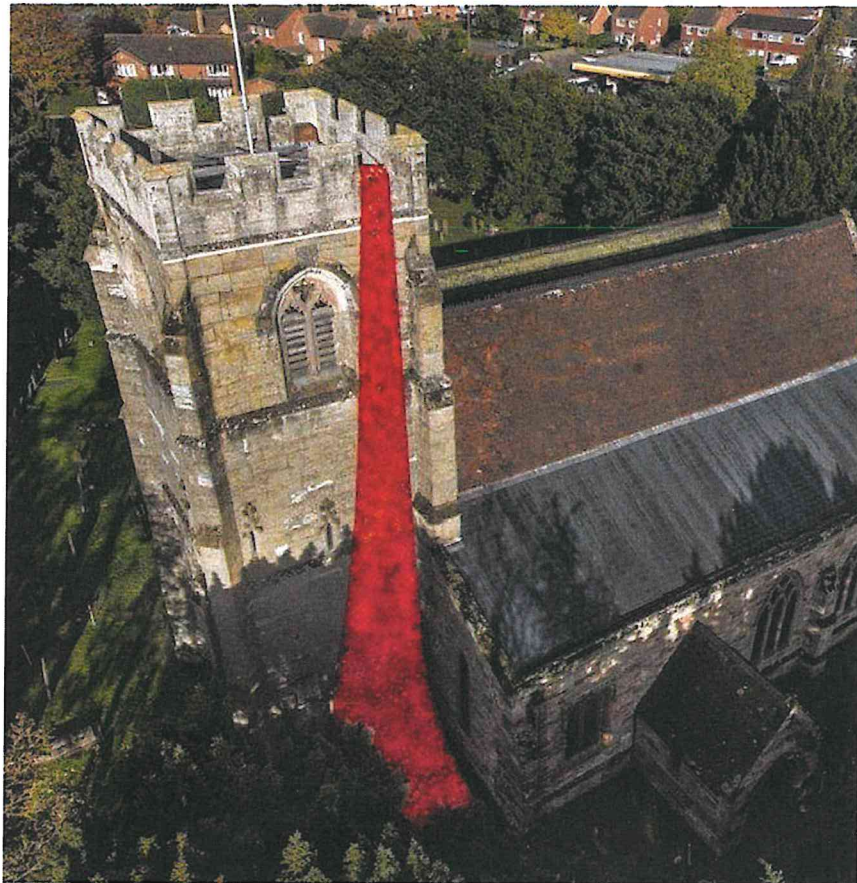


St. Peter's Church, Wellesbourne



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 W&WN 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,



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	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").

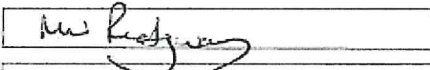
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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
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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
		99,785	7,207	106,922	100,037
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		143,263	10,217	153,480	154,797
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		168,823	3,623	172,446	192,191
(Excess) of Payments/receipts		(25,560)	6,594	(18,966)	(37,394)
Cash at Bank and in Hand 1st January		129,567	52,930	182,497	219,891
Cash at Bank and in Hand 31st December		104,007	59,525	163,532	182,497

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	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>320</u>
	<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
	22,901	6,884	3,536	26,249

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
		52,930	10,218	3,623	59,366

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
	<u>15,106</u>	<u>7,207</u>	<u>22,313</u>	<u>14,904</u>
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
	<u>28,320</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,320</u>	<u>32,744</u>
c) Investment Income				
Dividends	89	-	89	152
Interest	4,885	1,538	6,423	9,114
	<u>4,974</u>	<u>1,538</u>	<u>6,512</u>	<u>9,266</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	9,876	-	9,876	8,055
Memorial Wall	-	1,472	1,472	295
	<u>9,876</u>	<u>1,472</u>	<u>11,348</u>	<u>8,350</u>
e) VAT recovered via LPW initiative	308	-	308	4,401


Payments		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
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 Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
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


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

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