

Parish Church of St. Peter, Ruddington

Annual Report and Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

For the year ending 31st December 2022

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Annual Report 2022 for St Peter's Church Ruddington

Background:

St. Peter's Parochial Church Council ('PCC') is a registered charity number 1154125 with the Charity Commission. It has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish of Ruddington, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for St. Peter's Church and the property known as The Hermitage, which serves as a church hall.

Membership of the PCC:

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Currently the PCC comprises 4 ex officio, 1 Deanery Synod representative, 5 elected members and 2 co-opted members - the agreed establishment being ex officio members +10% of the Church Electoral Roll.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent: The Revd Andrew Buchanan (Chairman)

Readers: Mr Mike Houghton
Mrs Jane Gray

Wardens: Mrs Janice Folkett
Mr Mic Robins

Representative on the Deanery Synod:

Mrs Jane Gray

Elected Members: Mrs Margaret Barker
Mr Terry Boniface
Mrs Jeannette Dawson (co-opted)
Mrs Sue Lindley (co-opted)
Mrs Liz Mack
Mrs Nikki Roe
Mrs Caroline Duffield-Simm

Standing Committee:

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by it. There were 6 meetings held during the year 2022.

Working Groups:

Apart from the Standing Committee, the PCC has not operated through formal committees. An informal working group, The Buildings Committee, has been overseeing buildings issues.

PCC Meetings:

There were 6 regular meetings of the full PCC during the year, with an average attendance of 11 including the Chair.

Church Attendance:

The current roll stands at 106, including 11 who reside outside the Parish.

During 2022, the church has been open for services all year. The church live streams its Sunday services. Until the end of May 2022, morning prayers were also shared online.

The average Sunday service attendance in 2022 was 69 compared to 60 the previous year.

It is hard to judge attendance at online services; large numbers of 'engagements' may simply be an appearance on someone's Facebook timeline. We know, though, that an average of 14 people engaged with morning prayer each time.

There were 5 weddings, 1 baptism, 4 thanksgivings for the gift of a child and 11 funerals in church during 2022. A further 7 services were taken by the St Peter's incumbent or Readers at a crematorium.

Vicar's Report:

Dear Friends,

Despite all of the challenges that we continue to face as a church community reflecting upon 2022 reminded me that we have so much to give thanks for. We are such an outward facing church! Little P's and Friendship group continued to reveal Christ's love to the wider community of Ruddington. This year these projects were joined by 'Heat n' Eat' – a bold initiative designed to provide care and support for the most vulnerable. However, none of these precious projects would happen without the hard work and sacrifice of so many volunteers. Thank you so much – all of you! I could never thank all of you here (I'd double the size of the report) but I do feel that special thanks needs to be given to Janice Folkett, as she steps down from her role as Churchwarden at this APCM. Janice is amazing! She has loved us so well and fulfilled her role with great skill, compassion and tenacity. Thank you, Janice!

God bless,

Andrew, Vicar St Peter's Ruddington

Discipleship/ Small Groups:

Our small groups continued to be the beating heart of St Peter's in 2022. Every small group is different but each share the same Christ-centred love, commitment to fun, friendship, prayer, study and fellow pilgrim support. Their continued success was largely due to the commitment of their members and the skill and hard work of our small group leaders – and to them we owe a huge debt of gratitude!

This year, in 2022, we were privileged to host the Diocesan 'Real Life' Discipleship Course. A big thank you to all who helped facilitate this course!

Rev Andrew Buchanan

Children and youth:

2022 marked a time of change in our children and youth ministries as, early in the year, Mark Holden (who used to be our Children, youth and Families Leader) moved on to a new position. After a long time of joint reflection we (and the Baptist Church) decided that now wasn't the right to employ another youth/children's worker. As a result, although Sam Hackett (the Baptist minister) and I share overall leadership of this ministry, day-to-day coordination is lead by Sarah Brookes and Sarah Lowe, with termly meeting with volunteers to iron out issues and to discern future direction. Children and youth groups have meet on Sundays and Fridays. On Sunday, groups included Little Time travellers 3-5s, Transformers 5-11s and Grid 11-15. Our Friday evening youth groups were 'Big' and 'Paz'.

