THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER ASH

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE PARISH OF ASH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH, PASTORAL, EVANGELICAL, SOCIAL AND ECUMENICAL.

Activities: The PCC seeks to assist the spread of the Christian faith in the parish of Ash, Surrey. Providing and maintaining a place of worship, advancing and educating the faith of the Church of England. Providing Pastoral care, mission to all.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£111,472	£137,255	-	-
2023-12-31	£132,265	£141,672	-	-
2022-12-31	£129,910	£126,156	-	-
2021-12-31	£108,471	£130,319	-	-
2020-12-31	£101,667	£106,571	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alla Davies		2026-05-17
Catherine Hirst		2017-04-28
Claire Holt		2025-09-14
Katie Anne Hurcombe		2025-03-16
LINDA TALLON		2019-04-28
Mark Maplethorpe		2024-05-19
PAULINE ANN BAXTER		2025-03-16
Paulene Jennifer Susan West		2026-05-17
Rev CAROL LORNA MONK		2017-04-27
Richard Moore		2023-04-30
SHEILA TAYLOR		2014-04-27
Thurstan Davies		2026-05-17

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Accounts

Annual Reports for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the year ending 2024

To be held at
St. Peter's Church, Ash
On Sunday 16th March 2025



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The aims, purposes and objectives of St Peter's, Ash

St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Keith Bristow, 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 and the Church centre of St Peter's, Ash.

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 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, we have considered the Church of England's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary 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 through the preaching and teaching of the Bible and the Doctrines of the Church of England
- 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 Peter and the Church centre.

Administrative information

St Peter's Church is situated in Ash Church Road, Ash. It is part of the Diocese of Guildford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Ash Church Road, Ash, telephone number 01252 331161, email office@saint-peters-ash.org.uk. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representative Rules 2006) and we are a charity with the number 1171836.

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: Reverend Keith Bristow
- Associate Priest: Reverend Carol Monk
- Wardens: Linda Tallon and Maria Luff

Elected members:

- Sheila Taylor, representative on Deanery Synod and Treasurer until 28th September 2023
- Catherine Hirst, representative on Deanery Synod
- Peter Hurst, Treasurer from 28th September 2023
- Ceri Hurcombe
- Abbie Hurcombe until March 2025
- Richard Moore
- Mark Maplethorpe
- Sue Towler until March 2025
- Simon Ward from 28th September 2023

Those invited to PCC meetings but not entitled to vote:

- Jo Hurst, Secretary
- Anne Wilson, Safeguarding Officer

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 (our Rector), Associate Priest, Church Wardens, Deanery Synod Representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church. All those who attend our services and are members of the congregation 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.

The full PCC meets six times during the year. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include worship, mission and outreach and fabric and finance, report back to the PCC regularly and discussed as necessary.

The PCC has a Standing Committee. This committee has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. It is composed of:

- Reverend Keith Bristow
- Reverend Carol Monk
- Church Wardens, Linda Tallon and Maria Luff
- Treasurer Peter Hurst

Rector's Report for St Peter's APCM



Looking back on 2024, I'm sure we will all have lots of good memories to cherish of our life here at St Peter's. I believe that one of our great strengths as a community is how we look out for one another prayerfully and in other practical ways. That is how it should be, and I pray that that will always continue. We have faced up to the many challenges that most churches face these days – financial, maintenance, and the indifference of the majority in our society, but we have done so with determination and a sense of humour. Those who have come to us for Sunday Services, baptisms, weddings and funerals have, I hope, gone away with a strong sense of our welcome and friendship. We pray that God has been able to use us in His service to reflect His love for them all. Who knows what seeds of faith we may have planted or helped nurture for the future? Sometimes we forget that the Holy Spirit is already at work in the lives of the people we meet – our job is to make Him known to them, through the love and care we show.
Looking forward, it would be easy for us to lose confidence – especially if we start believing the medias' narrative of a church in terminal decline. We know that that is not the case, and that God will never desert us or let us down. Relying on His strength, we believe that the missional task He has set us, is deliverable, and we mustn't let ourselves be discouraged by what others say. We need to take to heart what the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews says*: 'since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith' (Hebrews 12 v 1 – 20*) At this difficult time for our national church that word 'perseverance' is what stands out for me, as does, keeping Jesus firmly at the heart of all that we do. We must stay focused!
At the beginning of 2024 we launched our Twinning Process with St Paul's. During the course of the year, we have shared in various events together – including Café Church, Prayer Mornings, Third Sunday worship at St Peter's, afternoon teas and social occasions, to name but a few. There have been meetings between the clergy, the Archdeacon, and Churchwardens, and also Revd. Claire has been attending our PCC meetings. We pray that when I retire the transition to Revd. Claire becoming Rector here, will be a smooth one. Drawing together the talents and gifts of both parishes for the good of all, is an exciting prospect for the future. The traditions of both parishes will continue, but there will be much to share and celebrate together. As always, everything we do should be for the glory of God, and the increase of His Kingdom, under

the guidance of His Holy Spirit. Change is always a challenge, but we do not go forward alone, as He promised, Jesus is with us to the end of the age. We must make sure we grasp the opportunities that working together will bring.
As the various reports show, a lot has been happening in the past year. There has been lots to enjoy together and we are richly blessed by those who have given so generously of their time and energy to organise and deliver the various events. I would like to thank them all for what they do from week to week. Also, thanks to those who volunteer when we have our gardening and maintenance mornings, our Fete and Christmas Fayre, and help out at the community events organised by Ash Parish Council. It was also good that Miranda and Mike Younger were able to organise our Christmas Lunch this year - a good time was had by all.
A big thank you to everyone who supports us financially with regular giving, and through our social events. With costs constantly rising, your contributions are very much appreciated and vital. Also, thanks for bringing along family, friends and neighbours to social events – it is a powerful witness that we Christians do have fun! Alongside that, the gift of people's time is also greatly valued. We know that there are many demands on everyone's time these days, and so, what you give so freely to St Peter's is a very precious gift indeed. Whether it is arranging flowers, helping with maintenance issues, being on the coffee rota, welcoming people on a Sunday morning, helping with refreshments at social events, or the many other jobs that people do, it is all very much appreciated and keeps our church not just functioning, but makes it an enjoyable place to be.
Each year I mention my gratitude for all that Revd. Carol does in the parish, not just supporting me in my ministry, but also the many others who seek her advice and support. Her other roles as an army chaplain and as a member of the hospital chaplaincy team, mean that a great many people benefit from her wealth of experience too, for which I am sure they are very grateful.
Thanks to our churchwardens, Linda and Maria, for giving their time and talents – especially keeping me on the straight and narrow! Linda is now quite an expert in dealing with the diocese in getting the permissions for the various works that need to be done. Maria has done an excellent job in promoting Eco-Church, and now, having helped us secure our Bronze award, is helping us move on to the Silver standard. In doing this she has been liaising with the eco team at St Paul's, a good example of how cooperation between the two parishes is already bearing fruit.
I would like to thank Peter Hurst for taking on the role of Treasurer and working tirelessly to seek out new ways of saving us money. Jo, in the office,

also deserves our continued thanks for keeping the admin running smoothly and encouraging more people to hire our Centre for their events. The number of bookings has increased despite the constraints on people's finances in the past year. We are so fortunate to have our Centre and, as we look forward to celebrating its' 25th anniversary this May, we are working to ensure that it remains fit for purpose for the next 25 years. It puts us at the heart of the local community and allows us to play a part in the education of many local children through our pre-school, encourage family celebrations and facilitate the regular meetings of various uniformed groups and other clubs. In this context, thanks also go to those who volunteer to open and close the Centre and welcome our users.

At each APCM, there are people to remember who have sadly died during the past year. In 2024 we have mourned for Rosemary Daniels, Derek Marchant, Joy Savage, Beryl Reynolds and our 104 year old stalwart of the 8 o'clock service – Irene Woolhouse. She was still a regular attendee until just a few months before she died. We value the contribution that each one of them made to the life of the church. We miss them all and now pray that they may rest in the peace of Christ and rise with Him in glory.

I am aware that I could have mentioned many more people by name here, but I hope you all know how much your contributions to the life of this church are valued. God has called us all by name and we are His. We are all, every single one of us, loved and precious in His sight. In the year ahead our challenge remains the same – to tell others by word and action that they too can have a place in God's Kingdom and that eternal life is theirs to accept as God's free gift, through faith in Jesus. I pray that God will continue to use us all to break through the indifference we encounter, and help us show what knowing God, in Jesus Christ, means in experiencing true fulfilment in our lives. May we go forward together with confidence, letting ourselves be guided solely by Him who knows us better than we know ourselves.

Father Keith

Rector

Secretary's Report



We have maintained 13 members from different groups in church, with a good level of attendance at meetings. We had one new member to the PCC at the AGM Our 2024 Electoral roll stands at 102.

The three working groups: Communications, Social Events and Ministry, have been regularly meeting this year.

We also were able to enjoy our Christingle service once again this year and was very well attended and lots of children dressed up and participated.

We have continued to have the Wednesday Holy Communion service in the Church Centre to save money on heating, and it has proved very popular with people from other church congregations joining for coffee after the service. We have also continued with having the 2nd Sunday services in the Centre which is working well.

We have worked hard to ensure our Safeguarding policies and procedures are in place and are up to date. Our thanks go to Anne Wilson, our safeguarding officer, for moving this forward with the PCC.

Our two schools, Walsh Memorial Church of England Infant School and Walsh Church of England Junior School have continued to enjoy visits for collective worship and pastoral care from Father Keith and he is also continuing to help with the RE curriculum.

A lot of work this year has been achieved on our Twinning Project which is where we will be sharing a priest with St Paul's in Tongham. Because of this work our Parish Development Plan for 2025 will be on hold until we have officially Twinned.

The launch of the Twinning Project was in January 2024 with small groups from both churches encouraged to meet to discuss working together on various aspects of church life, including outreach and communications. Twinning has also been a regular item on the PCC agenda, allowing for concerns and celebrations to be shared.

Under Maria Luff's guidance we continued with work to get St Peter's Eco Church Bronze Award which we have achieved. We are now working towards our Silver Award.

The results from our Quinquennial Inspection have continually been reviewed and fixed/monitored through Maintenance Mornings. One of our big concerns was an external stone work issue which was fixed in 2024 following good weather.

This year we lose 2 serving PCC members, Abbie Hurcombe and Sue Towler. Our thanks go to all serving, retiring and new members of the PCC for their contributions and support.
Jo Hurst
Secretary

Treasurer's Report



This has been my first full year of being Treasurer, it's still a learning curve. It's an ongoing process reviewing how we handle finance against the latest guidance from the Charity Commission and the Church of England. Looking at all our regular payments: fuel, printers, phones, security systems etc; I'm checking that we are getting value for money aligned to current and future requirements.
We do seem to have a downturn in the amount of Giving received and we are always very grateful for that which we do receive. We are in the process of joining the Parish Giving scheme which will make the process easier for givers, and also make the admin at our end simpler.
One notable change (totally behind the scenes) is how we receive our phone services; I've reduced our monthly costs from over £100 to about £20. This has been made possible due to better use of technology.
You'll have probably noticed small electronic thermometers dotted around the church. These have enabled us to better understand how the church warms up and cools down. It also highlighted a fault with the thermostats on the heating system, which have been fixed. This information coupled with smart heating controllers should enable us to better control our use of oil. It will also enable us to control the temperature better which will help preserve the plasterwork (which we know is expensive to fix).
We have plans to install LED lighting in both the church and the centre; this will reduce electricity consumption. It is also hoped we can easily (and cheaply) fit smart heating controllers in the centre to better control and reduce our heating costs. I'm sure that these will also feature on the eco report.
I'm very conscious that we have a number of maintenance and renewal tasks that are required around the Church and Centre. I am trying to get a handle on what the impact on our finances is going to be over the next few years. We will apply for funding where we can, however where funding can't be found we need to include the costs within our budgets.
You will notice that at the year end we had not fully paid our Parish Share for 2024. The reality is that the payment had been made, but our bank temporarily

blocked it as a suspicious payment!!! It was released on the first banking day of 2025. Lesson learnt – don't leave it until the final day before making payments!!

The hiring of the Centre to groups and individuals within our community continues to be a valuable source of income for us. Thank you to all the various people who enable this to happen by opening up and locking up the Centre, plus all the coordination of bookings by the office.

I would like to thank the Parish Close and Heathcote Trusts for their generous donations, without them we would not have been able to meet our liabilities and balance the books.

