

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St Peter's Church, West Blatchington

St Peter's Church, West Blatchington, Hangleton Road, Hove,
East Sussex, BN3 7LQ

Registered Charity no. 1166661

For the year ended 31st December 2022

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St Peter's Church West Blatchington

Trustees Annual Report for 2022

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Timothy Gage, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic, and ecumenical;
- Encouraging us to know Jesus better and make Him better known;
- Practical support and care for all people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need, creed or ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

St Peter's represents a Christian presence in our parish of West Blatchington. Our aim, as a charity, is to support and strengthen the faith of churchgoers and to attract and maintain in the Christian faith by our cheerful and generous example those in our parish and beyond who do not regularly, or ever, attend church. We aim to spend our financial resources to achieve our purpose, to conserve our Grade 2* listed church building, and to support charities, local and worldwide, as democratically selected annually by our parishioners.

Our MISSION ACTION PLAN is designed to help us focus and prioritise our objectives so that our Church will continue to grow and develop now and in the years to come. This Plan, known as "The Four Mores", may be summarised as follows:

MORE OPEN

This is about making sure that we can clearly communicate the vision of who we are as a church family, and how we can demonstrate both our purpose in the parish and the hope of the Gospel. We want to ensure that all people feel welcome at St Peter's and that worship is meaningful and accessible for all.

MORE CONVERTED

This is about how we encourage commitment in the journey of the Christian faith and encourage disciples to go deeper, through training and further devotion.

MORE GENEROUS

We want to foster a culture of joyful givers, where we eagerly support the needs of others through generosity with our time, energy and finances, where we work together and all play our part.

MORE ENGAGED

This means we are looking to build upon existing networks and community groups, alongside new ones, to bless our parish and beyond.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Our intention for 2022 was to continue with the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church, either in person or online
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small group situations or online
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus Christ
- Providing pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish
- Reaching out to the unchurched through provision of the Church Fairs and other social events
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as an historic centre and focus of life in the community
- Supporting local charitable organisations with events and initiatives to raise funds
- Offering help with transport to church for people with mobility problems, subject to the constraints of social distancing
- Offering a wide range of church services, and at different times to suit different tastes and life styles. Sunday mornings (using Common Worship), non-eucharistic services for younger worshippers on the first Sunday afternoon of each month and monthly prayer meetings on Wednesday mornings and evenings, with additional services marking Christian festivals throughout the year being held on the appropriate days of the week. The Sunday service is supplemented, for those who are unable to attend in person, by a weekly service of the Word which can be accessed online or by telephone from 10.00am each Sunday.
- The Rector being available, in conjunction with the Curate, the Churchwardens and other members of the church community, for any aspect of ministry such as preparing for baptism, confirmation, marriage, celebration of vows, ministry at the time of death, officiating at funerals, or helping with appropriate personal situations.
- Encouraging church attendance by publicising all that is on offer, weekly in church service sheets, monthly in our magazine, Keynotes, through our website, and half-yearly in a newsletter delivered to every household in the parish.

What we achieved and how we affected people's lives

Attendance at worship

It is our pleasure and our calling to welcome people from inside and outside of the parish and from all walks of life and stages of faith to join us in the worship of Almighty God. We seek to be true to our Anglican-liturgical roots while maintaining an attitude of warmth and inclusion. We embrace modern technology through a digital projector, for readings, sermons, talks, liturgy, hymn words and videos. We acknowledge the hugely important role that our website and Facebook page play. We continue to be hugely grateful for the role of Gill Evans as our temporary music director and for the diversity of musical gifts which she and the choir bring. The ordination of Rev Jan to the priesthood in June meant that he has been able more fully to support Rev Tim in the conduct of services by leading the Holy Eucharist as well as preaching and leading other acts of worship.