Jointly, with the Baptist and Methodist churches, we continued to lead weekly assemblies at both St Peter's and James Peacock Schools. Nikki Roe, David Baker and myself are Foundation Governors at St Peter's School.

Rev Andrew Buchanan

Little Ps:

Little Ps is a Christian Ministry for babies and toddlers. We meet in St. Peter's Church on Mondays 9-10.45am during term time. We have a lovely, fun-filled time together in a safe environment while also learning about God in a gentle way. We have one hour's free play from 9-10 with lots of toys and a Bible craft. Then at 10-10.45 we all join together for a Bible story and Bible songs mixed in with general nursery songs and sometimes a parachute game or bubbles. We have lots of families who are registered with us, some who come occasionally and others every week. Our average weekly numbers of children are between 25-35. This Ministry is donation only and is self funding. Any money donated goes towards buying things we need. The surplus goes to the Church. From February 2022 up till February 2023 during the 39 weeks we have met which includes the Christmas Fair our profit has been £952 of which we have paid out £840. Broken down it is as follows....

MONEY PAID TO THE CHURCH.

£498 proceeds was from refreshments at the Christmas fair. Most of the lovely home made cakes were provided by Margaret Barker and church members' generosity.

£120 proceeds from the weekly donations given on entry to Little Ps

£50 given for Children in Need

OUR OUT GOINGS FOR LITTLE Ps NEEDS

£82 for new toys to replace old and damaged ones

£20 for books (leaving gifts and Christmas)

£70 sundries (tea, coffee, milk, sugar, and food for end of summer term party)

BALANCE TO DATE

£112 left in the kitty which will hopefully increase by end of term when we will give once again to the Church.

Little Ps has a very dedicated team of volunteers who do an amazing job and without their hard work we could not provide this Ministry so I would like to say Thank you to everyone involved.

Lyn Smith, Little Ps leader

Friendship Group:

The Friendship Group meets once a month in church and is funded by grants from the Co-op.

In 2022 the group managed to meet 6 out of a possible 11 times. Cancellations were caused by Covid, the period of extreme heat and, in September, the Queen's funeral.

In September and June, Michelle Foss led us in Armchair Exercises. Some members found these sessions extremely beneficial and, as a result, Michelle has started regular classes in the Hermitage.

In May we watched The Plank. October's Quiz caused much hilarious rivalry between the teams, the winner being decided by a tie break! In November Colin Baker entertained us with one of his famous Sing Songs, ably assisted by Mic Robins and Penny and Richard Bird and in December we took 44 members to the Cottage Hotel for a Christmas lunch

During the year we have lost five very dear, longstanding members. They are sadly missed by us all.

At the same time, we have welcomed a new helper and eight new members, six of whom have joined us from our sister ministry Heat 'n Eat.

Regular contact with members is an essential part of our Friendship Group ministry. Specially designed cards are sent for birthdays, Christmas, Easter and to those who are ill, in hospital or bereaved, and everyone receives a small gift at Christmas and Easter.

Each member is assigned to a Friendship phoner, who call them at least every fortnight. This regular contact, together with the monthly meetings, a main part of which is time for chats and the serving of tea and cakes, enables us to hear of any health or welfare problems, which can, if necessary, be referred to Andrew.

We have been told by our members that there is no other similar group, that our care and friendship has made a real difference and is very much appreciated. We feel very blessed to hear that at least one member has decided to worship here at St Peter's.

I would like to pay tribute and give my grateful thanks to all the leaders and helpers who work so hard and are always willing to do whatever necessary to make the Friendship Group such a caring ministry.

Honor Dixon, Friendship Group Leader

Heat n Eat:

Heat n Eat was born from a conversation Andrew and I had way back in early 2022, hearing stories about the impending cost of living crisis, (of which we are now fully absorbed in). Andrew wanted the church to offer something practical and the idea of Heat N Eat was born.

