continued to hold 'Night Prayer' on Wednesdays. This has been well supported with at least 10 people present each week.

'Prayer and Pizza' a weekly group for older Primary School children to develop their Christian faith, continued to grow during the year and it was good to see our young people really starting to 'own' their Christian faith. The Young People, made a great gospel contribution to our Crib and Christingle service at Christmas, the church was packed and this was a real high point for the year. There were many challenges for us as a church during 2022 but we came through them intact due to the willingness of the teams to 'go the extra mile'

Prayer Chain: The Prayer Chain consists of a group of people who pray in confidence for those in need. We take calls for the sick, dying and those in various kinds of trouble, both for themselves and on behalf of others. We explain to them that we pray for a week and encourage them to ring again to request more prayer if needed.

Discipleship & Pastoral Care

Home Groups: St Peter's Church has 8 small groups, which act as 'church in the small', places to pray and learn together. During the summer of 2022, the groups created and led the Sunday morning services. We are truly grateful for all the leaders who support, host and serve the groups. Around seventy people make up our eight small groups.

Children and Young People: The Prayer and Pizza group ably led by Fiona Stutton, is successfully supporting young people of school years 5, 6 and 7. This group has grown to 14 young people attending regularly. We are grateful to Mother's Union for providing the funding for the pizzas.

In addition, Little Angels, a group for pre-school children and their parents, restarted on Mondays. This too is going well.

St Peter's also runs an Open Youth Club on Monday evenings attracting around 15 teenagers per week.

Mothers' Union: Meetings started again in February with the AGM, and they have met each month except for April as Easter fell near the scheduled meeting date. The July meeting was cancelled due to the extreme heat. The normal meeting day is the third Tuesday of the month. Mothers' Union have enjoyed a number of events: a quiet afternoon, Christmas card making, candlestick flower arrangement, curing souls to creating art, and Elizabeth Horton gave a very interesting talk about her work as a geriatric consultant. The year ended with a carol service at the vicarage by kind invitation of Greg and Catherine.

The Mothers' Union have also been quite busy during the year with other projects. They knitted Easter chicks which they filled with a creme egg, which were given to Coffee Tots mums for their children, and also to members of the Prayer and Pizza group and St Peter's youth group.

For the sixth year running The Heart of England Cycle Club asked Mothers' Union to provide cakes and savoury snacks for sale, plus hot and cold drinks, which raised £120 for MU funds. They received a letter from the cycle club expressing their thanks, along with a donation of £25 for MU funds. A date has already been booked for May 2023 for MU to provide refreshments once again. New members are always welcome.

Home Communion: Home Communion visits are made to members of our congregation who are unable to physically attend communion services at St Peter's Church. Twenty people currently receive home communion each month served by a team of eight people which includes the clergy. We also continue to offer communion services at both Lawrence Mackie House and Ettington Lodge sheltered housing during the second week of every month.

Outreach and Community Work

Wendy Biddington led again on this valuable work in 2022 and we are most grateful for her compassion towards some of the most vulnerable people in our village. This work is only possible because there are different teams of volunteers supporting it by giving their time and energy.

We would like to thank all involved in whatever capacity in the groups below. Our thanks also to the voluntary and statutory agencies with whom we work in all sorts of ways such as Lions, CAB, the medical centre, Orbit, Warwickshire Welfare and P3 to name a few.

Community fund: This happens quietly and discreetly as confidentiality is incredibly important because some clients have to hide their identity. Our thanks to the Lions who often help to co-fund gifts or transport furniture for us. Our thanks to a member of the Methodist church for the use of half their garage to store essential furniture. This was wonderfully used again this year for someone who had to flee their marital home and we were able to furnish their flat. We've also purchased white goods for folk who had no additional funds to purchase such items. My thanks to those who have given so generously over the past year – your gifts are enabling us to bring blessing to others.

Foodbank: Again the donations to foodbank have been overwhelmingly generous. Thank you to everyone for your support and generous donations for the year 2022. In Wellesbourne we collected a total of 5,814Kg. We made 101 home visits and were able to provide food to 182 adults and 93 children. Year on year we see an

increasing demand for food. Our thanks to Sainsbury's, Co-op, One Stop Bridge Street and Newbold Road, Ettington Lodge, the surgery and Wellesbourne churches who provide space for donation boxes.

Thank you that we can step in so that folk in our village don't go hungry. Again we gave out Easter and Christmas hampers which were really appreciated. Our thanks to the team of collectors who take food down to the warehouse at Kineton and bring the order back to our store in Ettington Lodge. Thanks to the team who look after the store and thanks to the team that take emergency food boxes out to clients. We are a seven day a week service during daylight hours.

Ettington Lodge: It is such a privilege, along with Pam Norton, to be able to meet with residents to share Holy Communion on the second Monday of the month and run a homegroup on the fourth Monday of the month. We always end with a lovely chat and cuppa.

Linen and curtain store: We don't access this very often but when we do its usually needed immediately.

Wellesbourne and Walton Community Cares (WW-CC): Each member of the management team has a specific role/area of responsibility. Do look on our website - <https://www.ww-cc.co.uk> - as this is now updated regularly with photos and news. We reviewed our activity at the end of the year and decided to close the befriending service as many befrienders had made personal friendships with the befriended. Future requests for befriending will be referred to Age UK. We have also removed the phone line as were so few calls.

In the summer we were at last able to deliver our Holiday-at-Home scheme for three days in both May and August. We had 20-25 'holidaymakers' who didn't have to pack a suitcase or sleep in a strange bed and who imagined they were at the seaside. Transport was provided, activities were seaside-orientated as was the food, then transport home. It was thoroughly enjoyed by participants and volunteers alike. Thanks to all our volunteers – this was a huge undertaking. As we had the transport for the whole day we took residents from the sheltered housing schemes out for coffee late morning so a further 45 folk had an outing. We followed each scheme by a reunion lunch a month later so folk could renew friendships.

At Christmas we had our first OSCARS tea since lockdown. It was one of those snowy spells so numbers were reduced. However, those who attended enjoyed a lovely tea, carol singing and a raffle. Transport was provided.

Plans for 2023-2024

- Warm hub to become Meet&Eat in the Methodist Church every Wednesday for a light lunch
- Three OSCARS teas – Easter, Summer and Christmas
- Holiday At Home in June for 30 'holidaymakers'
- Raising awareness of volunteering opportunities over the Coronation weekend
- Attendance at a carers event in April

Pastoral Office: We conducted 10 baptisms, 4 weddings and 21 funerals (8 in church and 13 at the crematorium).

Wellesbourne C of E Primary School: St Peter's enjoys a very warm and positive relationship with the school. We supported our school by providing a Foundation Governor (Pam Norton) and our Vicar is the School Chaplain and Chair of the Christian Foundation Team, which is a subgroup of the Governors. The school children attended 8 church services at St Peter's during 2022 as well as many Christian assemblies at the school from both the 'Open the Book' team (led by William Howard) and members of the church.

St Peters' Wellesbourne Youth Services aims to help the young people of Wellesbourne (age 10-18 years) to grow as individuals and as members of society through the provision of a range of activities that

- (1) develop their social, physical, mental and spiritual capacities, promoting self-worth, independence, a sense of responsibility and respect for others, delivered with an underlying Christian ethos
- (2) provide opportunities to explore Christian faith,
- (3) nurture the faith of those who are Christians.

The Monday night Youth Club attracts on average 15 teenagers each week to its sessions.