The average regular weekly attendance on Sunday mornings during 2022 was 57 adults and children. Of note are the numbers of people who attended our services on Easter Sunday (91), Remembrance Day (73) and the Christingle in the Crib Service (153). In addition, the average attendance at the monthly "St Peter's at 4" services, intended primarily to cater for young families and children, was 17 adults and 20 children.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

- With the relaxing of the Covid-19 restrictions, Confirmations were once again able to take place in 2022. From St Peter's 8 people were confirmed at a service held at St Andrew's in Hove, with 8 of their candidates.
- In 2022 there were 1 church funeral, 5 burials of ashes, 1 wedding and 9 baptisms.
- Bible Study groups meet regularly on Wednesdays, one in morning and one in the evening, and each group regularly attracts 10 or 11 people. Discussion is encouraged and those participating always feel it is rewarding and time well spent.
- The Lent Course in 2022 was 'A Journey through the Bible' and it also attracted about 10 in both groups.
- We continue to seek improvements to our on-line capability, including weekly online services, viewable via the parish website or directly on YouTube. We have a pro-active PCC, including younger members with digital skills. Our intention is to keep much more closely in touch, digitally, with people who wish to use our church facilities. This especially includes families presenting children for baptism or those getting married in church. These families obviously value the church but have difficulty maintaining contact in the very mobile and changing modern world. Detailed plans were drawn up, and estimates obtained, in 2022 to improve and expand our audio/visual capabilities within the church building, including the introduction of internet to enable live streaming of services.
- We provide tea, coffee and other refreshments after Sunday morning service which provides an opportunity for parishioners and visitors to socialise.
- We continue to plan for the recruitment of a part time youth worker for our parish, as recognition of the importance of attracting and keeping young people interested in the Church.

Evangelism and outreach

St Peter's is very active and successful in reaching outwards from the church community and involving as many people as possible. Examples are:

- Sunday School: Some 10 children and 3 parents normally take part while the Sunday service is taking place and then join the congregation for the administration of Holy Communion.
- Choir: There are currently 10 members of the adult choir. We continue to seek a candidate to appoint as our Director of Music/Organist. In the meantime, we are very blessed with the services of Gill Evans, one of the existing members of the choir who has proved herself to be more than competent in playing the organ, thus enabling the choir and congregation to sing with their usual gusto! We are hoping to resurrect our junior choir, now that the Covid-19 restrictions have eased, to sing at special services.
- Puppeteers: A special group of youngsters at St Peter's uses puppets in performances emphasising Christian values. These shows give great enjoyment to all and boost the confidence of the children taking part, as well as providing a source of Christian teaching to the younger members of the congregation. 5 of them participated in an Easter video recording.
- Women's Social Group: This is an active group of some 27 ladies, affiliated to St Peter's for over 60 years, in normal conditions enjoying themselves with coffee mornings and outings of all sorts and raising money for a chosen charity each year.
- Men's Group: Notable by its absence has been any kind of social activity for the men of the St Peter's community. In November 2022 the first social activity of the newly formed Men's Group took place with some 10 men of the parish in attendance and that was followed by an organised evening of skittles, pizza and beer in December with 18 men in attendance.
- St Anthony's Pre-school: This is a nursery facility based in our Community Centre, adding to the outreach effort and success we achieve at St Peter's. Rev Tim has visited the pre-school on several occasions.
- Brownies, Guides and Rainbows: They use the Community Centre every week.
- Social Events: Most such activities have been once again been able to take place during 2022. The Summer and Christmas fairs took place and there were various other activities during the year, including a cricket match & picnic, two film nights, a sponsored bike ride around Hove Park, Hymns and Pimms evening, 'Come Fly with Us', paper aeroplane event, Beating the Bounds walk, quiz evenings (both in person and online) and a Harvest Festival bring & share lunch.
- Our biannual Newsletter, detailing church news and events and delivered personally by members of the congregation to each of the roughly 2,500 households in the parish, is an effective outreach initiative which has resulted in new enquiries and contacts.

The church building

- St Peter's is on an ancient church site with evidence of worship here in Saxon times. It has Norman, Victorian and modern features and is Grade 2* listed. The site is archaeologically significant and the PCC is determined to safeguard this heritage.
- The church and surrounds are well maintained for the enjoyment and safety of all by a cleaner, a team of flower ladies, brass cleaners and gardeners and by regular surveys of electrical, gas and fire safety systems. Volunteers regularly organise a church 'spring clean', and 'blue jeans Saturdays' for churchyard maintenance, normally twice a year in March and November.
- The customary Friday coffee mornings and occasional family film nights continue to take place.

