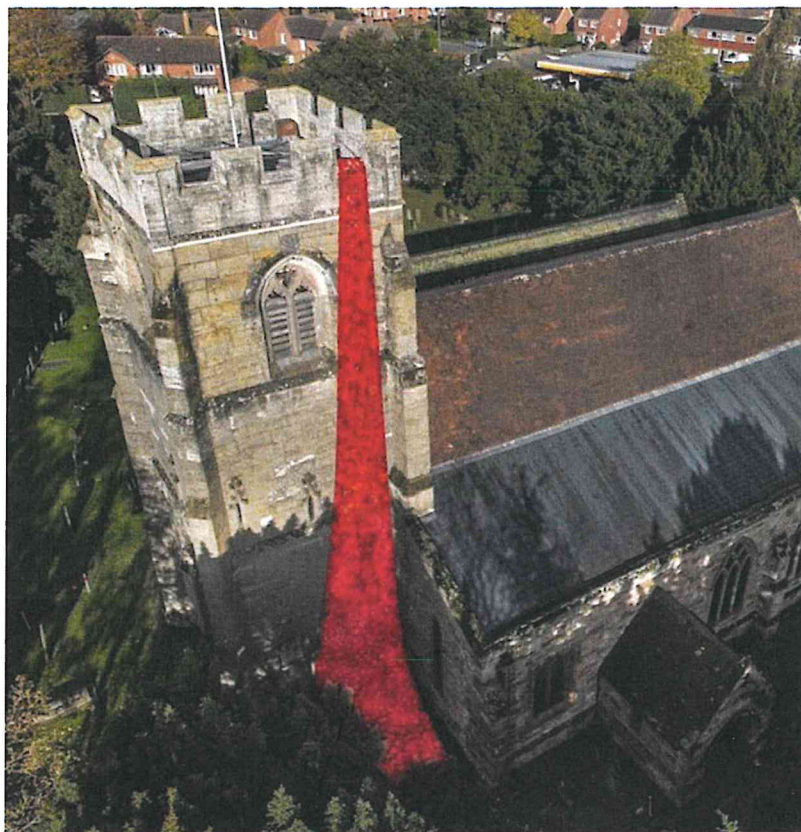


St. Peter's Church, Wellesbourne



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	
Minutes Secretary:	Mrs Pam White (until April 2023)	
	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.

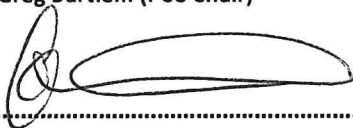
Going Concern

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

Address:

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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
		<u>100,920</u>	<u>10,538</u>	<u>111,458</u>	<u>154,026</u>
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		<u>145,326</u>	<u>12,302</u>	<u>157,628</u>	<u>196,176</u>
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		<u>176,692</u>	<u>5,261</u>	<u>181,953</u>	<u>151,206</u>
(Excess) of Payments/receipts		<u>(31,366)</u>	<u>7,041</u>	<u>(24,325)</u>	<u>44,970</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand 1st January		<u>202,013</u>	<u>42,205</u>	<u>244,218</u>	<u>199,248</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand 31st December		<u>170,646</u>	<u>49,245</u>	<u>219,891</u>	<u>244,218</u>

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

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	3,128	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	Church running expenses				
e)	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
		63,520	360	63,880	53,106

		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
		20,607	-	20,607	14,400

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
		9,110	4,901	14,011	4,946

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
		7,341	-	7,341	9,371

Approved by PCC on 14 April 2024 and signed by:

 G. Bartlem


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