Its very much been a team effort right from the start, including securing outside funding from Reach Rushcliffe for one year's meals, the cooking and serving of the food by Chris Flewitt of Sycamore Dining, and the brilliant team of ladies who help twice a month – setting up tables, welcoming and chatting to our guests, serving the food and endless drinks and then washing up by hand in our less than ideal kitchen facilities. It just goes to show what can be achieved when people believe in a vision and run with it.

We now have funding for at least another year due to funding from Ruddington Village Centre Partnership. Each person pays a contribution of £1, as a way of offering something regardless of circumstance and enabling dignity, and the funding pays the remaining £2.50. This is great value as the meals are of really food quality.

Our vision was to offer really good quality hot food to anyone who booked, not seeking to decide who is in need but to allow our open welcome to be the open wide arms of the love of Jesus-His kingdom of abundance and acceptance preached through good food and building community. We also wanted to offer more than just food- so we set tablecloths and flowers and make it feel like it a proper meal out- again demonstrating that God is one of abundance.

We use Eventbrite to book the meals, which is not foolproof by any means but allows us to monitor numbers; I book for those who are unable to do so themselves.

We served 26 meals for our first event in June last year, and now serve 40 people each time, with the capacity to go up to 50. Many people come each time, enjoying the community that has been built and eating in company, when many would otherwise eat alone or miss a meal during the day.

My hope is that we reach more families who might enjoy a hot meal during the day, and whilst this event is not overtly evangelistic, we can demonstrate in practical terms the reason for the hope that we have. We are also practically attending to one of our agreed purposes of church - in loving neighbour- and being missional as we respond in loving service and fight injustice on behalf of those whom society says have less worth, either due to age or lack of resources.

As I prepare to leave St Peter's later in the year, Janette has agreed to lead the Heat n Eat team forward, ably assisted by her team – Sue, Margaret, Eva and Joan- but new volunteers would be very welcome – its lots of fun and the food is fabulous.

Lizzie Mack, Heat n Eat Lead

Musical Worship

Generally, the music in the church is a steady, comforting part of the service. It is a vital part of our services yet is often taken for granted. I would like to think that people have not noticed the changes that have occurred over the past year and that we have continued to be that supportive facilitator in worship.

The main change in the worship team was the change of leadership from Jane Gray to myself. With my coming, I was trying to bring more balance between the traditional and contemporary worship in our blended services. This has been a real challenge with a few musicians being very strongly one side of the spectrum. However, most services over the past year have found a happy balance. This has been my main goal over the past year, to achieve a balance where everyone can worship through music that not only fits the theme of the services but fits the people of our church.

A few other changes that have happened over the past year are these: 1) a reduction in paper waste with the beginning of a music lyric library, 2) an attempt to keep sound equipment more dependable by reducing the number of changes in the setup, and 3) the further inclusion of John Russell to get our organ up and leading music again.

The one major difficulty we have found is the introduction of new music while maintaining this balance. Overall, I think the musical worship has matured slowly and steadily. We will be looking to recruit more musicians this year to allow for more variation in sound while maintaining the blended worship balance.

Deb Smith, Musical Worship Leader

Safeguarding:

Safeguarding must always be a high priority. This year, many volunteers are due to renew their safeguarding training, and plans are in place for this. The increased expectations of training, together with a larger focus

on online learning, make this more tricky than previously, but it is vital that all our eligible volunteers complete the online training courses. We will support them in doing this.

We have tightened up our procedures for induction of new volunteers, and have made registration of our existing volunteers more formal and systematic.

I have been pleased to see that volunteers have come to me to express 'uh-oh' feelings if they have one. This is a sign that the culture of safeguarding in church is vigilant.

Currently I am Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and Lead Recruiter without a deputy. This leads to some vulnerabilities in the system and I will be looking to recruit a Deputy PSO this year.