- Although our churchyard is closed for burials we still have space for the burial of ashes. Friends and family are grateful for the intimate, quiet and local setting which the lawns of St Peter's provide.
- Planning continued to bring St Peter's up to ECO Church standards.

The wider community

- The PCC is confident that our relatively small parish of St Peter's, with a population in the region of 6,250 souls, 'punches well above its weight'. Our beautiful flint church occupies a prominent position in West Blatchington on a major route into West Hove. We are active in presenting and teaching the Gospel of Christ, but welcoming to people of all faiths and none. We are a diverse parish and in normal times have a wide range of social activities designed to raise money and bring people together. We regularly meet 100% of our Parish Share commitment to the Diocese.
- A member of our congregation was Lay Chair and another the Treasurer of Hove Deanery Synod during 2022 and both were trustees of a local charity known as Hove Trinity Trust, a revolving financial resource for Hove Deanery churches. One was also a mentor on the Living Faith Course run by the Diocese. Two of our Lay members and our Rector serve on the Diocesan Synod.
- Several members of our congregation actively participate in running the Hangleton and West Blatchington Foodbank which is a joint venture run by our parish and the neighbouring St George's Roman Catholic Church. The Foodbank is a valuable contact with many people normally outside of the church communities. St Peter's people contribute much, including money, foodstuffs and time and effort in providing this multi-faceted service. Our harvest food collection in 2022 was donated to the Foodbank.
- We have strong and active links with the two Church schools that are located within the parish, being Aldrington and King's, with the Rector and other members of our congregation on both of the boards of governors.
- The proposed major new housing development at Toad's Hole Valley falls within our parish, though it continues to be subject to planning delays. The PCC will be actively examining ways in which we can make the presence of the Church known to the new residents there once the development takes place.
- Charitable planning and action is a large part of our activity and includes local and worldwide organisations offering relief. For 2022 we selected six charities and details of the amounts donated were published in Keynotes. The PCC regularly adds from church funds to the amounts donated by parishioners. Among others, during 2022 we were able to fund donations to Off the Fence, The Salvation Army, Mind, and The Martlets Hospice.
- We have an active Pastoral Care Group of 7 members, including the Rector and Curate, which manages and supplies pastoral care such as home visits, transport help, home Holy Communion, telephone chats, and bereavement visits. Sometimes, church members find themselves in care homes outside of the parish but remain under our pastoral care, as desired.

This part of our Trustees' Annual Report demonstrates what we did in many differing ways during 2022 to justify, achieve and maintain our charitable status as a major influence for good throughout our parish and beyond.

Financial Review

Incoming and outgoing resources

The total receipts on general unrestricted funds received were £80,361 and are detailed in the Financial Report.

Our Summer and Christmas Fairs raised a total of £5,364 this year. Our thanks go to Zanita and her merry band of helpers for raising such a huge amount of money.

The planned giving through envelopes, bankers orders and Parish Giving Scheme was £37,063 a £3000 increase on 2021.

It was good to see the use of Gift Aid which gave us a total of £8,771 in income tax recovered.

The Pre-School Nursery, St Anthony's continued to rent our Community Centre throughout 2022 and is thriving. Other Community Centre hires have really started to pick up again now after Covid and our total income from rentals increased to £14,227. A 31% increase on 2021.

Our year end deficit was £26,160, despite seeing our planned giving increase and our congregation numbers grow in 2022. We will embark on a 'Journey of Generosity' in 2023 which we hope will see numbers grow even further with a plan to be completely self supported over the next 3 to 5 years. An ambitious task, but with the support of the Diocesan Generous Giving Adviser, we feel this will be achievable.

Transfers totalling £20,000 were made from the investment to the bank account to cover general Church runnings costs.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £72,500 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. This amount relates directly to the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy of this Parish, training of new ordinands, a contribution to national church funds, clergy training, shared costs of the Christian family throughout the whole diocese, including assistance towards the upkeep of churches less able to manage than ourselves.