Peter Hurst
Treasurer

Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric maintenance of the St. Peter's Church and Associate Buildings

In 2024 we continued to work our way slowly through the requirements of our Quinquennial Inspection, with the stone work on the East end of the church being repaired in the Spring. This was the second of the two major repairs which were identified by the architect in his Inspection report. (The first was repairs to the plaster work on the south wall, completed in November 2023). Regular Maintenance Mornings have also enabled us to keep the grounds looking tidy and begin to make improvements to the interior of the church. We are very grateful to the small army of volunteers who give their time and expertise to maintaining the fabric of the building and its surroundings, including the brass cleaning team and those who maintain the Garden of Memory.

In March 2024 the new porch gates, which have been donated in memory of Bert Howard, were 'opened' with members of Bert's family in attendance. The gates are beautifully designed and enhance the entrance to the church. We are very grateful to the Howard family for their very generous gift.

The yearly inventory of the church was completed in the Easter holidays and everything was found to be in good order.

In August 2024 we had an 'Eco Audit' of the church, which then was followed by a report on how well we are doing and offering us the chance to apply for a grant of £3,000 to make improvements to our eco credentials. We are currently looking into using this to replace the lights / fittings in church to make them more eco friendly and hopefully save us some money in running costs. We have also looked at how the boiler runs and its impact on the temperature in church. A new 'Smart Controller' enables us to have better regulation of the timings and temperature.

In October we had a maintenance day focused on St Peter's Centre and were able to spruce up the centre foyer and clean up light fittings, among many other jobs. This was followed by one of our regular Maintenance Mornings, when the dilapidated shed in the centre grounds was dismantled. Many thanks to Richard Moore and Peter Hurst and their helpers for their work on this and the assembling of the new shed to replace it.

We have continued to focus on the 'Twinning' with St Paul's church in Tongham and members of both congregations met to discuss their hopes and concerns in the Spring of 2024. As churchwardens we have been involved in

the Steering Group follow-up meetings with Jens Mankel from Guildford Diocese to consider ways forward as the two churches are more closely linked. In November 2024 we attended the Annual Churchwardens Training Day, again held in St John's church, Egham. As always, this was a great opportunity to meet with others in the same role and compare our concerns and causes for celebration. We attended workshops on 'Resolving Difficult Issues' and 'Parish Share and Stewardship', both of which were informative and useful.
There are still many practical and maintenance jobs to be done on our Quinquennial List and it would be good to have more assistance in maintaining our beautiful church and its' surroundings. If you could offer even a small amount of your time or expertise we would be very grateful. Please speak to Maria or Linda or see Jo in the office for details. Thank you.
Maria Luff and Linda Tallon

Health and Safety Report

A number of measures have been taken this year to improve Health and Safety in the church and in St Peter's Centre.
All first aid boxes have been reviewed and their contents updated. There are first aid boxes in the church at the back of the Lady Chapel, in each of the halls and in the kitchen in St Peter's Centre.
Some of the paving slabs outside the centre have been re-laid to maintain a flat surface.
The lighting in the car park has been upgraded and the area is now much more welcoming on darker evenings.
An Accessibility Statement for the church is now available, copies can be found in the Lady Chapel.
Many thanks to all who have helped with these measures.

Linda Tallon

Safeguarding Report 2024

Safeguarding has continued to be on every PCC meeting agenda, and I meet regularly with Father Keith to discuss safeguarding matters.
This year we held our first safeguarding Sunday (which unfortunately I couldn't attend) and I hope that this is going to become a regular event. Also the Mothers' Union had a talk from a representative from the Mothers' Union safeguarding team.
Father Keith and I also met with the Guildford Diocese Safeguarding officer Jackie Broadfoot which was very interesting and helpful and we discussed some of our safeguarding processes.
During this year we have been working towards meeting all Guildford Diocese Safeguarding requirements as shown on the Safeguarding Dashboard. Last year we ended the year with 100% complete but during the last few months there have been additional activities added to the requirements so although we have covered everything the same as last year there are some areas outstanding. With these and the PCC timetable being slightly different this year we have covered and completed 86% of the dashboard tasks. These areas will be added to our safeguarding agenda timetable to be covered next year.
The areas covered on the Parish Dashboard which are completed are
Policies and Action Plan
Safeguarding Roles
Learning and Development
Non church activities
Prevention



The areas which still need some work on them are
Safeguarding Procedures
Reviews and reports
Church activities
Display information
I'd like to thank Maria Luff for all her help and support with implementing the safeguarding policies and practices and for Jo Hurst who makes sure the posters around our buildings are up to date. I am also grateful to Ceri Hurcombe for her offer to help with safeguarding as the work is increasing every year to keep up to date with present safeguarding issues.
It is important that we implement all the safeguarding measures which the Diocese requires of us but it is more important to remember that safeguarding is about people and this should be at the heart of our work.
Anne Wilson
Safeguarding Officer

Twinning for St Peter's and St Paul's





It has been a good year to get to know one another better. We have shared prayer, services and events. Rev Claire has tried to attend as many services and events as possible and it has been a great way to get to know the congregations at St Peter's and the range of services and activities they value.

We now have members of both churches at our monthly prayer events – including prayer walks in the better weather and in church events over the winter: some at St Peter's and some at St Paul's. It has been great to pray together.

We have had members of both churches at Taizé services and Evensong through the year. And it has demonstrated that we can have more diversity with no extra effort, when we work together.

We have advertised each other's events for fellowship and for fundraising. We now have a regular group of St Peter's at St Paul's Fellowship Lunches, and a new member at Mother's Union from St Paul's. Families have been able to benefit from more options as well, including Exploring Christmas and Easter at St Paul's and Pancake Party at St Peter's.

We have also begun to look at some of the practical aspects of planning across 2 churches, especially as we book weddings in for 2025/6. Rev Claire is now attending the monthly booking in session at St Peter's. We have had a first meeting with the 2 administrators and begun to think about how we might work together across the 2 sites – sharing bookings and helping each other wherever we can.

We have had our first joint PCC meeting (January 2025, so maybe it should be in next year's report?!) where we shared thoughts leading to a set of values and a shared Church Development Plan – which we will continue to work on in future joint PCC meetings.

We have also had some joint Eco meetings, where we have been able to share experience and ideas. We set up a joint communications team which has made a big difference in keeping both churches up to date with any decisions and actions, as well as answering questions people have.

And it was lovely to share preparing for first communion for 6 of our children – 3 from St Peter's and 3 from St Paul's (as it happens all boys!) who in January were able to share in a special service in each church as they received Holy Communion for the first time.

There are things which haven't made much progress too! Housing for Rev Claire is still being worked out. The Vicarage site at Tongham will be

redeveloped and it is hoped that Rev Claire will have a house provided for her roughly halfway between to 2 churches – so that it is easy to minister to both churches and communities. But so far there has been nothing suitable. Please be praying about this. Also, service times haven't been decided, although it is clear that we will need to adjust these so that Rev Claire can attend all services. We will not be making any changes to times before Father Keith retires.
It has been a really useful time of building relationships and starting to plan for the future. We are so blessed to have such faithful and caring congregations and to see some of the benefits of working together already. We continue to pray for God's guidance, vision and provision as we move forward through 2025.

Father Keith, Revd Carol and Revd Claire Holt

Eco Church Report

Eco Church is an Arocha UK award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth. Since our last APCM we are proud to have achieved the Bronze award! We are now working hard to collect points towards the Silver award, completing the Eco Church survey on five different categories of our life at St Peter's:
*Worship and Teaching.
*Buildings and Energy.
*Land and Nature.
*Community and Global Engagement.
*Lifestyle.
Our main focus this past year has been around the Energy and Net Zero Carbon Audit which the Church of England has commissioned for churches such as ours that have a large carbon footprint. The audit has highlighted several ways in which we can become more eco-friendly and reduce our carbon footprint such as changing our halogen light bulbs for LED ones. We are fortunate enough to receive a grant from the diocese to pay for part of the work that needs to be done. Our eco team has been working hard on an action plan to work towards meeting the diocese's target of net zero by 2030 as best we can! We now have SMART controls for our church heating so that we can remotely control the heating and save Father Keith from coming over to church in the middle of the night to put the heating on for Sunday morning! We have also installed digital thermometers around the church building which are helping us to monitor the temperature in different parts and adjust our heating accordingly.

We are working towards becoming a Fair Trade Place of Worship by buying supplies from Rainforest Alliance companies and promoting the Fair Trade ethos as much as we can. Our weekly pew sheet has eco-friendly tips for each month that members of the congregation might like to try out.
As part of the twinning process, we have had regular joint eco team meetings with St Paul's Tongham. Both churches are considering exploring alternative sources of heat such as heated pew cushions. This is part of the green philosophy of "heating the people" rather than the enormous church space!
I would like to thank my fellow eco team members for all their hard work and commitment over the past year: Jo, Richard and Barbara. Thanks must also go to Pete for coming along to meetings when needed and supporting us by managing the finances!
If you would like to join our team or have any ideas to share on becoming "greener", please contact me.
Maria Luff.



Greener St. Peter's

As part of our effort to care more for our planet we have the area behind the hall as our wildlife friendly space.
The grass is cut infrequently which means we have lots of crickets in the summer. Our log pile and compost bin provide homes for small creatures and we hope the hedgehog house will one day have a tenant!
We are trying to increase plant diversity and have a few yellow rattle plants which we hope will spread and help more wild flowers take hold as well as rosemary and buddleia to encourage pollinators.
If you have any spare pollinator friendly plants we would be glad to find them a home.

Barbara Rose



Aldershot Deanery Synod

The Aldershot Deanery Synod comprises of the Area Dean and Chair (Interim the Revd George Newton), members of local churches and representing St Peter's are the Revd Keith Bristow, the Revd Carol Monk, Mrs Catherine Hirst and Mrs Sheila Taylor.

There are normally three meetings per calendar year – February, June and September.

21 February 2024 – held at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Farnborough

George Newton welcomed everyone to Synod and thanked the Church of the Good Shepherd for their welcome and refreshments.

Thea Edwards, Vicar of the Church of the Good Shepherd, welcomed everyone and led opening worship by reading John 10:1-8 and praying the Celtic Canticle. She then gave a brief update on the ministry at the church. There are many activities trying to engage with the local housing estates: Toddler music, Messy Church, Food Larder, Olive Branch (a clothing exchange). A PCC away day in January helped build the team listening to God and evaluating what He is calling them to in the next year. Children and Youth numbers are good. There has been a growth in numbers attending church and there will be 4 adult baptisms on Easter Day. She asked for prayer for the Lectio Divina Lent course, for the staff team which is small and busy particularly leading up to Easter, and for worship leaders and ministry during Lent.

Following the Deanery meeting in October 2023 when Revd Alwyn advised details and statistics relating to welfare and activities in the Aldershot area, Revd Alwyn was unable to attend this current meeting but he submitted statistics relating to strategy based on the 2021 census. These statistics can be accessed through the Dec 2023 Parish Brief. Aldershot Deanery is the biggest, youngest and most ethnically diverse Deanery in the Diocese.

Dean Pusey from Holy Trinity Aldershot explained the change in demographic in the Deanery over the past 15 years. In October there were 15 nationalities at the Harvest Service at Holy Trinity. There were many asylum seekers and refugees who should remain in the churches' focus. On 11 February, Racial Justice Sunday, Beverley Hunt spoke at the Cathedral about the need to address racism and spoke about 2 documents which should be discussed in Synod, PCCs and the pews. All were encouraged to read the documents which will be sent to clergy. The Deanery should lead the way in seeking racial justice. This will be on the agenda for the next Deanery Synod when we will discuss the following:

The recommendation that 4 principles of the racial justice covenant be adopted biennially by parishes/Deanery

1. Disciples: We commit to Jesus Christ as individuals, as churches and as part of society.
2. Diversity: We commit to encourage, build up and celebrate the racial diversity of the Body of Christ across Guildford Diocese.

3. Representation: We commit to improve the inclusion, participation, and representation of UKME/GMH people in our congregations, our lay and ordained leadership and in our diocesan staff.
4. Accountability: We commit to accountability and transparency in parish and diocesan systems, structures, and processes, with clear goals for racial diversity and inclusion that Aldershot deanery commit to be a leading advocate of racial justice in the Diocese.

Matt Grove who works in the Training Department at the Diocese, explained about the Foundations is Ministry course which trains and equips lay leaders in local churches. Matt seeks to help people hear their vocation to do and lead in church. There is more information on the Diocesan website and Matt can be contacted on matthew.grove@cofeguildford.org.uk. The course has people with a diversity of age and it is important that Synod members ensure their churches know about the course.

13 June 2024 - Holy Trinity Church, Aldershot

Rev George Newton welcomed everyone to Synod at Holy Trinity and particularly mentioned those who were there for the first time: He opened the meeting by reading Psalm 65. Synod members then sang Oh Breath of Life Come Sweeping Through Us, followed by prayer.