Little Angels: After a gap of two years, Little Angels re-opened in May 2022 with a new clientele of children and a rota of new helpers. All our previous children had moved on to school or nursery during the Pandemic, so we have started afresh with children born during or since Lockdown, who we hope will be able to come for a good while. It means that they are at the stage where any developmental issues are only just beginning to be addressed, an anxious time for Mums, who need the support of others. Attendance ranges from 3 to 11, but averages 6, depending on how many "Little Angels" happen to have fallen asleep for a nap at the crucial moment! Thank you to Margaret Howard and a much appreciated team of 7 helpers

Mission Partners: St Peter's supported The Amasango School for street children in Grahamstown, South Africa, and Malawi Eagles, a charity which specialises in supporting the poorest people in Malawi. The donations relating to the 2022 mission giving were made early in 2023, £1,000 per charity.

Friends of St. Peter's: In 2022 we continued to provide the brunch breakfasts on a monthly basis which have proved to be very popular and are growing in size. The Friends also provided refreshments at St Peter's Christmas Fair. They would usually provide refreshments at the village community fayre but this was cancelled due the death of our Queen. We are always looking for fresh members to increase our team.

Facilities/Premises

The Fabric Committee: The Fabric Committee met on five occasions since the last report, all in person. They discussed and dealt with various issues of maintenance and improvement. In addition to the general annual maintenance, additional works were carried out as recommended in the Quinquennial Inspection. These works included minor repairs to roofing and flashings; new safety glass in the Bell Ringers Chamber, and major pruning of trees in the churchyard together with stabilising some old headstones.

We have submitted 2 faculty applications in the past 12 months.

- The Installation of a roll-down screen in the Lady Chapel. This application has been approved and the works should be completed by mid-2023.
- To deep clean and make some alterations to the organ. We are still in negotiation with the Diocese trying to obtain approval.

The following faculty applications were approved in 2022.

- The renovation of the Aylworth Tomb. We are now looking at ways to raise finances for the works.
- The installation of new cupboards at the south end of the west aisle together with new entrance matting. This work has been completed successfully.
- The installation of an additional toilet in what was the flower arrangers' cupboard. Building Regulation approval was also obtained. These works are ongoing and should be completed by the time of the APCM.
- Planting of a tree to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

The Church Centre: The Church Centre Committee met three times during 2022. The members of the committee are: Revd Greg Bartlem, Bob White, Veronica Quinn, Michael Dane, William Howard and Peter Quinn (chair) with Ros Jarrett in attendance. The Church Centre bookings have taken some time to recover from the effects of Covid19. However, 2022 has seen a lot of our regular lettings rebook. We are also getting quite a number of casual users such as children's parties at weekends. The upstairs room previously used as an office is now in its second year with HomeStart and is let to them on a monthly basis.

With the sudden rise in utility costs we have now increased the hirer rates for the various rooms and they are shown on the website. We have also increased the rent for Homestart. Our cleaner is Andrea Ball who is now in her fifth year with us and cleans the centre on a demand basis. During Lockdown, she also completed extra cleaning which has now stopped and the usual cleaning work has been resumed.

Bell Ringing: Since we restarted our weekly Thursday night practice, we have a good regular band turn up to ring. We also have our faithful local regular Sunday morning ringers. Our ringing times on Sunday mornings are 9.30 until 9.55am and practice night is on Thursdays 7.30pm until 9.00pm.

We again managed to have our annual Christmas dinner in December at the King's Head where 21 ringers, spouses and friends enjoyed good food and fellowship. We hope to recruit new members during the coming year so that we have a full band to ring on Sundays and also for special occasions such as "Ring for The King". Our band is closely associated with the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers and the Four Shires Guild of Bell Ringers.

The Churchyard was well maintained and much appreciated by many families. We are grateful to the Parish Council for arranging and paying for some of the grass cutting. Burials and interments of ashes continued in the new churchyard extension which begins to look more established. Significant tree maintenance was carried out in the autumn.

The Health and Safety team, which is a sub group of the Fabric Committee, continues to review and work on processes and documents to keep our buildings and church activities safe. A safety log has been set up to ensure that inspections and work are kept up to date.

Communications

Church Website

The Church website www.stpeterswellesbourne.org.uk is being updated regularly by Michael Dane and currently the twice-weekly newsletters and the YouTube service links are added each week. The website continues to get 10 - 15 visits a day; the main pages visited are the newsletters and the sermons on YouTube. In addition to the main church website, each month the Wellesbourne & Walton News web page gets 20 - 30 visits (although during the first Lockdown it was getting up to 50 a day) and the Churchyard about 5.

The Wellesbourne and Walton News:

The magazine during 2022 continued to be very well-received by the village. The very varied articles are enjoyed and the striking use of colour and design makes it a different surprise each month. However, the last year saw some major changes and challenges.

Firstly, printing costs have steadily risen by almost half since October 2021. Despite putting up our rates by a similar amount, advertising revenue has not been able to keep pace with this. This is largely due to several long-standing advertisers having retired and new ones have not come forward to fill the gap. Many small businesses are struggling to survive in the current economic climate and those that are getting sufficient custom prefer not to advertise rather than disappoint potential customers. Few see it any more as an opportunity to support the community. The result is the large deficit at the end of 2022. In 2023 we have taken on a new volunteer who is working to increase our advertising, and the Parish Council has awarded WWN a one-off grant of £2,000 for which we are extremely grateful.

Secondly, in August we learned that Warwick Printers were closing and we had to find new printers at short notice. Fortunately, a printing consultant whom we had dealt with in the past approached us and gave a quotation which was not much more than we had been paying. As he agreed with all our terms and no other printers came near the price, we were very glad to accept the offer.

Finally, in October, Mac Parry went into hospital and Linda Dane had to complete the November issue. Sadly, Mac did not recover and died in December. His loss has left a huge hole in the organisation of the magazine.

Since November, Linda Dane has been doing the editing, the diary page, managing the advertising, maintaining the finances and organising and carrying out much of the distribution. Although she enjoys it, it is not something she can continue to do indefinitely as it takes up most of her time. David Close has been working hard to attract new volunteers to take on some of the work, but with limited success to date.

The future of the magazine in its present form is, therefore, in some doubt. Producing 12 issues a year is becoming untenable financially and although the production team is now slightly larger, there is still no-one to share the essential roles of editor or the management of distribution. It is likely changes will have to be made on how the magazine is produced.

Linda would like to thank in particular her husband, Michael, for his support and for giving up about three days a month to deliver the magazines, David and Carol Sampson and Jenny Shorrocks who have been reading and correcting articles as they come in, Christopher Lamb for reading the final proofs, and Daren Bird for all the artwork and layout.

Volunteers

We are most grateful to a myriad of volunteers who undertook tasks which kept the church going through the difficult year. The church is also most grateful to our vergers Michael Dane, Cyril Loman and Pam Garnett along with all the other members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for keeping the church running.

Churchwardens: Jann Wallace and Bob White served us faithfully as Churchwardens during what proved to be another challenging year. The Inventory, Logbook and Terrier have been kept up to date, and the various works undertaken have been recorded and reported in the Fabric Report to the PCC.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Peter's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (the vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of different congregations are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

St. Peter's is registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission (Charity Number 1143822). This report is submitted to the Charity Commission each year.

The PCC met six times during the year. In addition, the APCM was held on 22nd May. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of Committees each dealing with a particular aspect of our parish life. These Committees which include Church Centre, Fabric and Finance are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it, with minutes of their deliberations and recommendations being received by the full PCC and discussed and approved as appropriate.

Deanery Synod provides a link between the parish and the rest of the deanery and beyond to the wider diocese.