Nikki Roe, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Churchwarden's Fabric Report:

- Timing issues on heating programmer attended to and continue to be monitored
- Electrical works: vestry light replaced, power point console plug investigated, servery water heater replaced
- Church clock tower repaired, funded by Ruddington Parish Council (RPC)
- Lead work to roof has been 'Smartwater' treated as required by insurance
- All fire extinguishers serviced or replaced and PAT testing completed
- Wall heater to bell tower replaced.
- New bolt provided to rear double doors to conserve heat, to be used only for funerals, weddings and emergency exit purposes.
- Floor studs to mark seat rows completed.
- Leaf and moss clearing to all roof areas carried out.
- Lead repair works to main roof valleys completed as quinquennial report requirement, including slate replacements
- Flagpole lanyard to be replaced.
- Twisted floor duct grating fixed.
- Jubilee celebrations beacon and flags as joint venture with RPC
- Internal stonework repairs, storage cupboard and servery work still held in abeyance awaiting Diocesan approval.
- Statement of significance and need for servery has been submitted and specification now obtained from Diocesan architect for inclusion in our application
- Internal church lighting to be reviewed. A specialist lighting design company has submitted proposals at no cost, which are being considered, costs to be finalised
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External Grounds

- Water Pipe leak and subsequent paving subsidence in church path adjacent to boiler house has now been investigated, excavated repaired and made good, works paid for by RPC. Our thanks have been expressed to councillors involved.
- An application under list 'B' has been made to the Diocese for; repairs, replacement bricks and re-pointing church boundary wall. Quotes obtained to carry out the works, which will be expedited once risk of frost has passed. Work funded by RPC. Contractors appointed.

- Work to remedy unsafe trees as per tree survey also to be funded by RPC
- Large tree in centre of rear lawn became unsafe and was removed and stump excavated out. New tree planted in north east corner of rear lawn, thanks again to RPC.

Hermitage:

- Windows to flat 2 replaced (kitchen and bedroom)
- New floor coverings to flats 1 and 2 entrance lobby and landing complete.
- Archer Roofing repaired roof to valleys over flat 2 and 3, both need regular cleaning.
- Problems with blocked sink and draining recurring due to tenant misuse. Plumber has cleared blockage and added additional rodding points to waste.
- Water leak under hermitage car park investigated, located and repaired.
- Flat 2 bedrooms and bathroom has been redecorated.
- EPC obtained for hermitage.
- New railings around boiler house steps completed.
- Problems with hermitage boilers reoccurring. Rob Cotton recommended complete replacement of system at a cost of approximately £6,000. Second opinion obtained from heating engineer. Recent site visit, both boilers now working, however the hot water combi-boiler is not looking serviceable for much longer, parts proving difficult to obtain as unit becoming obsolete, therefore quote is being prepared to replace this boiler should the original fail again.

Mic Robins and Janice Folkett, Church Wardens

Charitable Giving:

On 21st March 2022 St. Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) decided to distribute £11,520 equally between the following twelve charities for our annual charitable giving (£960 to each charity)

1. Framework: Framework Housing Association work with people with multiple disadvantages offering housing support, health and social care, employment support, living and budgeting skills. Framework was formed in 2001 after the merger of two Nottingham-based charities, Macedon (a Christian charity begun by Sneinton congregational Church) and Nottingham Help the Homeless Association (NHHA) – merged. It is a regional charity covering Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and Sheffield. Their work is about empowering those people to address the challenges they face and supporting them to live independently in our communities.

2. NG11 Foodbank (Trussell Trust): Based in Hope Church Clifton. The foodbank provides three-day emergency food parcels for people in need who have been referred by a partner agency. The money donated by St Peters goes towards buying food and household items also at special times such as Christmas/Easter to be able to buy all the people they help chocolates or small gifts, also to buy ingredients and resources for their budgeting course and healthy cooking classes. They also signpost people to outside agencies, for example: the Citizens Advice Centre. They are about to launch The Money Hub, where people can meet in the cafe in the church hall once a week to discuss money matters and give each other tips on how to manage better.