He then gave a brief update on the ministry at Holy Trinity referring back to the changes and challenges at the church in the 25 years he had ministered there. Originally, the population of Aldershot was primarily white but was now 46% non white British. There had been growth at the church with outreach into the community and a vibrant children and family ministry. The current encouragements were that: the church was now much more multi-cultural; they have recently done the SHAPE course; Jill, the church's OLM, will shortly be priested; people who are in difficult situations seek help and soon the church will run the Do What Jesus Did course.

The Foundations in Ministry Course as outlined by Matt Grove during the February meeting, was now up and running in the Diocese

Racial Justice Covenant. The proposal was that the Deanery should adopt the covenant as explained and minuted previously. Following discussions it was decided that the covenant should be accepted but checked every two years to ensure it remains current and consistent.

It was announced that Gemma Foster is the new Area Dean.

The Parish Needs Process (PNP) strategy and information day was held on Saturday 6 July in Fleet. Deanery Synod reps, clergy and PCC members were encouraged to attend. As St Peter's and St Paul's were in a "twinning" process, they were exempt from attending.

Jane Jones who was Deanery Synod Lay Chair, is to be ordained Deacon.
Deanery Synod Elections - George encouraged the Deanery to be fully represented in the Diocese and to be vocal.

18 September – St Paul's Tongham

Rev. Claire Holt welcomed everyone to St Paul's and opened with prayer.
Allison Moulden, Diocesan Environmental Officer, advised ways to reduce heating and lighting costs and be energy efficient.
The Parish Needs Process (PNP) was discussed highlighting areas of concern raised at the July gathering. St Paul's and St Peter's being exempt from the process as they are in "twinning" discussions.
Sheila Taylor

Communications Group



The Communications Group has continued to maintain a steady profile this year with our main focus on the parish magazine, pew cards and 'What's On' leaflets.
The parish magazine is now established with many regular contributors. We have again been offered material for inclusion in the magazine and this has enabled us to keep the content interesting and varied. As well as the parish distribution list we send copies of the magazine to Little Fishes families. Many thanks to those who contribute to, print, collate and deliver the magazine around the parish.
Easter and Christmas leaflets were available in 2024, alongside a joint St Peter's and St Paul's card to advertise Christmas services and events.
In July the group met and took the difficult decision not to produce a St Peter's calendar for 2025. We hope to be able to look at a similar project in the future, depending on costs and interest. We are grateful both to those who contributed photos for the calendars, and those who bought them over the last four years. As an alternative for budding photographers we have asked people to contribute photos to be used on the cover of the magazine this year.
We held a joint meeting with St Paul's Communications group in September and it was good to share ideas and get to know each other. We hope there will be opportunities for further liaison in the future.
Our thanks again to those who have been kind enough to volunteer for distributing leaflets and printing and delivering magazines. If anyone would like to join us or has any suggestions for us, please get in touch with any of the group: Linda Tallon, Richard Moore, Liz Stokes, Eddie Cheung and Anne Wilson, or via the Parish Office 01252 331161.
Linda Tallon

Ministry Group

Throughout 2024 and into 2025, the Ministry Group continued to meet regularly and look at ways of enhancing what we have to offer people, both from a pastoral and worship perspective.

Once again, we ran Lenten and Advent courses, as well 'Summer Sessions', which comprised of a variety of themes over four weeks. These included a look at the books 'The Shack' and 'Bad Girls of the Bible', a Big Questions session, and a Taizé service. All were well attended - the variety meant there was plenty of discussion and interest.

We had the usual St Peter's Day celebrations followed by picnic, as well as the annual Bereavement Service, a Carol Service and Christingle Service and the wonderful Christmas Tree exhibition, which attracted people from the wider community to contribute and to come along.

The prayers for healing at the 3rd Sunday, Communion Service continues to be well received and is a deeply enriching time for those who seek prayer, both for themselves and on behalf of others.

We have held Prayer mornings on a regular basis, taking place at both St. Peter's and St. Paul's alternately. Each prayer morning has been welcomed by those who attend. The prayer time helps us to focus on particular themes and is helpful for personal reflection and to pray for the wider community. The prayer mornings are open to anyone who wishes to come along. Hopefully, this is something we can continue to take forward.

The 2nd Sunday service held in St. Peter's Centre continues to be well attended and has become the norm. The same is said for the 8am Sunday Communion and Wednesday morning services. It should be said the social time following Wednesday morning in particular is well attended, with some friends from Holy Angels and others joining us.

Fr. Keith, Rev. Carol and Rev. Claire (St Paul's) took three boys from each church through a first communion course and our three, Isaac, Samuel and Adam were welcomed during a service in February, when they participated in their first communion here at St. Peter's.

There were no confirmation candidates throughout the last 12 months, but there has been interest shown for this year. We shall look at running a Discover Course for both candidates and anyone else who may want to explore their own faith journey more. This will probably take place after the summer.

Revd. Carol and the Ministry Team

Social Events Team



We have had another busy year starting in January with a new event, Skittles. Thanks go to St Paul's who lent us the skittles and to Peter Hurst who ensured the large hall floor and wall were not damaged while we played! The event was well supported and everyone had a good time – the age range of the event was 3-93 years young!
We also took part in the Village Halls week in March. The theme was 'Green' so we thought we would combine our showcase with a 'Reuse, Reduce, Recycle' sale of second-hand items we had, including bric-a-brac, books, children's toys etc. We offered free green activities for children and refreshments were available too. We also invited our hall uses to advertise their classes.
Our other fundraising events included: Beetle Drives, Harvest Supper (for the Care and Share shelf), Quiz night, Summer Fayre, Dance the Decades, MacMillan coffee morning, Children's Society coffee morning, and Christmas Fayre.
We again had a stall at the Ash Parish council's summer and Christmas fayres and although we didn't bring in lots of money we did have a presence in the village supporting the local council.
We also helped with catering at social activities, including: pancakes, St Peter's Day, Maintenance Mornings, Rectory Tea, Churches Together teas. All of the events are advertised on our website - http://www.saint-peters-ash.org.uk/dates and posters are put up in the Centre before the event. Please come and support us and encourage non-church members to come and spend their money with us!
Thank you to all my team who work tirelessly to put on these events and try to come up with new ideas. If you have an event that you think we could do, please let us know! Any suggestions or help is always gratefully received.
Many thanks
Jo Hurst and the Events Team

St Peter's Mothers' Union branch annual report 2024

Our St Peter's MU branch supports 2 groups on a Wednesday afternoon and a Monday evening monthly. We had 16 enrolled members in 2024.
We enjoyed a variety of speakers. Afternoon speakers included Roddy Porter from Military Ministries International, Ralph Wellington telling us about Art and Religion, in connection with Images and Idols, Jenny Banks on

safeguarding issues, Father Keith, a talk about St Peter, and Rev. Carol Monk on transformation. Evening meetings included talks on beekeeping, modern day slavery, Mission Aviation fellowship, a talk from our local pharmacist, and slides and talk by Claire Boud on her trip to the Canadian Rockies.
This year we visited St Mary the Virgin Church in Shackleford for our annual summer visit to a local church, where we were given a warm welcome.
Social evenings, cream teas, and quizzes have been enjoyed throughout the year.
Extra activities included Lady Day service in Guildford Cathedral, Aldershot deanery Pilgrimage of Prayer in the Cathedral Lady Chapel, and two members meetings, with items collected and taken to support local refuges, fun day at Normandy village hall, serving the refreshments.
We also decorated a MU Christmas tree with a Nativity theme, to display at our Christmas tree exhibition in Church.
As usual we provided the refreshments at our summer fete, and Christmas Fayre, as well as the village fete and Fantasia.
Catherine Hirst continues to send Baptism cards up to 4th anniversary of baptism.
Thank you to our Church leaders and friends for your continued support.
Barbara Ridley

Prayer Chain



The Prayer chain continued to be called upon and is a valuable outreach to those who perhaps have no connection with church otherwise. We are in no doubt that our prayers are answered though not necessarily in ways we have foreseen. We hope that people understand that no request would be considered too insignificant.
Prayer Chain Team. 01252 322292 or 01252 323037

St. Peter's Flower Guild 2023



This year again started on a positive note. Easter flowers were busy as usual with lots of lilies to use and this year we had no supply problems. Thank you to everyone who bought a lily for a lost loved one.
Harvest festival was again a busy time and a delight; I do love the autumn colours!

We took part in the Christmas Tree festival with an added bonus for us – another lady came forward with a request to join the Guild! I wasn't going to say no and Julie has proved her worth!
Our stall at the Summer Fayre was a success and better than the previous year with lots more plants to sell. Only some house plants were left unsold and thank you to all who donated plants. The Christmas Fayre was again for us, having moved location proved to be a better option. I didn't have much left by the end with only a few things left to put away, everything else was sold. Thanks to all who helped on both occasions.
Thank you to everyone on the Guild for their work and time this year; and also to those behind the scenes helping to recruit new members. Thanks also go to Fr Keith and Revd Carol for their continued support.
Heather Hillman



Report From Ash Belfry 2023-24

We are still experiencing a shortage of ringers, but we almost always manage to ring for a Sunday Service. We did not manage to ring for the Christmas Services due to ringers being out of the area. Our apologies for those we do not ring for. We have the same problem on practice nights when there are not enough of us to ring.
We rang for a number of weddings/blessings during the year, sometimes having to import ringers from other towers to help. This is the normal way of doing things when towers are short of ringers.
We started hosting a District Practice evening on a Tuesday night every three months for more experienced ringers to come to Ash to ring. This is most enjoyable and we are able to improve our own ringing as well. This is going to continue this year.
During the year we organised a visit from our local Brownie pack to visit the Tower to see how the bells are rung. The children all seemed to enjoy the visit and maybe in a few years' time one or two might wish to learn to ring. We also had a number of ringers visiting to ring Peals and Quarter peals. All are appreciative of our lovely ring of bells.
Two members of the band decided to step down from ringing this year so we have been further depleted in numbers. We are sorry to lose them.
We have had a number of visits from various Bell Foundries to check over our bells as it is many years since this has been done. All have said how well the bells are kept by our Steeple Keeper. There is some work that needs doing but it is not urgent and we are still awaiting the reports and figures from these

companies. Hopefully we will get some news shortly about this. Of course, it might mean that the bells will be out of action for a little while the work is in progress.
Judith Parker

Christian Solidarity Worldwide Card



Our lunch club has been patiently sending encouragement to our fellow Christians suffering harassment or being imprisoned or displaced for their faith. Chrisitan Solidarity Worldwide works to ensure freedom of belief and religion and provides us with the addresses.
Please sign the cards when they appear in church. The recipients really appreciate knowing they are not alone and there are people praying for them
Barbara Rose

Sunday coffee



We have had a complete year of refreshments and fellowship after the Sunday services. We are looking for new members for the coffee rota. If, you have an hour to spare, why not join the team? We would love to hear from you. Gentlemen welcome too!
Angela

Craft Group



Our group has been meeting for years now and continues to be a lovely relaxed place to craft and have a good chat. We welcome many regulars from within the church community and beyond. Anyone is welcome to come along, enjoy a cuppa and relax! People have made hats for good causes, cards, jewel art, baby blankets, crochet, lavender bags and much much more!
Ceri

The Children's Society

I would like to thank everyone who has helped support The Children's Society over the last year; either from donations, supporting events or giving up your

time. We ran all the usual events; box collection, Coffee Morning, Christmas cards and Christingle Service.
A grand total of £1544.15 was raised consisting of;

- £780.51 - Boxes
- £156.69 - Coffee morning
- £170.25 - Christmas Cards
- £436.70 - Christingle

I know that lots of people also support The Children's Society with other donations throughout the year and I would like to thank everyone on behalf of The Children's Society for your continuing support.
If you would like a house box or know someone who might then please let me know.
The 2025 Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 11th October. Looking forward to seeing you there!
Richard Moore

Little Fishes @ St. Peter's, Ash

This year we had some additional funds and as many of our children were struggling post covid with their personal and social wellbeing we decided to use this to fund an extra staff member and Milly began with us in March 24. Anne Wilson and Father Keith continue to support us in their roles as Chair and Vice-Chair of the committee. We are in the process of changing our committee members as our long standing members no longer have children at Little Fishes. Our committee members are very supportive of all the things we do for the children and staff at Little Fishes.
We held our church service for leavers in July and our Christmas Service in December. Father Keith told our children part of the nativity story with the help from one of his famous puppets – Camilla the Camel. We also performed a nativity in the Little Fishes hall for our parents.
Little Fishes hosted a stall at both the summer fayre and the Christmas Fayre and both were very popular with lots of our families stopping by.
We said goodbye to 27 children who left us for school in July 2024 and welcomed 23 new families to Little Fishes in September 2024. September 2025 will mark 25 years of Little Fishes @ St Peter's and I am sure we will find a way to mark this special anniversary.