Safeguarding Continued to be treated as very important at St Peter's. We have worked to implement 'Safer Recruitment' guidance in taking up DBS checks and references for volunteers and paid staff. Staff and volunteers undertake training (where appropriate to the role) which is available both online (e-learning module, C0) and in group format (basic training module, C1). We are still without a Safeguarding Officer but Catherine Bartlem has been covering the role and has reported regularly to PCC meetings and updated the Safeguarding Dashboard with the Diocese of Coventry, which gives us a monthly update of what areas of our work need further actions such as adopting new policies, training or changing what we do.

The Church Office: Administrator Ros Jarrett provided administrative support to St Peter's for 16 hours a week.

The Ministry Staff Team: co-ordinates the ministry of St Peter's under the leadership of the Vicar. Core members in 2022 were the Revd Steve Hood (until his sabbatical in May) Lynn Darby, Jann Wallace, Bob White, David Close and Ian Host. This team continued to meet regularly to worship, to ensure the smooth running of church services and events, and ensure pastoral care is in place where most needed.

As a registered charity we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. To fulfil our purpose and take steps towards achieving our vision, the activities described above have taken place.

“St. Peter’s Wellesbourne, inspired by Jesus to forgive, encourage and serve”

Administrative Information

St. Peter’s Church is situated in Church Street, Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9LS. It is part of the Diocese of Coventry and the Fosse Deanery, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Church Street, Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9LS.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2017) and a registered charity with the Charity Commission (Charity Number 1143822).

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent	Reverend Greg Bartlem	Chairman
Associate Minister	Reverend Steve Hood (on sabbatical from May 2022)	
Assistant Curate	Reverend Barry Coleman (on placement until end of Curacy May 2022)	
Wardens	Mrs Jann Wallace	
	Mr Bob White	

Deanery Synod	Mr Richard Bacon
	Mrs Margaret Howard
	Mrs Susan Bacon (until May 2022)
	Mr Tony Norton (until February 2022)

Elected members:	Mrs Veronica Quinn
	Mr David Close
	Mr Cyril Loman
	Mrs Christine Murphy
	Mrs Fiona Unsworth
	Mr Graham Day
	Mr Jackson Towers
	Mrs Linda Mitchell
	Mrs Lynn Darby (from May 2022)
	Mrs Jan Willows (from May 2022)
	Mrs Pam White (from May 2022)
	Mr David Sampson (until May 2022)

Minutes Secretary: Mrs Linda Dane

Secretary: Mrs Ros Jarrett (non-voting)

Financial Review

The net result for the year on all funds was a surplus of receipts over payments of £44,970. On unrestricted funds this surplus was £54,477.

The surplus was due in the main to a very generous bequest of £63,581 for which we are very grateful. Without this, St Peter's would have seen an overall excess of payments over receipts of £18,611 in the year. Planned giving has increased to £64,697 (2021 £59,499) whilst other/ad hoc giving has reduced from £28,853 in 2021 to £13,587 in 2022. Gift Aid recovered has also reduced. This is due in part to a large donation in ad hoc giving in 2021 being eligible for Gift Aid. In addition, £4,451 of Gift Aid relating to 2022 donations was claimed and received in 2023.

Adding together the bank and deposit balances, the total carried forward in unrestricted funds at 31 December increased to £202,013 (2021: £147,535). Of this, £24,421 (2021: £22,560) is designated for Music, the Church Centre, and St Peter's Friends.

Fundraising was very successful in 2022. One of the highlights of the year was the busy and successful Christmas Fair held in December. This raised a record total of £1,761. The Friends of St Peter's continued to hold Saturday morning brunches throughout the year which raised a total of £1,178. Other fundraising for the year included a concert in the church in March, raising £150. The Mother's Union have a table at the back of church where they raise funds by selling produce such as cakes, marmalade and jam, and handmade cards/craft items. From these funds, they donated £350 to St Peter's in 2022 for which we are very grateful.

The church shares a boundary wall with the King's Head pub. This wall had fallen into disrepair and become dangerous so St Peter's organised its repair in 2021, and in 2022 received a donation of £3,500 towards the cost of the rebuilding.

As for many people and businesses, the increase in utility costs is of concern. St Peter's has already felt the impact with high charges coming through particularly in the last quarter of the year. Charges had been (under)estimated in part by the utility supplier. This has led to a determination to submit regular readings in 2023 and beyond to ensure accurate billing throughout the year. We now have Smart meters in place and it is hoped these will give an accurate picture each month. However, until we are sure, we will continue to take manual readings. Church insurance and utility costs rose from £6,935 to £13,240. The church centre costs increased from £5,001 to £7,605.

£77,033 was spent from the unrestricted funds to provide the Christian Ministry from St Peter's Church, including contribution to the diocesan share which largely provides the stipends and housing for clergy.

No expenses were claimed by any PCC member for attending meetings during the year (2021: £0).

The PCC does not act as custodian trustee for any other charity.

Reserves Policy

Restricted Reserves

The Carr Fund Restricted Reserve is held to cover the cost of maintaining the Carr graves in perpetuity (£10,000) with the remainder held to be used as the PCC determines. To date it has been held for fabric issues for the church and churchyard.

Other restricted reserves are set up as a result of specific criteria by the giver such that they can only be spent in a very restricted manner.

Unrestricted Reserves

Unrestricted reserves are held to cover costs that may arise that cannot be met out of annual income flows. This amount represents a minimum of the running costs for six months for the church and the church centre as currently operated (excluding the parish share which it is assumed is covered by giving). This cash buffer represents funds in the respective current and deposit accounts at a point in time.

Designated Reserves

Designated reserves are funds set up by the PCC out of unrestricted funds and can be added back into the unrestricted funds at any time. As they are wholly within the control of the PCC they are regarded as a special type of unrestricted fund.

Going Concern

The PCC has considered the issue of the charity continuing as a going concern and concluded that the charity can continue for the foreseeable future.

Approved by the PCC on 23rd April 2023 and signed on their behalf

by Reverend Greg Bartlem (PCC Chair)

Signed  G Bartk



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER'S CHURCH, WELLESBOURNE

On accounts for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2022 Charity no (if any) 1143822

Set out on pages 12-16

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) 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.

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

Signed: [Signature] Date: 30/3/2023

Name: MALCOLM EDGE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned giving		64,697	-	64,697	59,499
Collections at Services		780	-	780	375
Bequests/one-off donation		63,581	-	63,581	23,225
All Other Giving/Voluntary Receipts	5a	10,187	3,400	13,587	28,853
Gift Aid Recovered		11,381	-	11,381	18,634
		150,626	3,400	154,026	130,586
Activities for Generating Funds	5b	30,238	-	30,238	22,881
Investment Income	5c	1,627	406	2,033	192
Church Activities	5d	6,396	3,483	9,879	11,974
Furlough income re Sessional Worker		-	-	-	851
Total Receipts		188,887	7,289	196,176	166,484
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities:					
Parish share		57,312	-	57,312	57,312
Clergy and Staffing expenses		8,460	3,610	12,070	23,323
Church Running Expenses	5e	43,799	9,308	53,107	43,170
Church Centre Running Costs	5f	14,400	-	14,400	6,190
Mission giving and Donations	5g	1,068	3,878	4,946	5,917
Costs of Generating Funds	5h	9,371	-	9,371	6,681
Total payments		134,410	16,796	151,206	142,593
Excess of Receipts/Payments		54,477	(9,507)	44,970	23,891
Cash at Bank and in Hand 1st January		147,535	51,713	199,248	175,359
Cash at Bank and in Hand 31st December		202,013	42,205	244,218	199,248