The volunteers also are greatly helped by the food bank. They provide a loving environment where young people with learning difficulties can learn new skills and gain confidence. Also school pupils can do their D of E volunteering there and they have students volunteering who might be writing their dissertation on social situations like poverty.

3. Christians Against Poverty (CAP): CAP is a debt relief charity, helping people who are stuck within a spiral of debt. Work involves seeing clients in the local area, generally three main visits with follow-up pastoral support which can last for many months. Enabling people to become debt free through expert advice and help and by following their budgeting plan changes people's lives. Evangelism is a part of CAP. Funding is needed to provide ongoing ability to visit clients, essential running costs of the debt centre, for one paid employee, plus any expenses incurred by volunteers.

4. The Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer: The project is to build an arch in the shape of an infinity loop just outside Coleshill, near Birmingham near to two major motorways - the M6 and the M42. It's final height will be 51.5 metres. It will be seen on over 500,000 journeys a week.

It will be composed of 1 million bricks. In each brick will be an answer to prayer. You will be able to point your phone to a brick and be able to read an answer to prayer. This is so people can see how God has answered other people's prayers in the past, to encourage people to pray themselves and build up their faith in God through a personal relationship with Jesus. It will be the largest database of hope stories in the world.

5. The Friary: The Friary is a charity with a distinctly Christian foundation serving South Nottingham and Rushcliffe. Its mission is to empower homeless and vulnerable adults to rebuild their lives by offering practical services, advice and emotional support. Every year the charity caters for 15,000 visits (about 40 per day) from local people who are suffering the effects of homelessness, substance misuse, financial destitution and social isolation. The Friary continues to feed and clothe people who are hungry and homeless, but over the years has extended its services to enable access to a GP, dentist, podiatrist, mental health professionals and a specialist nurse to assist rough sleepers. There is also access to in-house IT services to give support with online benefit claims, CV writing and job applications.

6. Tender hearts Foundation (Francis and Alison Pidugu): Alison and Francis Pidugu work with the Dalit Community in Goa, the so called 'untouchables'. Providing free pre-school education, free vocational training, nutrition and healthcare for children and impoverished people living in the slums.

7. Teso Development Trust (general funds): St Peter's has had links with the Teso Development Trust (TDT) for around 20 years. Due to Covid children have not received any education for two years in most areas of Teso. Climate change is also affecting the sustainability of rural lifestyles in Teso and TDT is putting much work into helping communities learn new agricultural methods and disaster resistance measures. TDT is also the conduit for our work with Aminit School which forms part of TDT's portfolio of projects.

8. Aminit High School (via Teso Development Trust): Following the conclusion of the highly successful support from St Peter's to the Ngora Parents' School in Teso, St Peter's are now supporting the Aminit High School. The school is in a desperately needy part of Teso where there was previously no secondary education. The support we give to Aminit High School enables there to be a major change in the prospects for children in this rural area where subsistence farming is the major way of life.

The project started very quickly using accumulated funds within TDT and a foundation has been built for a school block comprising 4 classrooms, a storeroom and office/staffroom. At the request of the community funding was switched to the provision of a three classroom block that had been started by the community but who ran out of funds.

9. Tearfund: Tearfund does good work as well as representing a Christian voice on a larger stage, being part of the Disaster Emergency Committee and undertaking advocacy on many important world issues from a Christian perspective. Tearfund is a Christian charity with over 50 years of experience in international development around the world. Tearfund starts from the position that poverty is not God's plan, and an end to extreme poverty is possible. Tearfund works directly, and alongside local partners and churches, in underserved communities in more than 50 countries to tackle complex poverty in three main ways: Humanitarian response, community development, advocacy and influencing. Particularly important is Tearfund's advocacy at international level from an evangelical Christian standpoint, ensuring that Christian

perspectives are voiced at the highest levels of policy making in international arenas.