Jackie Brewer
Manager – Little Fishes

Funday Club APCM Report

We are a small and friendly group who plan and run the monthly Funday Club sessions in St. Peter's Centre before joining the end of the church service. The children love to share what they have learnt and created with the congregation which develops their confidence in church and when speaking in front of a large audience.

A special mention and big thank you to Hannah, Claire and Lynsey for all their ideas and enthusiasm in preparing themed sessions for the children who have really enjoyed them.

Our numbers have been growing this year as new additions to our church families have reached an age where they can join in the fun which is lovely to see. With a wide age range to engage, this year we've found that mixing up the order and style of sessions has worked well to keep the children interested as well as involving the older children in activities such as reading stories to the whole group.

Our aim is to provide fun methods of engagement through hands-on activities either themed to match the weekly lesson in church or based around a popular story from the bible. Each themed session features a story, prayers and sometimes songs along with a craft.

Some of the activity highlights from 2024 that the children have enjoyed include:

- New life theme - planting sunflower seeds.
- Easter theme - creating hand and footprint animals & taking part in an Easter egg hunt.
- Pentecost theme - colouring and cutting out prayer doves.
- Creation theme - creating mini books to illustrate the 7 days of creation story.
- St Peter's Day theme - learning about St. Peter the fisherman and painting fish stones.
- Harvest theme - thinking about where our food comes from, spotting animals from God's wonderful world and creating animals made from leaves.
- Summer fair - we ran a stall offering a craft activity for children
- attending the fair plus lolly island and hook a duck games which are always popular.
- Christingle - with a cast ranging in age from 2 to 10 the children enjoyed rehearsing and putting on the annual performance to tell the nativity story in front of a packed church on Christmas Eve.

- Christmas Tree exhibition - the children had lots of fun making nativity themed decorations for our tree which was displayed as part of the Christmas Tree exhibition in church in December. The group especially love getting creative with paint and glitter!

We always welcome new faces so do feel free to join us on the 4th Sunday of the month in St. Peter's Centre or speak to Lisa Cheung to find out more.
Lisa Cheung, Funday Club Leader



Care and Share Shelf

Our Care and Share shelf, situated just outside the church by the path, continues to help our local community and reduce food waste.
Begun during the Covid epidemic, it is still used daily by local people. No questions asked and no judgements made means that anyone can use the shelf without embarrassment, perhaps just once at a difficult time or waiting for benefits to arrive or regularly to help when the budget is tight.
We are grateful for any donations and have been blessed by our local Co-op and Zumba gold group, Ash Grange school at Harvest time, Jack and Jill nursery, Ash Walsh and the Ash Vale community Food bank as well as our congregation and our mystery donations put on the shelves. The mountain of Runner Beans disappeared very quickly!
Please help us continue with this outreach to the community. As we try to put out about 14 items each day the stores are easily depleted. Tins and packets, long life milk and tea, coffee and biscuits, pasta sauces and toiletries are all ideal donations.
Thank you to anyone that has helped us this year.
Barbara Rose



Collecting for refugees

This Christmas we joined with Aldershot Churches Together, St. Paul's and St. Mary's to give local refugees a Christmas gift bag. Aldershot Churches filled bags for children and St. Peter's, St. Mary's and St. Paul's filled bags for adults. The simple gifts for adults of a pair of socks, hat, gloves or scarf, pack of cards or other game, some fruit and nuts, lip balm, soap and nail clippers, notebook, pen and pencil, biscuits, a little chocolate, packet of tissues and Christmas card were received with thanks. The gifts were given and refreshments provided with some Christmas activities for children to bring

some Christmas joy to people in difficult circumstances, many of whom have fled from violence and hunger.
Thanks to all who generously donated to this project and enabled us to make 96 bags
Barbara Rose

Christmas Tree Exhibition

What a splendid number of trees at our exhibition, 22, not counting the lovely knitted trees made by Anne Wilson to give to our visitors. Two beautiful live donated trees made the church look extra lovely. Each tree unique and decorations produced by children and adults of all ages.
Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success from sending letters and emails, producing posters, setting up boards, decorating a tree, church sitting or clearing away, it was a great team effort.
It was lovely to have some new entrants this time as well as groups that have joined us before. Well done Rainbows for winning the visitors' favourite vote.
Barbara Rose

Strictly St Peter's Tea Dance



Every 1st Thursday in the month at 2:30 in the afternoon, the St Peter Centre turns into a dance hall. What type of dancing? It depends on who's there that week and we welcome everyone, not just church people or people who can dance like Fred and Ginger. We usually have a waltz and a quickstep, but we always do some (fairly) easy line dances and some sequence dances – all just for fun, especially the Hokey-Cokey. Not only that, there are refreshments as well. We ask for a donation of £4 to cover costs, but the main point is to come and enjoy some company and maybe a bit of exercise whilst having a good time.
Barbara and Philip Rose

Parish Office News

Have you ever wondered how much the church and centre are used over the year?
2024 saw 7 weddings, 20 Baptisms and 28 funerals and interments!

We often open the church for schools to have a private service or we put on special services such as our Christingle service: over Easter and Christmas in 2024 saw over 2100 children coming into the church!
Our lovely centre is also very busy; we have regular hirers, one-off hirers and of course church users.
Our regular hirers include:

Little Fishes Pre-School	Rainbows	2 Brownie Units
Home Education Perf Arts	Baby Yoga	Pregnancy Yoga
Pilates	Chair Pilates	Suhari
Dance Club	U3A	NCT

Our one-off hirers include:

Birthday parties	Visiting U3A	Bell ringers
Guildford Borough Council	Baby Showers	Baptisms
Visiting churches	PCC away days	UCAN meetings
Anniversary parties	Wakes	

Our church users include:

Craft Group	Mothers' Union	PCC meetings
Wednesday service and coffee	Lent groups	Advent groups
Shrove Tuesday	Twinning Meetings	2nd Sunday Service
Church coffee	Tea dance	Coffee mornings
Church working group meetings	Booking evenings	

As you can see a great many people who are in our community and beyond, use our church and centre.
Jo
Parish Administrator



Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church, Ash

Financial Statements for the Year 2024

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds x	Total 2024	Total 2023
Receipts					
Voluntary recipts:					
Planned Giving	1	21,393		21,393	23,165
Collections at services	1	3,641		3,641	4,511
All other giving/voluntary receipts	2	1,605	53	1,657	5,970
Grants	3	15,247		15,247	36,289
HMRC recovery (Gift Aid)	4	415		415	6,849
		42,301	53	42,353	76,782
Activities for generating funds					
Events	5	4,583	4,825	9,408	8,346
Hall Hire	6	34,385		34,385	26,164
		38,967	4,825	43,792	34,510
Investment Income	7	14,775	-	14,775	12,836
Church Activities	8	10,551	-	10,551	8,075
Total receipts		106,594	4,878	111,472	132,265
Payments					
Church activities					
Parish Share (this year)	10	66,000	-	66,000	55,117
Parish Share (last year)	9	20,000	-	20,000	39,007
Salary & wages		10,292	-	10,292	7,680
Working expenses		1,030	-	1,030	912
Church running expenses	11	4,308	-	4,308	6,715
Church repairs and maintenance	12	4,574	-	4,574	2,914
Church Development	13	18	-	18	1,316
Shared expenses		16,858	-	16,858	16,865
Centre running expenses		10,607	-	10,607	6,743
Mission Giving and Donations		997	-	997	784
		134,683	0	134,683	138,056
Cost of generating funds		275.14	2,296	2,571	2,056
Governance		0	-	0	1,560
Total payments		134,959	2,296	137,255	141,672
Excess of receipts over payments		-28,365	2,582	-25,783	-9,406
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
		-28,365	2,582	-25,783	9,406
Cash at bank and in hand at 1st January				52,058	61,464
Cash at bank and in hand 31st December				26,275	52,058

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Cash funds					
Natwest PCC		13,740	5,717.00	19,457	24,617
Natwest Fabric Fund		982		982	5,201
Barclays		847		847	17,541
Cash Office		36		36	32
Cash - in the safe / to bank		1,551		1,551	512
Cash Other (flower & bell)		3,403	-	3,403	4,157
Total cash funds		20,558	5,717	26,275	52,058
Other monetary assets					
Debts due (GDBF)					1,786
		0	-	0	1,786
Liabilities					
Unpresented cheques		27	0	27	380
Parish Share	9	11,934	0	11,934	20,000
		11,961	0	11,961	20,380
Total net assets		8,597	5,717	14,314	33,464

Notes:

1 Overall Giving is down significantly, £2.5k compared with last year

2 The other looks down but is not really as 2023 saw the last fundraising for the Toilet project.

3 Parish Close & Heathcote

4 The GiftAid claim for 2024 is still to be done, so we will see a double income in 2025

5 Events restricted is the 100Club receipts, the unrestricted is all other events these were up on last year

6 Hall hire rates went up, so did the usage

7 This is the net income from 19GFR

8 All the net income for activities for which the church is there for

9 The final payment for 2023 which cleared in January

10 Our total Parish Share for 2024 was £78k, we did pay in full, however NatWest initially blocked our final payment at the end end of 2024. This cleared our bank on 2nd Jan 25, and so will show in next years accounts.

11 Oil usage (and so costs) down and Bank fees down

12 Plaster work bill and Quinquenial report

13 Final subscription payment on the Just Giving page

14 Energy costs up (although we are in credit with our energy provider due to a failed SmartMeter). Shed replacement.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Peter's Church Ash

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Peter's Church, Ash (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2024.

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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other 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.

Signed: MDEllis

Name: MICHAEL DAVID ELLIS

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCII

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Date: 6TH MARCH 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER ASH

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Accounts

Annual Reports for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the year ending 2023

To be held at
St. Peter's Church, Ash
On Sunday 19th May 2024



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The aims, purposes and objectives of St Peter's, Ash

St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Keith Bristow, 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 and the Church centre of St Peter's, Ash.

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 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, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary 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 through the preaching and teaching of the Bible and the Doctrines of the Church of England
- 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 Peter and the Church centre.

Administrative information

St Peter's Church is situated in Ash Church Road, Ash. It is part of the Diocese of Guildford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Ash Church Road, Ash, telephone number 01252 331161, email office@saint-peters-ash.org.uk. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representative Rules 2006) and we are a charity with the number 1171836.

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: Reverend Keith Bristow
- Associate Priest: Reverend Carol Monk
- Reader: Mary Lamont
- Wardens: Linda Tallon and Maria Luff

Elected members:

- Sheila Taylor, representative on Deanery Synod and Treasurer until 28th September 2023
- Catherine Hirst, representative on Deanery Synod
- Peter Hurst, Treasurer from 28th September 2023
- Ceri Hurcombe
- Abbie Hurcombe
- Richard Moore
- Liz Stokes until May 2024
- Sue Towler
- Simon Ward from September 2023
- Eddie Cheung until May 2024

Those invited to PCC meetings but not entitled to vote:

- Jo Hurst, Secretary
- Anne Wilson, Safeguarding Officer

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 (our Rector), Associate Priest, Church Wardens, the Reader, Deanery Synod Representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church. All those who attend our services and are members of the congregation 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. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met six times during the year. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include worship, mission and outreach and fabric and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

In addition to the PCC the Church has a Standing Committee appointed by the PCC. This committee has the power to transact the business of the PCC between it's meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. It is composed of:

- Reverend Keith Bristow
- Reverend Carol Monk
- Church Wardens, Linda Tallon and Maria Luff
- Treasurer Peter Hurst

Rector's Report for St Peter's APCM



Looking back on 2023 we have many blessings to be thankful for, not least that we live in a country where we are free to come together to worship and are able to openly support each other on our journeys in faith. It is good, though, that we continue to remember those who aren't as fortunate, in places around the world where there is persecution and even martyrdom. I'd like to thank Barbara and Philip for helping keep us aware of those who are suffering in this way, by hosting the monthly lunches for Christian Solidarity Worldwide. Thank you, also, to all who write the cards that we send to prisoners of faith and their families. We know that they appreciate our thoughts and prayers.
In the past year we have rightly continued to look outward to support various charities. A special thank you to Mary for all that she did over many years coordinating collections and the coffee morning for The Children's Society. Thank you to Richard for taking on this role now that Mary has stepped down.
Our work with children is a key part of what St Peter's is all about, ensuring that they can begin to learn about Jesus. Thanks especially to all involved with our Funday Club. The links that we have with our two church schools continue, even though I am no longer involved with governing. Both schools became part of the Diocesan Good Shepherd Academy Trust at the end of 2023. As a result, the old governing body no longer exists. I decided that after 20 years I would not join the replacement local committee. However, I will still be supporting both schools by leading regular Collective Worships and hosting children for visits to Church. Also, I shall be keeping in close contact with the new head of the Walsh Schools, Peter Bailey, and Helen Wall the Deputy Head, to support them. The Infants School had their statutory SIAMS (Religious) inspection in July and I'm pleased to say that we got graded Good. I will also continue to visit both Shawfield and Ash Grange Schools.
We are really fortunate to have our own very successful Pre-School on the premises. Under Jackie's excellent leadership, and the dedicated staff team, we are providing a great resource for the local community. It's always good to welcome the children and their parents to a service in church once a term. A big thank you to Anne Wilson for her work as chair of the management committee, on which I continue to serve as well.
As you will have read, we have continued to enjoy lots of social events in 2023, none of which would happen without a lot of hard work by many volunteers – thank you all! Of course, sharing in the Eucharist must always be the main focus of what we do as a community – it's what Jesus told us to do after all! But, socializing and enjoying being together is also important. It helps

bind us more closely and so do a better job of witnessing to the wider world, which often thinks that Christians can never have fun!