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Bank Current Account General	37,228	10,918	48,146	29,679
Bank Current Account Church Centre	6,206	-	6,206	4,040
Bank Current Account Youth Services	190	-	190	1,828
CBF Deposit: Carr Fund	-	31,287	31,287	30,881
CBF Deposit: Church	142,316	-	142,316	91,050
CBF Deposit: Church Centre	15,817	-	15,817	15,612
CBF Deposit: Youth Services	6	-	6	25,958
Petty cash	200	-	200	150
Maintenance Float	50	-	50	50
	<u>202,013</u>	<u>42,205</u>	<u>244,218</u>	<u>199,248</u>
Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid Recoverable	4,451	-	4,451	214
Assets Retained for Church Use: Church Centre at cost		<u>258,881</u>	<u>258,881</u>	<u>258,881</u>
Liabilities				
Fees owed to Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance	1,152	-	1,152	738
Clergy Expenses	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,152</u>	<u>738</u>

Notes

1. The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis.
2. Asset retained for Church use is the Church Centre at cost basis. The Church Centre and contents are valued at £2,960,000 for insurance purposes.
3. St Peter's church and contents are valued at £12,710,000 for insurance purposes.
4. The movements in the designated and restricted funds during the year were:

Designated Funds	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Organ and Music Fund	2,593	535	-	3,128
St Peter's Friends Fund	4,966	1,474	147	6,293
Church Centre Reserve	15,000	-	-	15,000
	22,559	2,009	147	24,421

Fund Descriptions:

The Organ and Music Fund supports music in the church e.g. purchasing new music books for the choir and tuning the organ. It is funded by fees paid to St Peter's Singers.

St Peter's Friends is a group which raises funds for the church through various activities such as serving Saturday morning brunches to the community.

The *Church Centre Reserve* is set aside for major repairs and maintenance to the centre.

Restricted Funds		Bal b/fwd restated, see note 6 below	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Community Benevolent Fund		5,009	2,850	2,108	5,751
Fabric Fund (Carr Bequest)		30,881	406	-	31,287
Youth Services Fund		6,913	538	7,451	-
Memorial Wall	5a	5,585	3,483	4,657	4,411
Foodbank		1,977	550	1,770	757
		50,365	7,827	15,986	42,206

Fund Descriptions:

The Community Benevolent Fund exists to help individuals and families in crisis through the provision of such items as white goods, furniture, clothing and petrol vouchers as a short term measure.

The Fabric Fund from the Carr Bequest is partly to cover the cost of maintaining the Carr graves in perpetuity (£10,000), with the remainder held for use as the PCC determines. To date it has been held for fabric issues for the church and churchyard.

The Youth Services Fund was set up to fund work with the children and young people of Wellesbourne. During the year, the fund helped to finance the Sessional Outreach Worker. The original fund is now depleted and any youth services costs are now borne by St Peter's church. The separate youth services bank account will be closed during 2023 and any future funding received will be administered through the main St Peter's bank account.

The Memorial Wall Fund holds monies paid in advance for inscriptions on the Memorial Wall for ashes interred in St Peter's churchyard.

The Foodbank Fund exists to help individuals and families in crisis through the provision of carefully selected emergency food supplies as a short term measure.

5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts				
Donations	5,820	3,400	9,220	28,353
Bequests	63,581	-	63,581	23,225
Collections for Other Charities	867	-	867	-
Contribution received from brewery re repair to boundary wall	3,500	-	3,500	
Grants	-	-	-	500
	<u>73,768</u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>77,168</u>	<u>52,078</u>
b) Activities for generating funds				
Church Rental Income	2,340	-	2,340	884
Church Centre Income	15,711	-	15,711	8,596
Advertising Income Wellesbourne and Walton News	5,899	-	5,899	4,903
Fundraising	3,960	-	3,960	3,332
Other Income	2,327	-	2,327	5,165
	<u>30,237</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,237</u>	<u>22,880</u>
c) Investment Income				
Dividends	149	-	149	107
Interest	1,478	406	1,884	86
	<u>1,627</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>2,033</u>	<u>193</u>
d) Church Activities				
Fees paid to PCC for Wedding, Funerals etc	6,396	-	6,396	9,018
Memorial Wall	-	3,483	3,483	2,956
	<u>6,396</u>	<u>3,483</u>	<u>9,879</u>	<u>11,974</u>
Payments				
e) Church running expenses				
Office expenses, telephone etc	2,095	-	2,095	2,066
Worship materials, music and organists	7,952	-	7,952	7,016
Special services and events	1,774	-	1,774	115
Church Maintenance and Repairs	10,010	-	10,010	5,623
Churchyard Maintenance	8,728	-	8,728	9,030
Utilities and Insurance	13,240	-	13,240	*6,935
Memorial Wall	-	4,657	4,657	4,723
Youth Services	-	4,650	4,650	2,662
	<u>43,799</u>	<u>9,307</u>	<u>53,106</u>	<u>38,170</u>

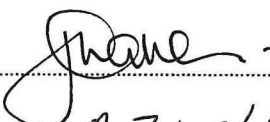
*The total shown here for 2021 was £11,936 for church and church centre costs combined. These costs have now been split out to show separate amounts for each building. Notes 5e) and 5f) reflect the split for both the 2021 and 2022 costs.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
f) Church Centre Running Costs				
Maintenance and Administration	1,283	-	1,283	2,878
Utilities and insurance	7,605	-	7,605	*5,001
Cleaning	5,512	-	5,512	3,312
	<u>14,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,400</u>	<u>11,191</u>
The total shown here for 2021 was £0. The costs have now been split out to show separate amounts for each building. Notes 5e) and 5f) now reflect the split for both the 2021 and 2022 costs.				
g) Mission Giving and Donations				
Payments to Mission Partners	-	-	-	2,400
Payments to Other Charities and Mission	1,068	3,878	4,946	3,517
	<u>1,068</u>	<u>3,878</u>	<u>4,946</u>	<u>5,917</u>
h) Costs of Generating Funds				
Church Rental Costs	250	-	250	135
Fundraising Costs	18	-	18	80
Printing Costs - Wellesbourne and Walton News	9,103	-	9,103	6,466
	<u>9,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,371</u>	<u>6,681</u>

Approved by PCC on 23 April 2023 and signed by:

 G. Bartlem

Revd Greg Bartlem, Chair PCC



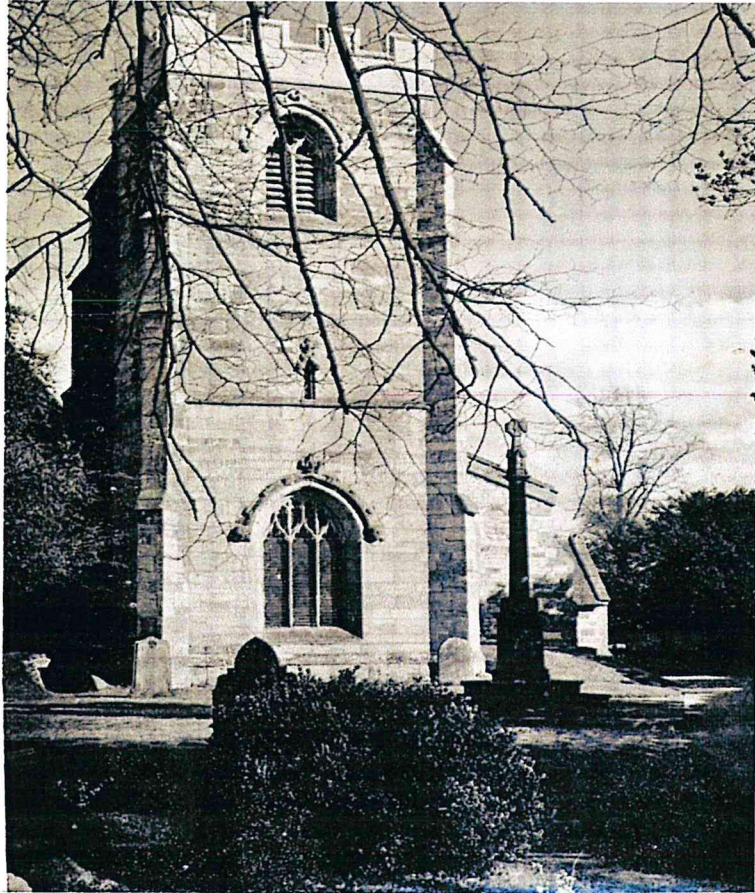
J A Wallace, Treasurer



R White, Church Warden

Accounts

St. Peter's Church, Wellesbourne



SUMMARY REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2021

Vicar:	Revd Greg Bartlem
Churchwardens:	Jann Wallace Bob White
Secretary:	Ros Jarrett
Treasurer:	Jann Wallace
Independent Examiner:	Malcolm Edge
Bank	Barclays Bank Ltd. Market Cross, Stratford-upon-Avon
Central Board of Finance	Church of England Funds

Aim and Purposes

St. Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Greg Bartlem, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church, Church Centre and grounds of St. Peter's Church, Church Street, Wellesbourne.

Objectives and Activities

St. Peter's Church aims to be a broad church for everyone in Wellesbourne. Our objectives are to worship God, make new disciples, and transform communities. The PCC maintains an overview of these objectives, seeking to ensure that the activities we offer appeal to a wide variety of Wellesbourne people of all ages, temperaments and backgrounds.

It is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church, Church Centre and grounds to facilitate this work.

Electoral Roll and Attendance

The Church's Electoral Roll is the register of its voting members. As of January 2022 the number on the roll was 131 a reduction of 5 from 2021 due largely to bereavement and one resignation. Church attendance was difficult to estimate in 2021 because of the periods of lock-down, and because of the difficulty of interpreting on-line service 'views'.

Across the year, combining in-person and on-line data, we estimate an average weekly service attendance of 88 from an overall worshipping community of 165, this is a year on year rise of 15 over the previous year's figures.

On weeks when we have been able to offer services suitable for young people (around two per month) we have averaged 15 young people.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The pattern of worship and prayer at St Peter's seeks to cater for a wide range of people. Aside from periods of lockdown our regular pattern of services, throughout 2021 took the following form:

Sundays

- 10am Family Communion in Church
- 11.30am Connections: informal, contemporary worship in the Church Centre (this took place twice a month from July).
- 2pm Paddock Praise family outdoor services (from April through to September)
- 6.00pm Digging Deeper (bible based discussion).

Due to the ongoing Covid19 pandemic, a weekly online service was recorded and released at 10am each Sunday morning, this was supported by informal community times on Zoom, before and after the service. These online services only happened due to the hard work of Steve Hood and the team of readers and prayers. The services were also ably supported by Jackson Towers, the Director of Music and organist, and also by Helen Smith who led our informal worship, Katie Barritt and Laura Day enhanced our worship considerably through their singing.

In addition to the regular online services, we continued to hold 'Night Prayer' On Wednesdays, this has been well supported with at least 15 people present each week.

In August, buoyed by the success of 'Paddock Praise' we held a family camp in the Paddock behind the Vicarage, this was used as a launch pad for 'Prayer and Pizza' a weekly group for older Primary School children to develop their Christian faith, this group attracts 6 children each week.

The principle highlight of 2021 has to be the relaunch of our Sunday services, especially Connections (Café Church format) which had taken a lengthy break due to the pandemic. Other highlights included a 'Walk Thru the Nativity' event at Christmas, with 106 guests being walked through a series of seven stations where they met key characters from the nativity story, this proved to be a magical experience. Other Christmas services took place including 6 school nativities and the annual Carol Service.

2021 was a difficult year for us due to the pandemic, however we have come through it intact as a church due to the willingness of the teams to 'go the extra mile' and we have been delighted to see new faces in the congregation and numbers starting to rise at services once again.

Prayer Chain: Members of the Prayer Chain group has increased since April 2020 and we continue to pray in confidence for those in need. We take calls for the sick dying and those in various kinds of trouble both for themselves and on behalf of others. We explain to those asking for pray that we will pray for one week and encourage them to keep in touch with us and to ring again to request further prayer if needed.

Discipleship & Pastoral Care

Home Groups: Unsurprisingly, the life of our eight small groups have been significantly disrupted during the pandemic. Some groups have found innovative ways to meet (e.g. using different local church buildings) while others have used Zoom or returned to meeting in person. As well as praying and learning together, the groups created and led the Sunday morning services during the summer, and contributed the prayer stations which were very much used and appreciated in our Breathe24 prayer event. We are truly grateful for all the leaders who support, host and serve the groups. Around seventy people make up our eight small groups.

Children and Young People: During 2021 we relaunched our work with Children and Young People following the pandemic, this included Paddock Praise worship services, aimed at families, a summer camp held in August, the launch of Prayer and Pizza a group for school years 5 and 6 and a Monday Night Youth Club.

Mothers' Union: The Mothers' Union started to meet again in person in September. The MU2 group have now merged with the main group. Mothers' Union meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Church Centre at 2.00pm. During the year, Mothers' Union took part in the Community Fair held in June which was a very successful event and they have also provided cakes and refreshments for an annual cycling event at the church. Mothers' Union have provided two hampers for Coffee Tots based in Coventry and also filled Christmas Bags for Wellesbourne & Walton Community Cares with donations from members and St Peter's congregation.

Home Communion: Following restrictions being lifted we were able to restart home communion visits in September 2021 for those members of our congregation who are unable to physically attend communion services at St Peters Church. Twenty one people currently receive home communion each month served by eight people which include the clergy. We also restarted communion services at both Lawrence Mackie House and Ettington Lodge sheltered housing during the 2nd week of every month.

Outreach and Community Work

Wendy Biddington led on this valuable work in 2021 and we are most grateful for her compassion towards some of the most vulnerable people in our village. Wendy would like to thank the following:

My thanks to all involved in whatever capacity in the groups below without whom none of this would happen in a co-ordinated way. My thanks also to the voluntary and statutory agencies who we work with in all sorts of ways such as Lions, CAB, medical centre to name a few. On behalf of the various team I accepted a card from CAVA, a certificate of appreciation from the Lions and a visit a card from the Lord Lieutenant acknowledging appreciation of our work particularly during the pandemic.

Community fund: This happens quietly, discreetly where confidentiality is incredibly important because some clients have to hide their identity due to domestic violence. Our thanks for the Lions who often help to co-fund gifts or transport furniture for us. Our thanks to a member of the Methodist church for the use of half their garage to store essential furniture. This was wonderfully used at Christmas for someone who was homeless, signed a contract for a flat at 4.30pm and was fully furnished by 6pm!

My thanks to those who have given so generously over the past year – your gifts are enabling us to bring blessing to others. Replacement of white goods and flooring are the main requests.

