

# **ST PETER'S CHURCH, PETERCHURCH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

St. Peter's Church is situated in Church Road, Peterchurch. It is part of the Wye Dore Valley Benefice within the Abbeydore Deanery and the Diocese of Hereford. The Peterchurch Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission No: 1152026

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

**Incumbent:** Revd. S Lockett

**Churchwardens:** None

**Deanery Synod Representatives:** Mrs P Savage

### **Elected PCC Members:**

Mrs P Savage  
Mrs C Rouse  
Miss M Harmer  
Mrs J Barnard (until March 2020)  
Mrs V Vaughan  
Mr M C Brooke

### **Non-PCC Members:**

Ms S Halliday (Treasurer/Book Keeper).  
Mrs L A Brooke (Electoral Roll Officer)

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

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

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

St. Peter's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev Simon Lockett, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Peter's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many socio-economic groups that live within our parish. Our

services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Missionary and outreach work

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Peters and The Hub at St Peter's.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The PCC are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, morning prayers provide a quiet, intimate and reflective environment for worship whilst opportunities are provided for people to engage in more outgoing worship, such as that provided by the activities within St. Peter's.

We have two traditional services each month, a Saturday Holy Communion and a Sunday Celtic Communion. On the third Sunday there is a Café Church and, once a month, we have a midweek Holy Communion Service run by the Deanery Anna Chaplaincy. Also once a month a Centring Prayer Session is held on a Wednesday. All are welcome to attend our regular services.

Church attendance: there are 17 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll following the 6-year revision and the average attendance at a Sunday service was 25.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. In 2021 we have held three Baptisms, no Weddings and four Funerals.

## **PASTORAL CARE**

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Rev Lockett, or the pastoral team, has visited all church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them, either at their homes or in hospital. There is also a monthly home communion service, which takes place in the house of one of our parishioners, to which all are welcome.

## **DEANERY SYNOD**

One member of the PCC sat on the Deanery Synod until March 2020. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. This year the PCC has also focused its attention on the questions posed to parishes in the deanery about the most effective deployment of stipendiary and non-stipendiary clergy.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard and tirelessly to make our church the lively and vibrant community that it is and for their outstanding response during the COVID 19 Pandemic. Our thanks also go to our Treasurer/Book Keeper who has helped us all to understand the church's accounts and its finances, and all the other members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for keeping the church running.

## **REVIEW OF THE YEAR**

Please see the reports by Rev Lockett and the Hub Project Coordinator (attached). Additionally the condition of the spire has continued to cause concern for some time.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

St Peter's Church has two entities, the Church and The Hub at St Peter's, both of which take place within the church building and come under the jurisdiction of the PCC.

The Church has raised significantly more this year from collections, weddings and funerals and was therefore able to meet its Parish Offer obligations. Together with donations and profits from the 100 Club it was able to pay 10% of the running costs and maintenance of the building. The Parish Giving Scheme has continued at St Peter's Church this year; we will continue to publicise this in the coming year.

Hub Café profits were 50% higher than last year, hire income remained consistent and further Small Business Rate Relief grants were received from Herefordshire Council which enabled the Hub to pay 90% of the running costs and maintenance of the building. Funding from the Big Lottery continued to pay for three part time staff until the end of October at which time the two Cafe staff chose redundancy packages in preference to an uncertain future. (A further application was made to the Big Lottery during the summer but no decision had been received by the end of the year). The Project Co-ordinator chose to remain in order to progress grant applications and avoid complete closure by running a skeleton operation. Café opening hours were reduced and covered by volunteers together with one paid member of staff courtesy of a small grant from HCF. The Hub continues to benefit from a Renewable Heating Incentive grant.

## **RESERVES POLICY**

The PCC currently holds Designated Reserves to cover 3 months' Parish Offer payments and 4 months' operating costs. There is also an emergency repair fund which is intended for use to replace the boiler when necessary.