In November we were able to present 4 candidates - Zoe, Sharon, Albert and David, for Confirmation when Bishop Andrew came to Cove. This was the first time we were able to do so since 2019. It was a very special evening for them and for all of us.

At last we got the go ahead from the diocese for the new porch gates in memory of Bert Howard, and they were installed early in 2024. We are very grateful to his son Robert who donated them and for his patience while we waited for the go-ahead. The gates have been much admired and they certainly enhance the entrance to the building making it look more welcoming. Thanks also to Charles and Linda for their persistence in getting the permission for us to go ahead.

Sadly, as you know, we have had to suspend the Toilet project for the time being. This was not an easy decision for the PCC to make as so many people have invested a lot of time and energy into the project. Looking at the finances though, made us realise there was no prospect of us being able to complete the project in the near future. At the moment there are other pressures on our finances, not least, the list of repairs necessary for the church building, highlighted in the Quinquennial inspection carried out last July. Also, with the Centre approaching its 25th anniversary there are repairs and updates required to keep that fit for purpose. The PCC is very grateful to everyone who has helped us bring the Toilet project this far, the plans are in place and permissions granted for when we are able to continue. Again, a big thank you to Charles and Linda for all that they have done, and all who have worked so hard fundraising over the years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank, once again, Mary Lamont for her ministry as Reader in this parish over many years. It was good to be able to celebrate her ministry earlier this year when Bishop Andrew acknowledged her contribution by making her a Reader (LLM) Emeritus. I have appreciated the support and encouragement that Mary has given me, as have so many others over the years. I know that she will continue to do that in different ways in the future.

I would also like to thank Sheila Taylor for all the time and energy that she has given the parish over many years as our Treasurer. Sheila has done an excellent job and has been a great support. Sheila we are very grateful for all that you have done. We are also grateful to Peter Hurst for taking up the role, and for the time that Sheila has given to make for as smooth a hand over as banking bureaucracy has allowed!

As I always say it is very dangerous to name names for thanks, as I know I'm likely to leave people out. However, I really want to thank Revd. Carol for all that she has done and continues to do for this parish. She is more than generous with her time and commitment, and I know that we all greatly value her ministry in so many ways. She comes up with lots of great ideas and suggestions that have enriched the life of St Peter's greatly.
Thank you too to our Church Wardens Linda and Maria for all that they do. Also, to Jo for doing a great job as our Parish Administrator, especially getting lots of hall bookings! Thanks to Philip and Charles for their contribution to maintenance and much else, to Heather and the Flower Guild, to Terry for all the hard work he puts into the gardening, and indeed for organizing the regular gardening mornings helping to keep the grounds looking tidy and welcoming.
In 2023 we were saddened by the deaths of some of our good friends. In particular Douggie Godwin, Simon Norton, Pat Priestly, who spent some months as our administrator, Stuart Chitty, Yvonne Ridge and David Piper who gave so much of his time and talents in many ways over the years, among them; Hall Manager, Magazine organizer and distributor, and gardener. We will continue to remember them, praying that they now rest in Christ's peace, and that those who mourn for them will be comforted.
We look forward to whatever God has in store for us in the year to come. We pray for guidance and courage to meet the challenges and opportunities that the Twinning process will bring. Our mission never changes – which is to proclaim to the world the salvation brought by Jesus our Risen Lord, but, the manner in which we do that will need to be adapted to meet the changing circumstances of our world and the community in which we live.
Father Keith
Rector



Secretary's Report

Parochial Church Council Report for the year 2023

We have maintained 15 members from different groups in church, with a good level of attendance at meetings. We had 3 new members to the PCC at the AGM with another member co-opted on in September following 6 months on the electoral roll. Our Treasurer, Sheila Taylor, stepped down after over 10 years of service and a new Treasurer, Peter Hurst, was appointed. Our grateful thanks go to Sheila for her hard work over the years and we wish Peter good luck with this new appointment. Our current Electoral roll stands at 102.

The ToPIC [Toilet Project in Church] has continued to feature in our agendas with fundraising, once again, becoming top of our agenda to get phase 1 completed. Unfortunately, at the November PCC meeting a long discussion took place regarding the continuation of the ToPIC project. It was sadly felt that at the current rate of fundraising and the continuing increase of costs it would take us 25 years plus to get the money, which had increased to a £100k requirement. The church and church centre are both in great need of maintenance and the PCC regrettably voted unanimously to suspend the project so we could address the needs of the church and centre. The ToPIC project has been left with all the plans in place and we as a church community should be proud of ourselves that we have raised nearly £17k to get this phase completed (this covers planning, architectural fees, archaeology fees etc). If someone was to come forward with a donation of £100k then the project would be able to proceed. So well done to all those who have contributed their time, money and resilience to get this far, thank you.

The three working groups: Communications, Church Events and Discipleship, have been regularly meeting this year.

The Communications group ran a successful Calendar Photo Competition for the community with over 60 entries. We are planning to re-run this for 2024.

We also were able to enjoy our Christingle service once again this year and was very well attended and lots of children dressed up and participated.

We have continued to have the Wednesday Holy Communion service in the Church Centre to save money on fuel, and it has proved very popular with people joining for coffee after the service from other churches and the congregation. We have also continued with having the 2nd Sunday service in the Centre which is working well.

We enjoyed a fabulous afternoon tea and cake to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla with the first rendition of the new National Anthem with many of us never having sung anything different from God Save the Queen. Some of the older generation could remember singing God Save the King for King George VI and it was great to reminisce about these times

On our administrative arm we have had to increase our hall hire fees this year to cover the costs of the increasing fuel bills. To date this has not put anyone off hiring our lovely Centre. We have also worked hard to ensure our Safeguarding policies and procedures are in place and are up to date. Our thanks go to Anne Wilson, our safeguarding officer, for moving this forward with the PCC.

A Parish Development Plan has been formulated which looks at ways in which we can develop our Church. There are 3 areas; Growing Disciples, Growing

Diversity and Growing Community that the Diocese asked us to focus on. A lot of the ideas came from the congregation at the 'Vision Sunday' that was held just before the Covid lockdown in March 2020. The Standing Committee reviewed the goals, and a new plan was presented at a PCC meeting. It was agreed that our focus for 2022 and 2023 should be:

	Priority	Diocesan Goal	Specific Action Points
1	Develop links with those who have 'soft contact' with the church. Grow in prayer and develop faith.	Growing Disciples	a. Invite baptism, wedding and funeral families to all events. Provide regular 'What's On' leaflets to those families for a period of a year, following their involvement with the church.
			b. Make prayer a focus - be a more openly praying community at events. Hold 'Prayer Walks' around the Parish.
			c. Develop more home groups across the three churches, offering study, prayer and support.
2	Make church more accessible. Reach out especially to younger people.	Growing Diversity	a. Improve the social area in church for families, midweek coffee and events.
			b. Continue to strengthen our links with our church schools, inviting them to events and involving members of the congregation in offering to listen to children read in school.
			c. Building on the Funday Club, re-start a Saturday Morning club, which can be shared with other churches.
3	Raise profile of the church in the local community, within our own parish and in the wider area of Ash, Ash Vale and Tongham.	Growing Community	a.Reach out to occupants of the new housing estates, working with the other churches.
			b. Install a toilet and small kitchen area in the choir vestry.
			c. Hold a photo competition for the 2023 calendar, open to the whole community.

We aspire to do more and as things are completed more things will be added as this is an ongoing working document.
Our two schools, Walsh Infants and Walsh Junior are now both part of an Academy school and share a Headteacher. In January 2024 a new Head was appointed, Peter Bailey as the headteacher to both schools with Helen Wall as the deputy at Walsh Infants. Fr Keith has stepped down as a Governor as there

is no requirement for a member of the clergy to sit on the board of Governors. He will, however, continue to visit the school for collective worship and pastoral care. He will also help with the RE curriculum.
In September 2023 it was announced that the Diocese would like us to twin with St Paul's in Tongham to have one clergy member to cover both churches. The individual PCC's will remain separate for each church. The launch of the twinning will be in January 2024 with small groups encouraged to meet from both churches to discuss outreach/communications etc. A lot of discussion around the twinning has been held at every PCC meeting, both negative and positive.
Under Maria Luff's guidance we registered St Peter's as an Eco Church in 2023 and through a small group of people we are currently working towards our Bronze award.
In July of 2023 we had our Quinquennial inspection and received the report late 2023. There were over 100 pages in the report and lots of things have been identified for fixing/monitoring. 2 immediate concerns were raised, one of which was internal and was fixed in December 2023. The other concern was an external issue and will need to wait until the better weather to be fixed.
This year we lose 2 serving PCC members, Liz Stokes and Eddie Cheung. Our thanks go to all serving, retiring and new members of the PCC for their contributions and support.
Jo Hurst
Secretary

Treasurer's Report



Firstly, I would like to say thank you to Sheila for all her hard work over the many years she has been Treasurer, for being there to help me through the first few months on taking on the new role and continuing to be on hand if I have any further questions – Thank you.
Sheila did all the day to day banking over 2023 and I have created the end of year accounts. I'm taking the opportunity of the change of treasurer to review how we handle finance against the latest guidance from the Charity Commission and the Church of England. I'm also looking at all our regular payments; fuel, printers, phones, security systems etc; I'm checking that we are getting value for money aligned to current and future requirements.
You'll notice that the End of Year accounts are a completely different format this year, we made the decision to switch from Accrual Accounts to Payments and Receipts; these accounts should be easier for everyone to understand, and

there is no benefit or requirement for us to follow the more complicated Accrual Accounts. This does mean for this year we have no direct comparison in the accounts to last year's figures, hence none are shown. To enable a rough comparison, I have last year's accrual accounts available should anyone wish to be reminded of them. This change to Payments and Receipts throws up a few anomalies such as how much we pay for the Parish Share. We have historically always paid our Parish Share, it's just over £70k per year, however the actual payments weren't always reflected on our bank statements until the following year. Looking forward by changing our payment dates by a few days we can reflect the payments in the year they cover.

We have also made the decision to change the Independent Examiner for our books, there were a number of reasons for this, including the significant financial saving.

After much analysis of finances over the years relating to ToPIC it became apparent that all the money that has been raised to date has been spent on ToPIC related activities; planning permission, architect fees etc. Therefore, the decision was taken by the PCC to suspend activity on this project due to rising costs. We do still have all the plans and permissions should we be in a financial position to allocate the large capital outlay required for the project.

I'm very conscious that we have a number of maintenance and renewal tasks that are required around the Church and Centre. I am trying to get a handle on what the impact on our finances is going to be over the next few years. We will apply for funding where we can, however where funding can't be found we need to include within our budgets.

The hiring of the Centre to groups and individuals within our community continues to be a valuable source of income for us. Thank you to all the various people who enable this to happen by opening up and locking up the Centre, plus all the coordination of booking by the office.

I would like to thank the Parish Close and Heathcote Trusts for their generous donations, without them we would not have been able to meet our liabilities and balance the books.

Peter Hurst

Treasurer

Church Wardens' Report on the Fabric maintenance of the St. Peter's Church and Associate Buildings

Church attendance has steadily increased during the last year and we have continued to move towards restoring pre-Covid practices in our Sunday worship. We have also continued to expand the range of events run on behalf of the church. One notable highlight this last year was the 'Fish Festival' in June 2023, which brought in a number of local organisations and many visitors to the exhibition over the weekend of the Summer Fayre. We were delighted that Christmas 2023 was very busy as people returned for the traditional services including Christingle and Midnight Mass after the restrictions of Covid pandemic time. We look forward to welcoming more people into the church as people move into new housing in Ash and the surrounding area.

We have maintained the second Sunday services in St Peter's Centre, including the 10am Family Service, which has proved to be a popular and more relaxed form of worship involving all ages. Wednesday morning services are also held in the centre and we have regular visitors to our 'Welcome Wednesday' coffee mornings after the service.

The Welcomers Team has expanded this year and we are delighted to have extra volunteers to help with many aspects of church life, including the management of St Peter's Centre.