10. Simeon's Trustees: Simeon's Trustees and Hyndman's Trustees are leading and long-standing Church of England patronage trusts, with patronage interests in nearly 200 parishes in over 40 dioceses, often as sole patron. Founded in 1836 by Charles Simeon (who is commemorated in the Church of England Calendar on 13 November), Simeon's Trustees are guided by his charge to his founding trustees and their successors, for the benefit of the parishes in their care. Hyndman's Trust was brought together with Simeon's in 1990. The trusts are generally thought of as representing the evangelical tradition in the Church of England, but Simeon's Charge does not set out a 'party' position, and they have patronage interests in parishes in a range of traditions, which they respect. Their main role is when a benefice is in vacancy, working with PCCs, dioceses and, for a significant number of benefices, other patrons, towards the appointment of a new minister. However, in addition to involvement at other key times, they give ongoing prayer support for their parishes and clergy. Simeon Trustees are patrons (together with the diocese) of St Peter's church. By investing in them we will ensure that the valuable work of this charity continues until such a time as we need them again. Simeon's Trustees is a small charity that relies upon the financial support of the churches of which it is patron, of which we are one.

11. Jericho Road: Jericho Road are a Christian charity that bring hope and restoration to marginalised women in Nottingham, especially those affected by the sex industry or at risk of sex work. They practice important work for the most marginalised, multi-disadvantaged women in Nottingham, being Jesus hands and feet, showing love and practical help. As a charity that began in 2000 started by the then vicar of St. Andrew's church and his wife as a result of the sex work evidence they saw in the church garden, they rely on the generosity and support of donors, churches and individuals to sustain and develop their work. They do outreach and drop-in work involving providing food and support, they visit and keep in contact with women in prison and support women moving on into independent living accommodation.

12: Refugee Roots: Refugee Roots offers a vast range of support for refugees and asylum seekers in the Nottingham area. They are a Christian charity that helps asylum seekers and refugees build relationships and navigate the complexities of building a new life in the UK.

Caroline Simm, Charitable Giving Co-ordinator

Treasurer's Report:

1. Introduction and Summary

As the complete disruption to church life caused by the pandemic receded, it would have been expected that 2022 may have been more straightforward in terms of St Peter's finances. However, although the year was generally positive for church finances, it was not business as usual.

For example, the PCC decided late in 2021 that reserves could no longer be drawn on to pay parish share so significantly less share was paid in 2022. Also Mark Holden, the family, youth and children's leader decided to move on resulting in substantial savings in wages and associated costs. Additionally, collections and donations increased to more like pre-pandemic levels, and of course, there were increases in some energy bills.

Additionally, grants totalling £5,713 were received from Ruddington Village Partnership and Rushcliffe Borough Council to support the new Heat'n'Eat initiative supplying hot meals for £1 to about thirty people, twice a month.

The overall result of these factors, and others, is that total receipts into all of St Peter's funds

(unrestricted, restricted and designated) were £164,959 compared with £163,367 in 2021. The total payments from all funds were £132,789, just over £32,000 less than £177,007 in 2021. Much of this difference in payments is caused by the cost of refurbishing Flat 1 in the Hermitage in 2021.

On 31 December 2022, the total value of all St Peter's funds was £162,494 compared with £130,324 a year earlier.

2. The General Fund

Unrestricted receipts and payments are recorded in the general fund which at the end of 2022, finished with a surplus of receipts over payments of £14,810, increasing to £25,747 when the £10,000 Hermitage transfer and others are included.

Regular giving was reduced, as forecast, as church members moved away. Gift Aid increased, but this was mainly due to timing of claims, and collections almost doubled as congregations increased after the pandemic.

As mentioned above, the PCC decided to reduce parish share payments by about one-third to protect reserves. The effect of energy price rises can be seen in the church utility bills increasing to £13,093.

Changes to the way the information is presented (as a result of working with a new accountant) make some comparisons with the previous year misleading. For example, it appears that wedding and funeral fees increased almost four-fold in 2022 but this is as a result of showing gross and not net fees. For a true comparison see the notes to the accounts.