Foodbank: Again the donations to foodbank have been overwhelmingly generous – thank you. We collected 6724kgs over the year. Our thanks to the shops who have collection bins and a special thanks to Bridge Street One Stop and Stuart Evans for their ongoing support which has been amazing. We made 101 visits feeding 155 adults and 105 children an increase of 25% on the previous year. Low income, benefit delays, school holidays are all reasons for a crisis.

Thank you that we can step in so that folk in our village don't go hungry. Last year we gave out Easter hampers and again the hampers at Christmas - all were much appreciated. We have expanded the team and have divided up the tasks into responders, collectors, admin and store room co-ordination. We celebrate a partnership with Orbit and now have a permanent store room at Ettington Lodge. This was furnished from a generous grant donation from Tesco One Stop.

Ettington Lodge: We have recommenced home communion and have a faithful band of 10 participants Thanks to Pam Norton who always remembers the milk for our cuppa and chat afterwards. We have just recommenced the homegroup and a good number of residents also wish to attend.

Linen store: We now use part of the foodbank store to store linen. Very often there is a request for linen required immediately so it means this is now easily accessible. One Sunday lunchtime I was asked for some single sheets that were desperately needed for end of life care – they were delivered that afternoon.

Wellesbourne and Walton Community Cares (WW-CC): This is a village organisation. The management committee consisted of Parish Council, Medical Centre, St Peters, Lions and another volunteer who co-ordinates the befriending service. Each of us have a specific area of responsibility. Over the year our activity has changed focus as there are now minimal calls for shopping etc. Also many of our volunteers have returned to work and no longer have the capacity to volunteer – our thanks to them. We have developed a befriending service which is proving very beneficial to both the befriended and the befriender. This involves a weekly phone call or letter writing to the befriended. All befrienders are DBS checked and go through the safer recruitment process. The afternoon teas and holiday at home scheme all had to be deferred but we are hoping to restart them again this year. We gave out Easter cards made by the children of Wellesbourne and gave Christmas goody bags both to children and adults – our thanks to the Mother's Union, Seedlings and Brownies, One Stop Bridge Street and individuals for all their incredible donations. They brought great joy to those who received them.

Pastoral Offices: We conducted 13 child baptisms and 4 adult baptisms, 3 weddings and 27 funerals – 12 in church and 15 at the crematorium.

Wellesbourne C of E Primary School: St Peter's enjoys a very warm and positive relationship with the school. We supported our school by providing a Foundation Governor and our Vicar is the School Chaplain and Chair of the Christian Foundation Team, which is a subgroup of the Governors. Due to the pandemic, sometimes assemblies had to be pre-recorded during 2021 in particular at Easter, but from the autumn term onwards, we were welcomed back into the school, with Christmas being a particularly busy and rewarding time with 5 school services.

St Peters' Wellesbourne Youth Services aims to help the young people of Wellesbourne (age 10-18 years) to grow as individuals and as members of society through the provision of a range of activities that

- (1) develop their social, physical, mental and spiritual capacities, promoting self-worth, independence, a sense of responsibility and respect for others, delivered with an underlying Christian ethos
- (2) provide opportunities to explore Christian faith,
- (3) nurture the faith of those who are Christians.

The Monday night Youth Club resumed from the 13th September and attracts on average 13 Teenagers each week to its sessions.

Little Angels: Our work in support of young families with pre-school children paused in 2020 due to the pandemic. It is envisaged that this will be relaunched during 2022.

Mission Partners: St Peters supported The Amasango School for street children in Grahamstown, South Africa, the Church Mission Society, CAP and Malawi Eagles, a charity which specialises in supporting the poorest people in Malawi.

Friends of St. Peter's: The Friends of St Peter's served afternoon teas in the Sports and Community Centre at the Community Day in June which was very well attended. The brunches restarted in November and are planning to run again on a regular basis in 2022. The Friends also provided refreshments at St Peter's Christmas Fair in December which was a very successful event.

Facilities/Premises

The Fabric Committee: The Fabric Committee met on 4 occasions during the year, 3 by Zoom and 1 in person, and they discussed and dealt with various issues of maintenance and improvement. In addition to the general annual maintenance additional works were carried out in preparation of the Quinquennial Inspection which took place in November 2021.

The results of the Inspection were encouraging with the overall comment being "The church appears to be a much-loved building, clean, tidy and extremely well kept, with a well-tended site. There are no obvious problems with the primary structure of the church, although various minor repairs to roofing and flashings are needed."

We have submitted 3 faculty applications.

- The renovation of the Aylworth Tomb (a planning application is also in progress)
- The turning of the flower arrangers' cupboard into a second toilet and installing new cupboards at the south end of the west aisle together with new barrier matting in and around the porch area.
- The planting of a commemorative oak tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The rebuilding of the churchyard wall adjacent to the King's Head and the redecoration of the church have both successfully been completed. There has been new hedging planted in the new churchyard and there are plans to increase this, this year.

The Church Centre: The Church Centre Committee met three times during 2021. The members of the committee are: Revd Greg Bartlem, Bob White, Veronica Quinn, Michael Dane, William Howard and Peter Quinn (chairman). The Church Centre lettings have been heavily affected by Covid19 However in the second half of 2021 some of our regular letting were rebooking and we were also getting a few casual users. The upstairs room previously used as an office has now been let on a twelve monthly basis. Our cleaner is Andrea Ball who is now in her fourth year with us and cleans the centre on a demand basis she has also completed extra cleaning that has been required by covid regulations allow the centre to be used, however towards the end of the year we reverted to normal cleaning.

Bell Ringing - Ringing at St Peter's remained silent until early September when we chimed a bell for Sunday service and we restarted our weekly Thursday night practice. We had a good regular band that turn up for practice, we also have our faithful local regular Sunday morning ringers. Our ringing times are Sunday mornings 9.30am until 9.55am and practice night on Thursdays 7.30pm until 9.00pm. We did manage to have our annual Christmas dinner at the King's Head in December where 22 ringers, spouses and friends enjoyed good food and fellowship. We hope to recruit new members now things are getting back to normal so that we have a full band to ring on Sundays. Our band is closely associated with the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers and the Four Shires Guild of Bell Ringers.

The Churchyard: was well maintained and much appreciated by many families. We are grateful to the Parish Council for arranging and paying for some of the grass cutting. Burials and interments of ashes continued in the new churchyard extension which begins to look more established.

The Health and Safety team which is a sub group of the Fabric Committee continues to review and work on processes and documents to keep our buildings and church activities safe. A safety log has been set up to ensure that inspections and work are kept up to date.

Communications

Church Website: The Church website www.stpeterswellesbourne.org.uk moved to a new platform last Easter which appears to be successful; it is being updated regularly and any new information added. The website continues to get 10-15 visits a day; the main pages visited are About Us, Church Centre and the Newsletters. In addition to the main church website, each month the Wellesbourne & Walton News web pages have 60+ visits (mainly just after a new edition has been published) and the Churchyard has about 10. Over 60% of these visits are now from tablets or mobile phones, mainly iPhones or iPads.