Our church official documentation is now up to date, with the Terrier and Inventory, as well as the Log Book, all in the official format on archival quality paper. The Inventory will be checked in the Easter holidays, ready for reporting at the APCM.

In July 2023 we had the Quinquennial Inspection of the church by our architect, Adam Hieke. He was very thorough, and spent the day with us inspecting the building and the documentation. His report came out in January 2024 and not surprisingly contains a long list of 'To do' items. Some of these can hopefully be completed by volunteers and congregation members at our regular Maintenance Mornings, but some will involve us paying for professionals to carry out the more substantial tasks such as repairing a hole in the exterior stonework of the building. One job has already been completed; plasterwork in the Lady Chapel, which was in danger of coming down, has been repaired. As with many of the repairs needed in the church, because it is a listed building, care must be given to the materials used and the techniques employed. This inevitably involves greater costs!

Maintenance of St Peter's Centre is also an ongoing task, and is carried out mainly by a small group of volunteers. With more bookings for the hall, we

work hard to ensure that the rooms are fit for hire and that we provide a welcoming and well equipped venue.

The gates on the South Porch have now been replaced, along with new side infills. They have been made by Surrey Wrought Iron, and very kindly donated in memory of Bert Howard by his family. An official 'opening' of these will be held on Sunday 17th March, with members of Bert's family attending.

As churchwardens, we are charged with the responsibility of keeping this Grade 2* Listed building in good repair. We are very grateful for the many hours volunteers spend dealing with day to day running of the building and coping with minor emergencies. Much preventative maintenance has taken place. One example is that we are beginning to change the lightbulbs in church to more eco-friendly ones. We are grateful too for the volunteers who come into the church regularly to clean the brasses, and those who ensure the church is a warm and welcoming space for everyone.

In November 2023 the churchwardens attended the Annual Training Day, held in St John's church, Egham. This was a great opportunity to meet with others in the same role and compare our concerns and also our causes for celebration. We attended workshops on the Eco Church project and on 'Supporting your incumbent', both of which we found beneficial.

The Parish Twinning Process with St Paul's in Tongham has begun this year and as churchwardens we have met with all the clergy and the churchwardens from Tongham to discuss ways forward. Members of the congregations have been invited to attend events in both parishes and we look forward to welcoming visitors from St Paul's to many more of our services and events here at St Peter's.

Maria Luff and Linda Tallon

Twinning for St Peter's and St Paul's




During the past year we have launched the Twinning process, which was announced at both churches in October, after several years of conversations with the Archdeacon and Diocese and an initial conversation with our PCCs. There was a launch event in January, led by Jens, from the Diocese, which enabled us to begin to share some of the things we like about our parishes, what needs there may be and how we might work together. As well as ask some questions, share our concerns, and what excites us.

This was followed by small groups, which have been meeting once a month in February, March and April. The comments from these groups are being fed back to Jens and will be discussed at a Steering Group meeting in May.

We have shared some services and visited each other's churches. It has been great to get to know each other and it has been great to worship together in different styles – the diversity of styles of service is something we will continue to celebrate and share moving forward. We also shared our Advent and Lent resources.

It has been really lovely to look back and see how far we have come in getting to know one another and share what we do – so much to celebrate and give thanks for!

Things to celebrate:

- The diversity of services on offer across the 2 churches
- The fantastic volunteers and teams in both churches
- The welcome that has been given across the 2 churches
- The ideas that have been suggested – some exciting opportunities to do ministry and mission together.

So, what are the next steps?

1. The Steering Group will meet with Jens and look at all the feedback and comments gathered so far. They will then put together a plan to discuss with the 2 PCCs. This Steering Group includes all 3 clergy, all 4 wardens and one older and one younger member of our churches to ensure good representation in the discussion.
2. We are beginning to join up committees, where it is helpful to share experience, people and ideas. The Eco teams have met together in April, and we are looking at how best to share planning events and communication too.
3. We are looking to offer a course to prepare for first communions together in the summer term.

4. St Peter's and St Paul's day will be a great celebration together – with picnics and finishing with an evensong – combining the different ways we have celebrated this date in the past as separate churches!
5. We will have PCC meetings to discuss the plan from the Steering Group and will have some joint PCC meetings too.

We plan to continue to offer monthly updates and answer questions – please add to boxes in our churches or speak with any of the clergy (in person, by phone or email).
St Paul's will have 3 Café church services this term (3rd Sunday), when we will encourage anyone who would like to, to attend the 10am at St Peter's. And any who would like to join Café church at 4pm, will be very welcome!
We will continue to share events and activities – giving a wonderful variety of ways to continue to get to know each other and support what both churches do.
Father Keith, Revd Carol and Revd Claire Holt

Eco Church Report

Eco Church is an A Rocha UK award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth. We have completed a survey about how we at St Peter's are caring for God's earth in different areas of our life and work. The answers collect points towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold Eco Church award. The more we do, the more points we get!
There are five different categories:
*Worship and Teaching.
*Buildings.
*Land.
*Community and Global Engagement.
*Lifestyle.
We are well on the way to achieving our Bronze award. Some examples of how we have changed our approach to be more eco-friendly are switching to Fair Trade tea and coffee and using paper bags to wrap refreshments rather than clingfilm. We have provided blankets to give us extra warmth in church rather than turning the heating up! At the time of writing we are about to host an event to promote 'Village Halls Week' in March, with an emphasis on re-using and re-cycling. We will also be holding a community littler pick to celebrate Earth Day 2024, signing up for the 'Great Global Clean Up'.
I would like thank the PCC for supporting this initiative and in particular my thanks goes to Jo, Barbara and Richard who are part of the Eco Church team. If

you have any ideas (however small!) or would be interested in joining the group, please speak to me.
Maria Luff

Greener St. Peter's

The area behind the church hall has been made more wildlife friendly by allowing grass to grow longer, the planting of plants such as rosemary, buddleia and tree mallow and the making of a log pile and siting of a hedgehog house. Although left alone most of the time it was very helpful to have someone cut the grass when we had our gardening day particularly as I had refused to cut it in September as there were too many crickets! Help would be appreciated to clear up weeds on the path, edge the grass area and planting more flowers. The UK has lost much of its wildflower meadows and pollinators are struggling.
Barbara Rose



Aldershot Deanery Synod

The Area Dean and Chair (Interim is the Revd George Newton, representing St Peter's are Revd Keith Bristow, Revd Carol Monk, Mrs Catherine Hirst and Mrs Sheila Taylor. There are normally three meetings per calendar year but due to circumstances in the deanery, last year, the June 2023 was not held.
October 2023 was held at All Saints, Fleet on 19 October 2023
Revd Newton welcomed everyone to Synod and expressed how good it was to be meeting in the renovated church of All Saints. Revd Mark Hayton, Vicar of Fleet, welcomed everyone and led opening worship from the Northumbria Community. He went on to advise that it was a time of good days of great blessing as more people were coming to worship at the church; there was a renewed worship programme for both churches in the parish; there were 3 choirs, and 1 band. There was a great relationship with school. Jane Jones is training for ordination and 1 person is on the LAM course.
New Synod members were welcomed to the meeting and a brief explanation of what Synod is:. Archbishops, bishops and clergy lead the church and General Synod, Diocesan Synod, Deanery Synod and PCCs govern the Church of England.
Revd Alwyn Pereira, from St Michael's Aldershot, spoke about how God is at work in the local community. At St Michael's 80 teenagers, mainly boys with many needs, come to church activities. To support this work the church relies

on donations but the level of poverty in Aldershot means many cannot afford to give a lot. The Deanery was invited to come up with a plan to ask strategically for these resources. George asked Synod members to reflect and give him any ideas they may have for the way forward.
The meeting closed with prayer.
February 2024 was held at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Farnborough.
Revd. George Newton opened the meeting with prayer. He advised that several vacancies within the Aldershot Deanery were still unfilled; Lay Chair; Deanery Secretary and Deanery Treasurer. There was no change to the Deanery accounts.
Revd. Thea Edwards welcomed Synod members to the church explaining that she had only been in place since the previous October and was finding the parish exciting, challenging and delightful. The age range of the congregation extended from senior citizens to babies with a good mix of young families.
Revd. Dean Pusey, curate from Holy Trinity, Aldershot, talked about how Aldershot was an area of deprivation mostly due to racial discrimination. He then spoke of "The Covenant for Racial Justice", he explained this covenant was intended to be "a charter for change" across the Diocese of Guildford and would enable leaders and congregations to deal with issues of racism within our churches. Principles of the covenant are: Disciples: commitment to being disciples of Jesus Christ; Diversity: celebrating the diversity of race within the Body of Christ; Representation: making sure all are heard and seen and Accountability: we are all accountable and should be transparent in our parishes and across the Diocese. All parishes will be asked to sign up to this covenant and its application. Group discussions followed relating to the charter and implementation.
The meeting closed with prayer.
Sheila Taylor

Safeguarding Report 2023-2024



This year I can report that there have been no reported safeguarding incidents. If any were to be reported we have a robust reporting system in place.
During this year we have been working towards meet all Guildford Diocese Safeguarding requirements as shown on the Safeguarding Dashboard. Last year we moved from level two to level three and this year we have now completed 99% at this final level. This shows our commitment to meeting these requirements and I would like to thank the PCC and Jo in the office for their hard work and support to enable us to obtain this.

There are few parishes in the diocese which have achieved this.
The areas covered on the Parish Dashboard are

- Policies and Action Plan
- Safeguarding Procedures
- Reviews and reports
- Learning and Development
- Church activities
- Display information
- Prevention

Safeguarding has continued to be on every PCC meeting agenda, and I meet regularly with Father Keith to discuss safeguarding matters. During this coming year we will be revisiting all the policies etc. to make sure we keep up to date.
This year we were also required to ask non-private groups for children (groups include the rainbows and the karate club) who hire the hall to either submit their safeguarding policy or sign ours as a commitment to safeguarding. This is now part of our hiring the hall agreement.
This year we have added a safeguarding statement to the pew sheets and we hope to hold a safeguarding service in the coming year to highlight that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We are all responsible to look out for each other and to seek advice if something 'doesn't look quite right.' This could be having a chat with me the safeguarding officer or Revd Carol or Father Keith.
I'd like to thank Maria Luff for all her help and support with implementing the safeguarding policies and practices.
It is important that we implement all the safeguarding measures which the Diocese requires of us but it is more important to remember that safeguarding is about people and this should be at the heart of our work.
Anne Wilson
Safeguarding Officer

Communications Group



The Communications Group has maintained a steady profile this year with our main focus on the parish magazine, 'What's On' leaflets and the St Peter's Calendar.
We are delighted to have been offered material for inclusion in the magazine this year and this has enabled us to keep the content interesting and varied. We

have maintained our links with the Little Fishes families, and now provide a colouring page in each edition. Many thanks to those who contribute to, print, collate and deliver the magazines around the parish.
We produced Christmas leaflets again this year and we are in the process of producing leaflets for Easter 2024.
Our Calendar Competition for the 2024 edition of the St Peter's Calendar drew a wide range of entries covering different subjects and areas of Ash. Again, Apex Direct Mail in Aldershot were able to print them for us. Although we had to increase the price due to rising printing costs, nearly all of the calendars were sold. Many thanks to those who purchased them.
In June 2023 our new double fronted notice board was put up in the front of the church yard where it can be seen both by those attending the church and by passing traffic. It has proved to be a great way of publicising events and offering Christian witness to those who pass along Ash Church Road.
Our thanks again to those who have been kind enough to volunteer for distributing leaflets and printing and delivering magazines. If anyone would like to join us or has any suggestions for us, please get in touch with any of the group: Linda Tallon, Richard Moore, Liz Stokes, Eddie Cheung and Anne Wilson, or via the Parish Office 01252 331161.
Linda Tallon

Ministry Group

Throughout the year the Ministry Group have continued to meet regularly and seek ways in which to progress our worship and encourage people in their faith through the various study groups that have been on offer.
As well as the usual Lenten and Advent courses, we also ran an evening course using the film Westside Story as the focus. There was also a Discovery Course, for those looking towards confirmation, or who just want to find out more about the faith. This course enabled good discussion and opportunity for people to ask questions and speak about their own experiences, as well as looking at the theological and historical meaning behind some of the things we do church, and what we believe as Christians. The climax of this course is of course having the joy of seeing those who went on to be confirmed.
In Advent we held a Taize service, which was well received and there are plans to hold this kind of service again during 2024.
We also held the annual Bereavement Service, Carol and Christingle Service, all of which were well attended. During the summer we celebrated St Peter's Day followed by picnic with a fabulous Fish Festival over in church. The Fish

Festival saw contributions from various church groups, as well as others such as Rainbows, Little Fishes, and the Schools.
The prayers for healing at the 3rd Sunday Communion Service continues to be well received and is a deeply enriching time for those who seek prayer, both for themselves and on behalf of others.
The 2nd Sunday service held in St. Peter's Centre is still working well and there are no plans to move back to church for those service. The same is said for the 8am Sunday Communion and Wednesday morning services.
Wednesday morning in particular has become an opportunity for people to socialise, with people from Holy Angels and others joining us for refreshments after the service. We feel it fulfils a need for people to meet with others. Fr Keith and I make mention of this when we are visiting the bereaved, which has from time to time been taken up.
Revd. Carol and the Ministry Team

Social Events Team



Over the last 12 months we have had to concentrate solely on fundraising for the ToPiC project with only the summer and Christmas fayre's money going to the church funds. We again had a stall at the Ash Parish council's summer and Christmas fayres and although we didn't bring in loads of money we did a presence in the village supporting the local council.
Our fundraising events included: Beetle drives, Harvest Supper, Quiz night, Bingo, a Fish Festival to include an exhibition in church, Quiz night and Summer Fayre, Dance the Decades, MacMillan coffee morning, Children's Society coffee morning, sponsored events – Abbie and Revd Carol abseiled off Spinnaker Tower on May 13th and raised a lot of money. It was a glorious day and some of the congregation went to Portsmouth to support the crazy two!
We not only put on fundraising events but we also held a Coronation tea to celebrate the new King, Charles III where we sung the new national Anthem, 'God save the King' which was wonderful, if a little bittersweet after the passing of our wonderful Queen Elizabeth.
We also helped with catering at social activities: pancakes, St Peter's Day, gardening mornings, Rectory Tea, Together We Can, churches together teas.
All of the events are advertised on our website - http://www.saint-peters-ash.org.uk/dates and posters are put up in the Centre before the event. Please come and support us and encourage non-church members to come and spend their money with us!