Currently, we are meeting 100% of the net costs allocated to this church.

Staff costs

The PCC pays for a Parish Administrator and cleaner. We do not have a paid organist at the present time but are extremely fortunate to have Gill Evans, a member of our choir, play each week for us in a voluntary capacity.

Further details are provided in the notes to the accounts.

Trustee payments and expenses

The PCC supported the rector by paying Council Tax of £3,035 and Southern Water £1,281, plus various expenses totalling £802.

Mrs M Gander, who is also a Trustee, received £6,002 for her duties as parish administrator.

There were no payments to persons related to or connected to, the Trustees.

Four Trustees received £1,718 back for expenses incurred.

There was a payment of £124 for remedial electric works in the Community Centre paid to Ian Barrett, a Trustee.

Office costs

A total of £2,644 was spent on printing costs.

Why we hold some money in reserve

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds (excluding property) which equates to at least 6 months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen situations. The closing balance this year covered this contingency.

It is PCC policy to invest temporary surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England deposit fund and investment fund, returning proportionately these funds to our current account, as they are needed, to pay day-to-day bills.

As well as holding the above general reserves, from time to time the PCC receives restricted legacies for expenditure on particular purposes, defined by the donor. We aim to expend such money as soon as possible after receiving the legacy, depending on the specific objectives of the donor.

Management of risks and their mitigation

The PCC has an ongoing task of reviewing the major risks which impact on the work of the church in the parish. The usual fire extinguisher checks have been carried out.

The PCC consider that the principal risks and uncertainties are:

- The health and safety within the church building and Community Centre.
- The need to fund unexpected costs associated with the church's listed buildings .
- An unexpected fall in income, particularly given the dependence of the church on a limited number of major regular donors and one main regular Community Centre hirer.
- The requirement to find volunteers with the appropriate skills, time and commitment to support the ministry of the congregation.

The PCC seeks to manage these risks and uncertainties by regularly reviewing its Mission Action Plan and its plans for the use of the church buildings. We aim to maintain our properties to a high standard and carry out the priority items of a quinquennial review in a timely manner.

Stewardship Sundays take place to emphasise God's generosity to the congregation and encourage the congregation to respond to that generosity in their giving through time, talents and money, as they are able.

Future Uncertainties

The deficit of £26,160 for the year is a big concern, but we hope to increase regular giving via a Generous Giving campaign to ensure we are in a strong position to meet regular commitments. It is important to ensure that as the day-to-day costs rise, the growth in income is sustained through renewed giving pledges, to strengthen our underlying financial position. This will enable further improvements to be made to the fabric of our Church.

We are in a fortunate position of having a large investment with the Central Board of Finance, left over from previous legacies, which was valued at £222,149.10 on the 31st December 2022. There are plans to spend some of these funds on a new sound and visual system in Church and we are very grateful to have these reserves to call upon in emergencies.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Rector	The Revd Tim Gage	Chairman
Curate	The Revd Jan Butter	
Wardens:	Mr Jonathan Cooke (also member of the Deanery Synod and Deanery Treasurer) Mr David Keeling	

Elected Members

Mr Peter Blakeney	Mr Paul Barratt
Mrs Emma Delacour	Mr Eliot Flack-Hill
Mrs Anna Samuelsson	Mrs Moz Ward
Mrs Paula Light (Secretary)	Mrs Carol Gander
Mrs Zanita Thaxter	Mr Ian Barrett

Deanery Synod

Mr William Holden (Deanery Lay Chair,
Trustee of Hove Trinity Trust and Diocesan Synod member)
Mrs Mandy Gander (also PCC Treasurer and Parish
Administrator)
Mrs Sarah Rogers (also a member of the Diocesan Synod)

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members, the Rector, the churchwarden and members of the Diocesan Synod. The number of members of the PCC is determined by the number of people on the Electoral Roll (104). This entitles us to 12 members. Currently there are 10 members of the Church who were elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are elected for three years and it is our practice for one third of the members to retire annually. Deanery Synod members are elected for three years. A Diocesan Synod member can be an Ex-officio member. Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible. All members of the PCC are also trustees.