Sundry receipts and payments are distorted as a result of transactions by fraudsters when the debit card details were used to pay for foreign holidays. These payments have been refunded by the travel company.

Giving to our nominated charities totalled £11,520, representing 10% of the unrestricted receipts in 2021.

Overall, the reduction in parish share payments and other savings offset the increased utility bills. This means that St Peter's is in a better position starting 2023 than it was a year ago, with £67,647 in the general fund, including reserves.

3. The Hermitage

The Hermitage continues to be a valuable and necessary source of income for St Peter's church. The three flats have been occupied throughout the year and the pre-school continues to be an important and valuable user of the hall on most weekdays during school terms.

Receipts for the year of £27,354 were as expected; 53% from the flat rent and 47% from room hire.

Payments totalled £13,980 resulting in a surplus for the Hermitage of £13,374 before transferring £10,000 to the General Fund. The Hermitage Fund total was £17,557 at the year end.

4. Restricted and Designated Funds

St. Peter's Church has several funds, established over many years, which can only be used for the purposes specified by the original donors, or designated by the PCC.

In 2022, there were no changes to the Church Grounds Funds (£1,185), Mission Fund (£160), Bellringers' Fund (£1,344), Organ Fund (£1,036) and Heating Fund (£3,088).

There was a minor maintenance payment from the Refugee Fund which now stand at £845. The Development Fund paid £1,954 for improvements to audio visual systems and church lighting but this was partially offset by a donation of £850 so the fund now totals £21,474. The Community Fund (previously Co-op) received grants of £5,713 for Heat'n'Eat, and after paying for Christmas lunch and other gifts for the Friendship Group now totals £7,270.

There are also a number of restricted funds invested with Churches, Charities and Local Authorities Investment Management (CCLA). At the year end:

The Ruddington (Mills) Permanent Endowment Fund, held in shares, was valued at £3,306.

The Ruddington Chancel Permanent Endowment Fund, held in shares, was valued at £52,769.

The Ruddington Chancel Fund, held in cash, was valued at £50,068. This fund is nominally restricted to maintenance of the chancel roof, but up to 70% can be spent on other major projects.

5. Charitable Giving

St. Peter's Church has a policy of making grants to chosen charities each year, worth approximately 10% of general fund receipts. Members are asked to suggest charities for discussion and approval by the PCC. £11,520 was distributed according to the report from the charitable giving co-ordinator – see above.

6. Conclusion

Changing circumstances, as outlined in the introduction, meant that church finances were not easy to forecast in 2022. The situation continues to be unpredictable in 2023, with support for energy bills being uncertain and the ongoing, unpredictable effects of war in Ukraine. That said, St Peter's is in a reasonably good financial position as the year starts, and also we are planning a giving campaign for the early summer which, hopefully will further improve the situation.

Finally, the church leadership continues to be grateful for the long term generosity of our members, which we never take for granted, and without which we would not be able to engage in mission and ministry to Ruddington and the surrounding area.

M J Houghton,
Treasurer, March 2023

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Ruddington
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Independent Examiners Report

Responsibilities of PCC

The PCC are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Accounts.

The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Responsibility of Independent Examiner

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required of an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

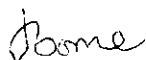
Independent Examiner Statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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

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

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



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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Ruddington
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022
Receipts and Payments Account