Thank you to all my team who work tirelessly to put on these events and trying to come up with new ideas. If you have an event that you think we could do, please let us know! Any suggestions or help is always gratefully received.
Many thanks
Jo Hurst and the Events Team

St Peter's Mothers' Union branch annual report 2023

Our St Peter's MU branch supports 2 groups on a Wednesday afternoon and a Monday evening. We had 17 enrolled members in 2023.
We have enjoyed a variety of speakers. Afternoon talks included Mike Jacobs, changes in Ash, Gloria Benson, orphanage in Tanzania, 2 visits from David Rose, volunteering in the community and a postcard tour of Surrey villages. Also Linda Tallon, her travels in India, and Anne Wilson, relating her various interesting travels, Father Keith on the origins of Harvest. Evenings included Ralph Wellington on relics and remembrances, a visit from our Diocesan president Diana Wood, Heather Hillman, flower arrangement, Rev. Claire Holt from St Paul's Tongham on the Holy Land, and Bob Hutton, a magistrate.
Our annual Church visit was to All Saints Fleet, newly opened after a devastating fire.
Cream teas, quizzes, and parties were also enjoyed.
Extra activities included Lady Day service in Guildford Cathedral, Aldershot Deanery Pilgrimage of Prayer in Cathedral Lady Chapel, and 2 members meetings, with items taken to support local Women's refuges. Also an MU fun day at Normandy village hall, providing the refreshments.
As usual we were found providing refreshments at our summer fete and Christmas Fayre, as well as the village fete and fantasia.
Catherine Hirst continues to send Baptism cards up to the 4th Anniversary of Baptism.
Thank you to our Church leaders and friends for your continued support.

Barbara Ridley

Prayer Chain



The Prayer chain continued to be called upon and is a valuable outreach to those who perhaps have no connection with church otherwise. We are in no doubt that our prayers are answered though not necessarily in ways we have

foreseen. We hope that people understand that no request would be considered too insignificant.
Prayer Chain Team. 01252 322292 or 01252 323037

St. Peter's Flower Guild 2023



The year started well with just the five of us managing to leek on top of things. Our aim was to recruit more ladies to the Guild. Thanks to efforts by Jo and Linda doing all they could with posters in church and in the magazine we recruited two more arrangers. Both very enthusiastic but unfortunately our youngest, Fliss, passed away suddenly. Our other lady Zoe, has settled into our Guild and joined us for Harvest Festival. We did a more scaled back affair as part of the church was closed off but what was done looked every inch Autumnal.
Easter saw us with our usual ladies plus Miranda, who always gives her time at festivals throughout the year. We had plenty of lilies to buy but at times it proved difficult to source them. But all was well eventually.
The summer fayre proved to be a trial as we didn't have as many plants donated as usual; hopefully next year will be better.
I was invited by the Mother's Union to do a demonstration for them on the Harvest theme. It was delightful evening and I was made very welcome. I talked about the family that is the Guild. Sheila approached me afterwards with a view to joining the Guild; I was delighted to welcome her.
Christmas Fayre was great fun; plenty to sell and we managed to sell most of our wares. It's always a challenge to know what people will be looking for. Christmas flowers went well as usual even though we were missing one or two ladies.
I would like to thank all my ladies for everything they do for the Guild and also their contributions to our Summer and Christmas Fayres. Also a big thanks to Jo and Linda for helping raise awareness for our need for more arrangers. And lastly to Fr Keith and Revd Carol for their continued support.
Heather Hillman

Report From Ash Belfry 2023-24



We are still experiencing a shortage of ringers but we almost always manage to ring for Sunday Service. Our apologies for those we do not ring for.
We rang for a number of weddings/blessings during the year, sometimes having to import ringers from other towers to help. This is the normal way of

doing things when towers are short of ringers.
We rang a half Peal for the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May before the service at Westminster Abbey and this was by an all local band of Tower members.
We have had a number of visiting ringers from various towers around the Guild and further afield and these visits occurred in January, March, June, September and October. All are very appreciative of our lovely bells and say how nice they are to ring.
We also had on two consecutive evenings in October a visit from our local Beaver group. The children seemed to enjoy the experience and asked some very interesting questions. Hopefully one or two might decide to learn to ring in the future.
Two members of the band decided to step down from ringing this year so we have been further depleted in numbers. We are sorry to lose them.
Lorna is teaching Zoe to ring the bells and she is proving to be very able and I am sure she will be an asset to the Tower. We also have another gentleman wishing to learn to ring and he will be starting shortly.
Unfortunately, due to numbers (people going away, sickness etc) we were unable to ring for any service over the Christmas period. This, as far as I can recall, has never happened before.Hopefully this won't be the case for Christmas 2024.
Judith Parker

Together we can – we could – so we did



2020's Post – Covid lockdown rules created a locked-in isolation amongst many elderly people. Surrey's Adult Social Care Social Prescribers faced the issue by launching a program to encourage their clients to get out and around again. They looked to Millmead to launch this initiative because, like most churches, we had accessible, safe space, a welcoming volunteer culture, a good reputation in the Community and not least, we could possibly access Charitable funding to meet the costs.
A six week, two hour program emerged. Guests would engage with professionals about Safety at home, Avoiding Scams, Fire and Rescue Safety advice, Economic Dietary strategies, IT Training, 'Move it or Lose it' (of course!), Mental Health issues and a Craft session.
The program was replicated across three other churches: St.Peter's, (CofE), Ash, Westborough (URC) and Merrow (Methodist). Adequate funding was

established. Two new topics were added making it eight weeks: Benefit claims and Preparing for End-of-Life issues.
In all, 16 programs involving 270 guests, 20 volunteers and grants, totalling £23,305 have been engaged to support over 350 hours of TWC interactions. However, promises to signpost clients by Social Providers never materialised. The venue churches did all the recruitment but now have used up most of their likely contacts. The lead officer from Adult Social Care has moved on. Sadly 4 years on, many elderlies are still locked in and not inclined to get out much. Setting up another 8 ongoing programs for 2024 is proving to be a step too far. Reluctantly, the time has come to step back and rejoice in what has been achieved: Merrow Methodists have established a thriving weekly Community Coffee morning with scores of older folks been welcomed onto Church premises; Important quality of life information and sign posting has been imparted; the reality of God's love reaching out to Guildford's older population has been recognized.
Thanks must go to all whose servant heartedness made TWC happen: volunteers, organisers and the Office staff.
TOGETHER WE CAN lived up to its name: WE COULD DO IT and by God's grace WE DID!
A special message to those in St. Peter's, Ash: A massive thank you for your faithful support and friendship in keeping this valued programme going
God is good all the time and His season for this project seems to be now to close. A big thank you goes to the kind ladies who helped on the catering rotas, including Catherine Hirst, Barbara Rose, Meryl Whiting, Denise Farmer, Jo Hurst and Linda Tallon.
Many thanks to you all & God bless you lots
Rev Derek Wensley

Christian Solidarity Worldwide Card Writing Lunch Club



Every month our Lunch club writes cards or emails words of encouragement to Christians who are suffering for their faith, working for justice for minority groups or teaching tolerance between faiths. They may be being harassed by police, in prison or in exile. They may have been arrested because of their human rights campaigns or for having a prayer meeting in their home. They may be searching for a loved one who has disappeared or travelling around to deliver workshops in what can be dangerous situations. Whoever they are a

few words of encouragement lets them know that they are not alone or forgotten. Please remember them in your prayers.
If you would like to join our group please speak to Philip or Barbara Rose and if you feel moved to help with our postage costs any donations would be gratefully received.
Barbara Rose

St Peter's Choir



The Choir regularly lead the singing for all the services we have had in Church. To help save money on heating the Church we have not had a choir for Second Sundays as we are in the hall for a less formal service, and we sit in the congregation.
I would like to apologise for not being well and for missing some of the choir rehearsals before Christmas at the end of the year. However, the choir and regular voices who usually help out were supported by Anne Wilson playing and teaching parts to make sure we had the correct notes when they sang. Thanks is always due for Philip Rose who, week by week keeps the choir singing. Thank you.
Mary Lamont

Sunday coffee



We have had a complete year of refreshments and fellowship after the Sunday services. We are looking for new members for the coffee rota. If, you have an hour to spare, why not join the team? We would love to hear from you. Gentlemen welcome too!
Angela

Craft Group



Our group has been meeting for years now and continues to be a lovely relaxed place to craft and have a good chat. We welcome many regulars from within the church community and beyond. Anyone is welcome to come along, enjoy a cuppa and relax! People have made hats for good causes, cards, jewel art, baby blankets, crochet, lavender bags and much much more!
Ceri

The Children's Society

I would like to thanks everyone who has helped support The Children's Society over the last year; either from donations, supporting events or giving up your time. It was quite a daunting task for me to take on and I have really appreciated all the help I have been given with this. We ran all the usual events; box collection, coffee morning, Christmas cards and Christingle service. A grand total of £1977.63 was raised consisting of;

- £1211.48 Boxes
- £168.90 Coffee morning
- £196.00 Christmas Cards
- £401.25 Christingle

I know that lots of people also support The Children's Society with other donations throughout the year and I would like to thank everyone on behalf of The Children's Society for your continuing support.
The 2024 coffee morning will be on Saturday 28th September 2024, looking forward to seeing you there!
Richard Moore

Little Fishes @ St. Peter's, Ash

This year we had some staff changes, Jannie who had been our Senco for many years (& had been at Little Fishes for almost 20 years) decided to take early retirement and relocate. We found a great replacement in Mel and she took the reins in October 23. We extended our staff team with Louise and Geraldine in the summer term and we are now a team of 12, this includes myself as Manager, 2 deputy managers, key people and SEN support staff.
Anne Wilson and Father Keith continue to support us in the roles as Chair and Vice-Chair of the committee. Our committee members are very supportive of all the things we do for the children and staff at Little Fishes.
Although not everything has gone back to the pre covid way of doing things, we have re-introduced lots of things such as the cutting up of fruit with the children. We had our nativity in the hall this year for the first time since 2019, and with our larger cohort we did 2 performances with lots of parents and Grandparents attending. We also held our Christmas church service for leavers in July and Christmas in December, Father Keith told our children part of the nativity story with the help from one of his famous puppets.
Last year fundraising money went on exchanging the loose rubber chippings in the sensory garden to a soft mulch safety surface.