The Rector and PCC strive to fulfil the precepts set out in the Diocesan Strategy for 2020 - 2025.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Revd Tim Gage

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Date.....

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Summary of Financial Receipts and Payments

The financial effect of our activities during the year can be summarised as follows

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	<i>General</i>	<i>Designated</i>			<i>All Funds</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	48,517	-	-	-	48,517	57,452	
Charitable activities	1,458	-	-	-	1,458	767	
Other trading activities	23,089	-	-	-	23,089	22,128	
Investments	7,047	-	-	-	7,047	7,263	
Other receipts	250	-	-	-	250	0	
Total received	80,361	-	-	-	80,361	87,610	3
Expenditure on:							
Cost of raising funds	255	-	-	-	255	205	
Charitable costs	102,589	-	-	-	102,589	100,847	
Trading costs	3,678	-	-	-	3,678	3,626	
Other payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total paid	106,522	-	-	-	106,522	104,678	5
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>							
Net income or (net expenditure)	-26,161	-	-	-	-26,161	-17,068	
Transfers between funds	20,000	-	-	-	20,000	25,000	
Bank account at 1 January	15,109	-	-	-	15,109	6,879	
Bank account at 31 December	11,736	-	-	-	11,736	15,109	A&L

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Our financial position at the year end was

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	<i>General</i>	<i>Designated</i>			<i>All Funds</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Assets:							
Bank current account	11,736				11,736	15,109	
CBF Deposit Fund	449				449	446	
Cash in hand	400				400	400	
PCC-owned bank balance	12,585				12,585	15,955	R&P
Total bank and deposit accounts	12,585				12,585	15,955	
Gift Aid Recoverable	514				514	687	9
Debtors	514				514	687	
10,751.89 CBF Investment Fund shares	222,149				222,149	273,983	
Investment assets at market value	222,149				222,149	273,983	
 Freehold and building, Community Centre, Hangleton Road, Hove built in 1962 at estimated building cost	 3,000				 3,000	 3,000	 8
Total assets	238,248				238,248	293,625	
Liabilities:							
Choir Fund	1,546				1,546	1,232	
Women's Social Group	2,160				2,160	0	
December printing costs	180				180	121	
Gas used since last bill (est'd)	140				140	56	
Total liabilities	4,026				4,026	1,409	

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2022, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by Revd Tim Gage, Rector:

..... Date

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Notes to the Financial Report

1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and current Church Accounting Regulations, using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2 The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.

3 Analysis of total received

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Endowed	Total	Total	Notes
	General	Designated			All Funds	All Funds	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	33,978	-	-	-	33,978	31,376	
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	3,085	-	-	-	3,085	2,647	
Collections and other giving	1,670	-	-	-	1,670	1,666	
Gift Aid recovered	8,771	-	-	-	8,771	8,761	
Legacies	0	-	-	-	0	0	4
Sundry Donations	1,013	-	-	-	1,013	13,002	
Grants	250	-	-	-	250	0	4
Donations and legacies	48,767	-	-	-	48,767	57,452	
Fees for weddings & funerals	1,458	-	-	-	1,458	767	
Charitable activities	1,458	-	-	-	1,458	767	
Summer & Christmas fair	5,364	-	-	-	5,364	5,287	
Other Fund Raising	1,916	-	-	-	1,916	4,366	
Keynotes sales/adverts	1,582	-	-	-	1,582	1,616	
Temporary letting of property	14,227	-	-	-	14,227	10,859	
Other trading activities	23,089	-	-	-	23,089	22,128	
CBF deposit interest	3	-	-	-	3	0	
CBF investment fund dividend	7,044	-	-	-	7,044	7,263	
Investments	7,047	-	-	-	7,047	7,263	
Total received on all funds	80,361	-	-	-	80,361	87,610	