The Wellesbourne and Walton News: Despite the continuing problems with the pandemic, WWNews has been regularly published and delivered free each month to approximately 3450 households in Wellesbourne and Walton. The magazine has now developed a markedly different appearance both in its eye catching formats and the significant use of colour. The changes have been very well received. In one respect last year's recruitment drive by the Steering Group was successful. There are now several new regular contributors all of whom have a flair for writing and including some who have recently just finished their full time education. We now encourage 'one off articles'. More would be welcome. Additionally, we have new sub editors who diligently check to see the text reads well. Mistakes spotted by our readership are mostly due to the contributing authors! Despite strenuous efforts, the Steering Group has not been able to find an editor either to take on the current role or to share the role with someone else. Mac continues to do a magnificent job but he is well aware that he now needs to hand over to others. Around ten hours a month is all that is needed. WWNews success is due to the very many volunteers from the editor to the person who puts the magazine through your letterbox. However, for the magazine to continue to grow and be a central part of keeping us all in touch with village life new people are needed

We currently have 103 volunteers who help deliver WWN. However the job of counting out the rounds and distributing them falls on just two people and it is a concern that no-one else knows how to do it and there is no backup. This is quite a task in that it takes up more than two full days a month but this comprises two very busy days plus overspill across the rest of the month. We would love to have someone willing to use their car and share the task with us and enable us to book a holiday without struggling to find a free week. We also need volunteers to deliver particularly on the newest estates and ideally we would like someone willing to do the occasional ad hoc delivery anywhere in the village, when someone is away on holiday or sick.

WWN Finances: Despite a drop in advertising, the finances for 2021 were healthy. This is largely due to a large sum carried over from 2020, and we had an extra-large advert for the last three months of the year, generating £300 in income. The income totalled £5753.18 and the expenditure was £6360. The balance, which was paid by the church, was £606.82 – less than the £800 church budget for the magazine. However, because the church accounting system does not have debtors and creditors, the figures for the church accounts will show an income of £5774 including the church allowance of £800. This means a net loss on the church account of £586. Our thanks go to the Parish Council for their annual contribution of £1500 towards costs. 2022 is likely to be a very different picture. The printers have raised their prices by 5% so we have also raised our advertising rates by 5%. The effect this has on our advertisers will not be revealed until April when most of the adverts come up for renewal. In addition, the printers have warned us that the price is likely to go up again in the near future because of rising paper costs and we have not been able to budget for this.

Volunteers

We are most grateful to a myriad of volunteers who undertook tasks which kept the church going through the difficult year. The church is also most grateful to our two vergers Michael Dane and Cyril Loman, and all the other members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for keeping the church running.

Churchwardens: Jann Wallace and Bob White served us faithfully as Church Wardens during what proved to be a difficult year. The Inventory, Logbook and Terrier have been kept up to date, and the various works undertaken have been recorded and reported in the Fabric Report to the PCC.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

At St. Peter's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (the vicar), churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of different congregations are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

St. Peter's is registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission (Charity Number 1143822). This report is submitted to the Charity Commission each year.

The PCC met six times during the year. In addition, the APCM was held in April. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of Committees each dealing with a particular aspect of our parish life. These Committees which include Church Centre, Fabric and Finance are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it, with minutes of their deliberations and recommendations being received by the full PCC and discussed and approved as appropriate.

Deanery Synod provides a link between the parish and the rest of the deanery and beyond to the wider diocese. During 2021 the ability to meet has been impacted by Covid but we look forward to further opportunities to church life together in 2022.

Safeguarding continued to be treated as very important at St Peter's. We have worked to implement 'Safer Recruitment' Guidance in taking up DBS checks and references for volunteers and paid staff. Staff and volunteers undertake training (where appropriate to the role) which is available both on line (e-learning module, C0) and in group format (basic training module, C1). Our Safeguarding Officer reported regularly to PCC meetings and we have moved to the new Safeguarding Dashboard with the Diocese of Coventry, which gives us a monthly update of what areas of our work need further actions such as adopting new policies, training or changing what we do.

The Church Office: Administrator Ros Jarrett provided administrative support to St Peter's for 14 hours a week.

Ministry Staff Team: co-ordinates the ministry of St Peter's under the leadership of the Vicar. Core members in 2021 were the Associate Ministers, the Assistant Curate, Lynn Darby and Jann Wallace. This team continued to meet regularly to worship, to ensure the smooth running of church services and events, and ensure pastoral care is in place where most needed.

As a registered charity we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. To fulfil our purpose and take steps towards achieving our vision, the activities described above have taken place.

"St. Peter's Wellesbourne, inspired by Jesus to forgive, encourage and serve"

Administrative Information

St. Peter's Church is situated in Church Street, Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9LS. It is part of the Diocese of Coventry and the Fosse Deanery, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Church Street, Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9LS.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2017) and a registered charity with the Charity Commission (Charity Number 1143822).

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent	Reverend Greg Bartlem	Chairman
Associate Minister	Reverend Wendy Biddington (until December 2021)	
Associate Minister	Reverend Steve Hood	
Assistant Curate	Reverend Barry Coleman (on placement from October 2021)	
Wardens	Ms Jann Wallace	
	Mr Bob White	
Deanery Synod	Mr Richard Bacon	
	Mrs Margaret Howard	
	Mrs Susan Bacon	
	Mr Tony Norton	

Elected members:	Mrs Veronica Quinn
	Mr David Close
	Mr Cyril Loman
	Mrs Christine Murphy
	Mrs Fiona Unsworth
	Mr Graham Day
	Mr Jackson Towers
	Ms Pat Mills (until April 2021)
	Mrs Linda Mitchell
	Mr David Sampson (from April 2021)

Minutes Secretary: Mrs Linda Dane (non-voting)

Secretary: Mrs Ros Jarrett (non-voting)

Financial Review

£77,033 was spent from the unrestricted funds to provide the Christian Ministry from St Peter's Church, including contribution to the diocesan share which largely provides the stipends and housing for clergy.

During the year the Youth Services spent £12,797 on staffing costs, and £2,662 on children and youth ministry.

This year we were pleased to be able to run a few activities to raise funds, after such activities being curtailed by the Covid pandemic. In September we joined with the Wellesbourne Community Day and raised £400, held a Christmas Fair at the start of December which raised £1,448, and the Friends of St Peter's held two Saturday morning brunches which raised £404.

The net result for the year was a surplus of receipts over payments of £33,240 on unrestricted funds. This was due in the main to a bequest of £23,225 and a generous gift-aided donation of £18,000 on which we were able to recover tax of £4,500 bringing the total donation to £22,500. Adding together the bank and deposit balances the total carried forward in unrestricted funds at 31 December was £147,535 (2020: £114,294) of which £22,560 is designated for Music, the Church Centre, and St Peter's Friends.

No expenses were claimed by any PCC member for attending meetings during the year (2020: £0).

The PCC does not act as custodian trustee for any other charity.

Reserves Policy

Restricted Reserves

The Carr Fund Restricted Reserve is held to cover the cost of maintaining the Carr graves in perpetuity (£10,000) with the remainder held to be used as the PCC determines. To date it has been held for fabric issues for the church and churchyard.

Other restricted reserves are set up as a result of specific criteria by the giver such that they can only be spent in a very restricted manner.

Unrestricted Reserves

Unrestricted reserves are held to cover costs that may arise that cannot be met out of annual income flows. This amount represents a minimum of the running costs for six months for the church and the church centre as currently operated (excluding the parish share which it is assumed is covered by giving). This cash buffer represents funds in the respective current and deposit accounts at a point in time.

Designated Reserves

Designated reserves are funds set up by the PCC out of unrestricted funds and can be added back into the unrestricted funds at any time. As they are wholly within the control of the PCC they are regarded as a special type of unrestricted fund.

Going Concern

The PCC has considered the issue of the charity continuing as a going concern and conclude that the charity can continue for the foreseeable future.