PETERCHURCH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL - **CHURCH** - Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31/12/2021

<u>Income</u>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Gift Aided donations	£6,236.48	£6,801.25	Fund Raising	£619.90	£1,741.86
Other Planned Giving	£240.00	£240.00	Donations	£277.50	£650.73
Cash collections	£345.90	£886.15	Parish Share / Offer	£10,250.02	£10,250.04
Restricted collections CHARITIES	£60.50	286.05	Wages (Treasurer)	£807.40	£552.50
Wall safe & misc donations (inc GVN)	£4,897.43	£2,918.97	Clergy expenses	£2,292.00	£2,352.00
Special appeals / designated	£90.00	£1,140.00	Repairs / renewals /servicing	£568.48	£756.06
Gift Aid Tax reclaimed	£3,494.15	£922.85	Church Requisites	£415.03	£761.77
Fund Raising	£3,814.40	£3,301.82	Churchyard maintenance	£742.20	£92.00
Income from investments	£263.53	£2,973.33	Utility bills	£154.99	£240.00
Wedding and Funeral Fees	£719.00	£2,983.00	Trading costs inc insurance	£89.27	£136.71
Electricity Wayleave	£11.92	£11.92	Major repairs	£78.00	£0.00
Tithe Income		£191.94			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£20,173.31</b>	<b>###</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£16,294.79</b>	<b>###</b>
<b>2020 Income exceeds Expenditure by</b>				<b>£3,809.56</b>	
<b>2021 Income exceeds Expenditure by</b>				<b>£5,123.61</b>	
<b>SUMMARY</b>					
BANK OPENING BALANCE				<b>£10,309.38</b>	
BANK CLOSING BALANCE				<b>£15,432.99</b>	
NET MOVEMENT				<b>£5,123.61</b>	

PETERCHURCH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL - **HUB** - Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31/12/2021

<u>Income</u>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Café takings	£12,730.16	£18,942.63	Café purchases	£3,326.33	£5,849.73
Centre Hire	£1,548.58	£1,447.00	Wages (inc redundancies)	£1,643.30	£15,296.08

RHI Payments	£7,487.38	£7,093.06	Repairs / servicing (no grant funding in 2020)	£8,605.22	£9,096.73
Donations	£664.95	£320.45	Utilities including heating	£10,199.90	£10,435.89
Restricted donations	£140.00	£81.43	Restricted donations (cleaning & lift)	£907.00	£46.43
Covid-19 fund float	30.53	£0.00	Supplies (stationery etc)	£2,666.70	£2,102.40
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£22,601.60</b>	<b>###</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£27,348.45</b>	<b>###</b>

**2020 Expenditure exceeds Income by £4,746.85**  
**2021 Expenditure exceeds Income by £14,942.69**

**Grants / Funding Received**

Big Lottery	£60,769.00	£28,606.00
Eveson		
Elmley		£0.00
Fastershire	£314.64	
HCF - temporary staff	£4,860.00	
HCF - Peterchurch Unlocked	£2,000.00	
Talk Community		£1,809.99
Big lottery adjustments 30/10/20	£323.30	£0.00
Herefordshire CC Covid grants	£11,334.00	£16,897.79
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£79,600.94</b>	<b>###</b>

**2021 Grant Expenditure exceeds Income by**

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**SUMMARY**

GRANT "LOSS"	<b>£17,606.86</b>
OTHER "LOSS"	<b>£14,942.69</b>
	<b>£32,549.55</b>

**Grant Funded Expenditure**

Salaries,sessions,expansion,marketing, transport etc	£55,846.38	£58,605.19
Lift maint,boiler,fire alarm,lift ins,cespitt,water tests	£353.64	£0.00
Events & felting workshops	£1,351.50	£648.50
	£314.64	£0.00
Temporary staff	£1,297.00	£3,563.00
Peterchurch unlocked events	£1,043.88	£956.12
Laptops, equipment & volunteer party	£288.94	£1,147.83

**£60,495.98**      **###**

BANK OPENING BALANCE	<b>£66,939.30</b>
BANK CLOSING BALANCE	<b>-£34,389.75</b>
NET MOVEMENT	<b>£32,549.55</b>