4 We received no legacies during 2022. We received £250 from the Diocese of Chichester in respect of a Energy Grant.

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5 Analysis of total paid

	Unrestricted		<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	Total	<i>Total</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	General	Designated			All Funds	<i>All Funds</i>	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Fair expenses	244	-	-	-	244	175	
Sum Up charges	11				11	30	
Cost of raising funds	255	-	-	-	255	205	
Charitable donations	1,885	-	-	-	1,885	2,370	6
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	72,500	-	-	-	72,500	69,265	7
Salaries and honoraria incl NI	8,504	-	-	-	8,504	8,888	10
Clergy and other people's expenses	2,520	-	-	-	2,520	1,793	11
Water, Gas, Electricity, and Oil	1,069	-	-	-	1,069	790	
Printing & photocopying	2,644	-	-	-	2,644	3,978	
Other regular church running costs	3,568	-	-	-	3,568	2,783	
Church maintenance/repairs	507	-	-	-	507	2,096	
Upkeep of Services/Chuchyard	1,863	-	-	-	1,863	1,074	
Rectory	4,518	-	-	-	4,518	4,905	
Church Insurance	3,011				3,011	2,905	
Charitable costs	102,589	-	-	-	102,589	100,847	
Community Centre Improvements	244	-	-	-	244	1,000	
Community Centre running costs	3,267	-	-	-	3,267	1,967	
Keynotes/parish newsletter costs	47	-	-	-	47	537	
Bank charges	120				120	122	
Trading costs	3,678	-	-	-	3,678	3,626	
Total paid on all funds	106,522	-	-	-	106,522	104,678	

- 6 Charitable donations were £1000 to Aldrington School, £95 to Off the Fence, £95 to The Martlets, £200 to the Salvation Army, £175 to MIND, £100 to the Hummingbird Refugee project and £100 to Worthing Cat Welfare.

- 7 The Parish share to the Chichester Diocese is for the payment of Clergy and other central costs.
- 8 The freehold property (Community Centre) was purchased by the PCC in 1962 with the estimated rebuilding cost of £3000.
- 9 Gift Aid is recoverable on donations received up to year end, since the last claim was submitted in January 2023, gift aid is due from donations between September and December 2022.

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10 Payments to PCC employees:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages, salaries and honoraria	8,504	8,888
Employer pension contributions	0	0
	8,504	8,888

11 Payments to PCC members:

- Mrs M Gander received £6,002 as parish administrator
- There were no organist travel expenses paid in 2022
- Mrs S Taylor received £2,501 for cleaning the church and community centre

Other payments were made to PCC members in the year for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC

- Revd Tim £802 for telephone expenses, zoom calls, craft materials, items for Sunday School and Tea & Tots, various items for the St Peter's @ 4 services, books, thank you gifts as well as food and drink for the various events held throughout the year
- 4 members received reimbursement for printing and computer related products, the parts necessary for making the christingles, fundraising refreshments and raffle prizes, thank you gifts, new kettle, after Church refreshments, spoons, Sunday School shelves, stamps, mileage, fancy dress costume, craft materials, printing of the Parish newsletters, high viz jackets and the new Payaz giving machine totalling £1,718

A payment of £124 was made to a PCC member for Community Centre electrical works (materials only - no labour charged)

12 Statement of funds:

Endowed funds are required by the donors to be invested and the income spent on specific objectives - we do not currently have any endowed funds.

Restricted funds are not invested permanently but are to be spent within reasonable timescales - we do not currently have any restricted funds.

Unrestricted funds are not subject to any donor restrictions and can be spent as the PCC decides

The summary of all funds appears on the next page

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12 Summary of funds

Fund income and expenditure and final balances are as follows:

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Total of all endowed funds	0	0	0	0	0
Total of all restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	257,484	80,361	106,522	0	231,323
Total of all unrestricted funds	257,484	80,361	106,522	0	231,323
Total funds	257,484	87,610	104,678	0	231,323

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Peter's Church, West Blatchington for the Year Ended 31st December, 2022

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of St Peter, West Blatchington, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2022 set out on pages 1 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in 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's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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.

Examiner's signature

Examiner's name

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Date

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

Examiner's address