Approved by the PCC on 22nd May 2022 signed on their behalf by Reverend Greg Bartlem (PCC Chair)

Signed Greg Bartlem



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	The Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of St Peter's Willesbourne		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2021	Charity no (if any)	1143822
Set out on pages	11 – 15		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

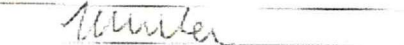
Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

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

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

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

Signed:  **Date:** 25/4/2022

Name: Malcolm Keith Edge

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

Address: 35 Ridgeway Road
Didcot
Oxfordshire, OX11 5HQ

Section B Disclosure

None

St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned giving		59,499	-	59,499	55,705
Collections at Services		375	-	375	1,091
All Other Giving/Voluntary Receipts	5a	46,276	5,802	52,078	25,774
Gift Aid Recovered		16,634		18,634	15,592
		124,784	5,802	130,586	98,162
Activities for Generating Funds	5b	18,401	4,480	22,881	15,742
Investment Income	5c	162	30	192	885
Church Activities	5d	9,018	2,956	11,974	8,591
Furlough income re Sessional Worker		-	851	851	787
Total Receipts		152,365	14,119	166,484	124,167
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities:					
Parish share		57,312	-	57,312	57,312
Clergy and Staffing expenses		10,526	12,797	23,323	38,706
Church Running Expenses	5e	35,785	7,385	43,170	27,913
Church Centre Running Costs	5f	6,190	-	6,190	5,051
Mission giving and Donations	5g	2,631	3,286	5,917	6,945
Costs of Generating Funds	5h	6,681	-	6,681	4,772
Total payments		119,125	23,468	142,593	140,699
Excess of Receipts/Payments		33,240	(9,349)	23,891	(16,532)
Cash at Bank and in Hand 1st January		114,294	61,065	175,359	191,887
Cash at Bank and in Hand 31st December		147,535	51,713	199,248	175,359

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Bank Current Account General	17,109	12,570	29,679	2,766
Bank Current Account Church Centre	4,040	-	4,040	1,824
Bank Current Account Youth Services	-	1,828	1,828	7,204
CBF Deposit: Carr Fund	-	30,881	30,881	30,865
CBF Deposit: Church	91,050	-	91,050	91,002
CBF Deposit: Church Centre	15,612	-	15,612	15,604
CBF Deposit: Youth Services	19,524	6,434	25,958	25,944
Petty cash	150	-	150	-
Petty Cash - Youth Services	-	-	-	100
Maintenance Float	50	-	50	50
	<u>147,535</u>	<u>51,713</u>	<u>199,248</u>	<u>175,359</u>
Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid Recoverable	214	-	214	2,581
		-		<u>2,581</u>
Assets Retained for Church Use: Church Centre at cost		<u>258,881</u>		<u>258,881</u>
Liabilities				
Fees owed to Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance	738	-	738	241
Clergy Expenses	-	-	-	-
	<u>738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>241</u>

Notes

1. The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis.
2. Asset retained for Church use is the Church Centre at cost basis. The Church Centre and contents are valued at £1,129,439 for insurance purposes.
3. St Peter's church and contents are valued at £11,590,000 for insurance purposes.
4. The movements in the designated and restricted funds during the year were:

Designated Funds	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Organ and Music Fund	2,593	-	-	2,593
St Peter's Friends Fund	3,966	1,115	115	4,966
Church Centre Reserve	15,000	-	-	15,000
	21,559	1,115	115	22,559

Fund Descriptions:

The Organ and Music Fund supports music in the church e.g. purchasing new music books for the choir and tuning the organ. It is funded by fees paid to St Peter's Singers.

St Peter's Friends is a group which raises funds for the church through various activities such as serving Saturday morning brunches to the community.

The *Church Centre Reserve* is set aside for major repairs and maintenance to the centre.

Restricted Funds	Bal b/fwd restated, see note 6 below	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Community Benevolent Fund	3,655	3,005	1,651	5,009
Fabric Fund (Carr Bequest)	30,865	16	-	30,881
Youth Services Fund	17,878	4,494	15,459	6,913
Memorial Wall	5a 7,352	2,956	4,723	5,585
Foodbank	1,315	2,297	1,635	1,977
	61,065	12,768	23,468	50,365

Fund Descriptions:

The Community Benevolent Fund exists to help individuals and families in crisis through the provision of such items as white goods, furniture, clothing and petrol vouchers as a short term measure.

The Fabric Fund from the Carr Bequest is partly to cover the cost of maintaining the Carr graves in perpetuity (£10,000), with the remainder held for use as the PCC determines. To date it has been held for fabric issues for the church and churchyard.

The Youth Services Fund was set up to fund work with the children and young people of Wellesbourne. The fund currently helps to finance both the Children and Family Worker and the Sessional Outreach Worker.

The Memorial Wall Fund holds monies paid in advance for inscriptions on the Memorial Wall for ashes interred in St Peter's churchyard.

The Foodbank Fund exists to help individuals and families in crisis through the provision of carefully selected emergency food supplies as a short term measure.

5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020	
	£	£	£	£	
Receipts					
a)	All other giving/voluntary receipts				
	Donations	23,051	5,302	28,353	14,725
	Bequests	23,225	-	23,225	500
	Collections for Other Charities	0	-	-	300
	Grants	0	500	500	10,250
		<u>46,276</u>	<u>5,802</u>	<u>52,078</u>	<u>25,775</u>
b)	Activities for generating funds				
	Church Rental Income	884	-	884	641
	Church Centre Income	8,596	-	8,596	7,804
	Advertising Income Wellesbourne and Walton News	4,903	-	4,903	5,383
	Fundraising	3,332	-	3,332	1,333
	Other Income	685	4,480	5,165	581
		<u>18,400</u>	<u>4,480</u>	<u>22,880</u>	<u>15,742</u>
c)	Investment Income				
	Dividends	107	-	107	195
	Interest	56	30	86	691
		<u>163</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>886</u>
d)	Church Activities				
	Fees paid to PCC for Wedding, Funerals etc	9,018	-	9,018	3,575
	Memorial Wall	-	2,956	2,956	5,016
		<u>9,018</u>	<u>2,956</u>	<u>11,974</u>	<u>8,591</u>
Payments					
e)	Church running expenses				
	Office expenses, telephone etc	2,066	-	2,066	2,540
	Worship materials, music and organists	7,016	-	7,016	5,507
	Special services and events	115	-	115	505
	Church Maintenance and Repairs	5,623	-	5,623	5,417
	Churchyard Maintenance	9,030	-	9,030	4,290
	Utilities and Insurance	11,936	-	11,936	8,461
	Memorial Wall	-	4,723	4,723	1,131
	Youth Services	-	2,662	2,662	61
		<u>35,786</u>	<u>7,385</u>	<u>43,171</u>	<u>27,912</u>

f)	Church Centre Running Costs				
	Maintenance and Administration	2,878	-	2,878	2,160
	Cleaning	3,312	-	3,312	2,891
		<u>6,190</u>	-	<u>6,190</u>	<u>5,051</u>
g)	Mission Giving and Donations				
	Payments to Mission Partners	2,400	-	2,400	2,400
	Payments to Other Charities and Mission	231	3,286	3,517	4,545
		<u>2,631</u>	<u>3,286</u>	<u>5,917</u>	<u>6,945</u>
h)	Costs of Generating Funds				
	Church Rental Costs	135	-	135	100
	Fundraising Costs	80	-	80	-
	Printing Costs - Wellesbourne and Walton News	6,466	-	6,466	4,672
		<u>6,681</u>	-	<u>6,681</u>	<u>4,772</u>

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 Approved by PCC on XX XX XXXX and signed by:

Greg Bartlem

Revd Greg Bartlem, Chair PCC

J A Wallace

J A Wallace, Treasurer

R. White

R White, Church Warden