	2022					
	General	Hermitage	Designated & Restricted	Endowment	Total	2021
	Fund	Fund	Funds	Fund		
Receipts						
Bank Interest	113	7	677	-	797	107
Wedding and funeral fees	10,889	-	-	-	10,889	2,673
Church hire	1,556	-	-	-	1,556	769
Hermitage	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Flat rent	-	14,454	-	-	14,454	14,901
Hermitage Hire	-	12,893	-	-	12,893	9,101
Donations	7,827	-	850	-	8,677	3,838
Grants	-	-	5,713	-	5,713	22,000
Investment income	-	-	-	1,569	-	1,700
Designated gifts	-	-	-	-	-	500
VAT reclaim	575	-	-	-	575	410
Furlough	-	-	-	-	-	1,598
Regular giving	73,243	-	-	-	73,243	78,649
Collections	3,580	-	-	-	3,580	1,813
FYC ministry	1,860	-	-	-	1,860	-
Sundry Income	12,406	-	-	-	12,406	-
Gift Aid recovered	18,316	-	-	-	18,316	15,308
	130,365	27,354	7,240	1,569	164,959	163,367
Payments						
Charitable giving	11,568	-	-	-	11,568	13,010
Office Costs	1,213	607	-	-	1,820	3,216
Hermitage payment to church	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
FYC ministry	243	-	-	-	243	619
Heat and Eat	1,305	-	-	-	1,305	-
Training & discipleship	90	-	-	-	90	21
Worship resources	929	-	-	-	929	789
Music & technical	978	-	-	-	978	640
Mission	105	-	-	-	105	-
Vicars expenses	1,844	-	-	-	1,844	2,274
Fees, ministers, organists, ver	6,921	-	-	-	6,921	-
Parish Share	49,350	-	-	-	49,350	76,076
Bank charges	136	107	-	-	243	98
Utilities	13,093	4,082	-	-	17,175	7,451
Insurance	5,917	1,702	-	-	7,619	7,755
Cleaning	-	979	-	-	979	871
Repairs & maintenance	5,372	6,503	2,044	-	13,919	37,442
Professional fees	841	-	-	-	841	702
Sundry	7,314	-	1,210	-	8,524	363
Wages	8,337	-	-	-	8,337	15,680
	115,555	13,980	3,254	-	132,789	177,007
Movement in funds	14,810	13,374	3,986	1,569	32,170	-13,640
Transfers between funds	10,937	-10,017	649	-1,569	-	-1,700
Funds b/fwd	41,900	14,200	81,869	-	130,324	145,664
Funds c/fwd	67,647	17,557	86,504	-	162,494	130,324

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Restricted Funds

	Ruddington Chancel Fund	Refugee	Development (was Project)	Mission	Church Grounds	Bell Ringers	Community (was Co-op)	Organ	Heating	Total
2021 B/fwd	53,209	2,587	24,793	237	1,185	1,344	3,973	1,036	-	88,364
Receipts	1,543	-	6,896	-	-	-	-	-	13,500	21,939
Payments	6,896	1,652	9,111	77	-	-	286	-	10,412	28,434
C/fwd	47,856	935	22,578	160	1,185	1,344	3,687	1,036	3,088	81,869
2022 B/fwd	47,856	935	22,578	160	1,185	1,344	3,687	1,036	3,088	81,869
Receipts	2,212	-	850	-	-	-	5,713	-	-	8,775
Payments	-	90	1,954	-	-	-	2,130	-	-	4,174
C/fwd	50,068	845	21,474	160	1,185	1,344	7,270	1,036	3,088	86,470

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Notes to the Accounts

	2022	2021
Weddings and Funerals		
Wedding and funeral fees	10,889	7,441
Payments for fees, ministers, organists and vergers	6,921	4,768
	<u>3,968</u>	<u>2,673</u>
During the year the Hermitage transferred the following amount to the general fund	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

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Year Ended 31 December 2022
Permanent Endowment Funds

	2022	2021
Ruddington (Mills) Fund		
Value b/fwd	3,747	3,278
Unrealised gain/reduction on investment	- 441	469
Value c/fwd	3,306	3,747
Ruddington Chancel (shares) Fund		
Value b/fwd	59,810	52,325
Unrealised gain/reduction on investment	- 7,041	7,485
Value c/fwd	52,769	59,810
Ruddington Chancel (cash) Fund		
Funds b/fwd	47,856	53,209
Transfer from Endowment	1,569	1,518
Interest received	643	25
Contributions to reordering	-	- 6,896
Value c/fwd	50,068	47,856



Rev A Buchanan
Vicar



Mr M Houghton
Treasurer