We will be saying goodbye to 27 children leaving us for school in July 2024, but they are all ready for this next step in their education and we look forward to welcoming our new families.
Jackie Brewer
Manager – Little Fishes

Rainbows



The Summer of 2023 was a great one for the rainbows. We focused for a few weeks on Making Change which involved learning about good causes and sharing acts of kindness. We also visited the therapy garden in Normandy which was lovely and we went on a long walk to the chip shop and all had chips!
In the Autumn term the highlights included making art with our footprints and making lots of Gonk Christmas decorations!
In the spring of 2024 we worked on a Europe Challenge which involved us making passports and 'visiting' lots of countries. In England we played bingo, in Italy we made pizza, in Holland we made model windmills, in Spain we made castanets and in Greece we participated in the Olympics!
A big thank you to everyone who helps at the unit – we literally couldn't do it without you!
Ceri and Abbie Hurcombe, Unit Leaders

Brownies Annual Report 2023



We started off in April 2023 with a tea party to celebrate the King's Coronation, and we all decorated crowns to join in. It's a rare event, so brilliant to get involved. As part of the Girlguiding programme we completed our first aid skills builder this term, so some of our girls could earn their 'Be Well' theme award. We also had a night making trash fashion, celebrating Father's Day and lighting candles – we even roasted marshmallows! We ended our term with a walk down the canal to the fish & chip shop which was definitely a hit.
In September Cerys took a break while she started a new job and her youngest started school – all change! The Brownies worked on their Influence skills builder/theme award. The leaders got a bit more organised with the programme, since it looked like 2 of our girls might achieve their Gold Awards if we pushed a few extra activities. One of our leaders, Lorna, organised an international trip to Belgium with her Guides from back home, and there was a

challenge badge we could complete for that to support her. We then celebrated Halloween, Bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas to complete the term.
In January Chloe took a rest from weekly meetings and came to visit us later in the term with baby Jack! We completed our oldest girls' Gold Award by doing our Communicate skills builder, learning about different ways to get our thoughts across. The girls love acting out plays, so that is always a popular method. We're very proud that we have finally got some of our girls through their Gold award – here's to many more.
For our outing we crossed to road to the church for a bell ringing lesson, which the girls loved. I posted that we were practising on the local Facebook group and the community was appreciative too. We completed our Civil Engineering badge this term, learning to work together to plan, design and build structures and communication devices. We made cards and bookmarks for Mother's Day. The last night of term we had a Japanese night as our leader, Abie, is organising a Girlguiding trip there in the summer! We're very lucky to have such intrepid leaders.
We're looking forward to lighter evenings and summer activities outside this term, fingers crossed for some sunshine!
Cerys March
Giraffe
2nd Ash Brownies

Funday Club AGM Report

It has been another busy year putting the 'fun' into Funday Club! We are a small and friendly group who plan and run the monthly Funday Club sessions for a growing number of children who enjoy stories, activities and crafts in St Peter's Centre before coming into Church to join the end of the service and treating the congregation to an unscripted 'Show and Tell' of what they have been up to! We try to mix up the style of sessions to engage the children so that they get the most out of the session and over the last year has included stories, sit down crafts, acting, reading, listening, games, discussion, cooking, eating and more. Hands-on activities are always popular, as is a chance to perform be that reading a story to Funday Club on the carpet, doing a reading in in church, acting out a story and of course starring in our annual Christingle production.
Highlights of 2023 have included:

- Jonah and the big fish entry for fish exhibition for St Peter's Day in June 2023. The children loved creating the elements for the display as well as visiting the fantastic interactive exhibition in church too

- Creating popcorn sheep for the parable of the Lost sheep and a real-life hunt for all of the Lost sheep around the Centre showing that putting stories and to real life action really helps the children learn and retain Jesus's teaching
- Christingle rehearsals and performance - this was some of our younger stars first dramatic roles and they all performed brilliantly with acting, singing, parading and reading in front of a packed church on Christmas Eve
- Big Build - we had an eco-friendly big build this year in April. The children built a giant cross and got everyone involved in the design with pre-built activities and an on-site build of a giant stained glass effect Cross which was lots of fun and symbolized a cross carried by Jesus on Good Friday

Additionally we ran a summer fair stall offering an activity for children attending the fair as well as games to try their luck on.
We see that the Twinning with St Paul's will also widen the audience for offerings of family-based activities and we look forward to see how this develops between us in future.
New faces and ideas are always welcome so do feel free to join us on the fourth Sunday of the month or speak to Lisa Cheung to find out more.
Lisa Cheung, Funday Club Leader





St. Peter’s Christmas Lunch



We enjoyed Christmas lunch with about 36 people this year, some church members and others from the wider community. Donations meant we were able to serve a full Christmas dinner with drinks and sweets, crackers and a small table gift for everyone. After lunch we watched the King’s Speech, and enjoyed a quiz with tea, coffee and mince pies, and there was even Christmas Cake to take home. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.
Barbara and Philip

Care and Share Shelf



Our Care and Share shelf, started in the COVID epidemic, continues to be well used. Daily we put out about 14 items, trying to provide essentials to anyone struggling as prices have risen so rapidly or who have one of those difficult times life sometimes throws at you. Food such as tins of fish and meat, tea and coffee, beans and vegetables as well as some fresh food and toiletries all find a new home. This outreach is run entirely by donations, either from the harvest collection or donations brought to church so is not taking money from our much-needed church funds. Please continue to help us reach our neighbours in need. Thank You
Barbara Rose

Collecting for refugees



Serving at Christmas
Just before Christmas a group of us from our local churches in Aldershot, Ash Vale, Ash and Tongham and some Care4Calais volunteers went to a local hotel where refugees live. Aldershot Churches Together made gift bags for the children and AAVT made up some small gifts for the adults. Hats and gloves, notebooks and pens, toiletries and other small but useful presents and treats. We arrived, to the excitement of the children, put up some Christmas Trees and played some music while serving drinks and seasonal treats, including a fabulous Christmas Cake. Happy chaos playing musical statues, decorating biscuits and youngsters playing football outside with volunteers! The gifts were given to each person or family in turn and were received with smiles and thanks. Lots of happy faces.
HUGE THANKS to everyone who helped make this possible. 106 adult bags were made so lots of shopping, wrapping, packing and delivering of bags. Thank you if you served refreshments with a smile, filled or gave out the bags on the day, chatted to residents, played with the children or donated at St. Peter's, St Paul's and St. Mary's.
A wonderful way to serve our local community.
Barbara Rose

Refugee Collections



In March and October in 2023, as in previous years, St. Peter's Church supported the Farnham help for Refugees collection. They support refugees

here in the UK and abroad. Suitable clothes, new underwear, trainers, football boots backpacks, phones, tents, blankets and sleeping bags and sometimes toiletries are all collected depending on where they are able to distribute items. This is an ongoing and much needed. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.
Barbara Rose

Fishes Great and Small



In June 2023 we had our "Fishes Great and Small" exhibition which brought the community into church and some of our local churches together. Displays by church and community groups, schools as well as individuals gave us a chance to see Bible Stories in a new light as well as show information about the latest Ocean Treaty and enjoy some fun in the undersea cave spotting the mermaid's tail.
Barbara Rose

Strictly St Peter's Tea Dance



We usually meet on the first Thursday of each month at 2:30 to dance to music from the 1920s to the present day. We have up to 25 people, many who are not regular church members, who come for the dancing and the company. There's always a cup of tea or coffee and cake or biscuits.
As you might imagine, the people who come are mostly retired and prefer not to have to be out in the dark evenings. But we're not couch potatoes, either, and we can shake a leg with the best of them.
We love to see new people as well, and if you can put one foot in front of another (without falling over) you can joint in the dancing. Don't be scared – we don't bite.
Barbara and Philip Rose



Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church, Ash

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
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Receipts					
Voluntary recipts:					
Planned Giving		23,160		23,160	
Collections at services		4,578		4,578	
All other giving/voluntary receipts		150	5,820	5,970	
Grants	7	36,289		36,289	
HMRC recovery (Gift Aid)		6,849		6,849	
		71,025	5,820	76,845	
Activities for generating funds					
Events		3,389	4,957	8,346	
Hall Hire		26,164		26,164	
		29,553	4,957	34,510	
			0		
Investment Income		12,836		12,836	
Church Activities		8,075	0	8,075	
Total receipts		121,489	10,776	132,265	129,910
Payments					
Church activities					
Parish Share (this year)	2	55,117	0	55,117	
Parish Share (last year)	2	39,007	0	39,007	
Staff costs		7,680	0	7,680	
Working expenses		912	0	912	
Church running expenses		6,715	0	6,715	
Church repairs and maintenance		2,914	0	2,914	
Church Development		488	829	1,316	
Shared expenses		16,865	0	16,865	
Centre running expenses		6,747	0	6,747	
Mission Giving and Donations		784	0	784	
		137,228	829	138,056	
Cost of generating funds		0	2,056	2,056	
Governance		1,560	0	1,560	
Total payments		138,788	2,884	141,672	126,156
Excess of receipts over payments	4	(17,298)	7,892	(9,406)	
Transfers between funds	6	4,757	(4,757)	0	
		(12,542)	3,135	(9,406)	
Cash at bank and in hand at 1st January		61,464	0	61,464	
Cash at bank and in hand at 31st December		52,058	0	52,058	

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year 31 December 2023

	Note	Total 2023	Total 2022
Cash funds			
Natwest PCC		24,617	37,182
Natwest Fabric Fund		5,201	2,941
Barclays		17,541	16,161
Cash Office		32	32
Cash - in hand		512	796
Cash and bank (Flowers & Bells)		4,157	4,353
Total cash funds		52,058	61,464
Other monetary assets			
Debts due (GDBF)		1,786	
		1,786	
Liabilities			
Unpresented cheques		380	
Last payment of Parish Share	3	20,000	
		20,380	
Total net assets		33,464	
Breakdown of funds			
Unrestricted			
- General		26,172	
- Allocated (Flower and Bells)		4,157	
		30,329	
Restricted			
- Fabric Fund		2,135	
- Legacies		1,000	
		3,135	
Total net assets		33,464	

Notes:

1 2022 Figures are not fully shown as we are moving from Accural accounts to Payments and Receipts
The 2022 figures shown are totals from the 2022 accounts and bank statements

2 Parish Share was actually only £75115 for 2023, late payments skews the figure.

3 We still had £20,000 of the Parish Share to pay at the end of the year. This was paid in the first few days of January.

4 Whilst on the face of things we have made a loss on the year of £9,406.
This figure purely reflects cash and money reported in the bank.
Of the £52k in the bank, we still had £20k of the 2023 Parish Share to pay

5 I notice the the Toilet fund has never been included in the restricted funds.

6 Transfer from Restrict Toilet Fund to general funds to cover the last of the expenses from previous years

7 The grants are broken down as follows:
GDBF Heating grant = £1,000
Parish Close Trust = £24,000
Heathcote Memorial Trust = £11,000
Clara Rosalie Heathcote = £288.51

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Peter's Church Ash

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St. Peter's Church Ash (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other 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.

Signed:
Name: Michael David Ellis
Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCII

Address: Sunnyview, 9 Mill Lane, Lindford, Hampshire GU35 0PE
Date: 2nd May 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER ASH

England & Wales - Charity number 1171836

Accounts

St Peters Church, Ash

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

Year Ended 31 December 2022

St Peters Church, Ash Parochial Church Council

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St Peters Church, Ash Parochial Church Council

Information on the Church and the Council

Council Members 31.12.2022	**The Reverend K Bristow (Rector; Chair)** **The Reverend C Monk (Assistant Minister, Vice Chair)** **Mrs M Luff (Churchwarden)** **Ms L Tallon (Churchwarden)** **Mrs M Lamont (Reader)** **Ms J L Hurst (Hon Secretary)** **Mrs S Taylor (Pastoral Assistant; Deanery Synod; Honorary Treasurer)** **Mrs C Hirst (Deanery Synod)** **Mr C Stokes** **Mrs V Crow** **Mrs B Rose** **Mr E Cheung** **Mrs E Stokes** **Mrs J Hurst** **Mrs S Towler** **Miss A Hurcombe** **Mrs S Wilson (Safeguarding Officer)**
Address	**The Rectory** **Ash Church Road** **Ash** **Aldershot** **Hampshire GU12 6LU**
Principal Bankers	**The Central Board of Finance of Church of England** **Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street** **London EC4 4ET** **National Westminster Bank** **30 Wellington Street** **Aldershot** **Hampshire GU11 1YJ** **Barclays Bank Plc** **Guildford Friary Branch** **Guildford** **Surrey** **GU1 4AG**
Independent Examiner	**N D Hollingshead FCCA** **Whiteleys Chartered Certified Accountants** **Sovereign House** **155 - 157 High Street** **Aldershot** **Hampshire GU11 1TT**
Charity Commissioner Registration	**1171836**

St Peters, Ash Parochial Church Council

Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Background and status

The St Peters, Ash PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Keith Bristow, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for the Church complex of St Peters, Ash.

The PCC is a charity, which is excepted from registration with the Charity Commission in accordance with S34(2) of the Charities Act 2011

The PCC is also the managing trustee of the Parish Close Trust Fund, a registered charity created in 1976. This fund holds a permanent endowment fund, from which the capital and income are available to support the fabric and activities of the parish church of St Peters, Ash.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the annual parochial church meeting in accordance with the Church Representational Rules.

During the year to 31 December 2022 , the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:

The Reverend Keith Bristow - Chair
The Reverend Carol Monk - Assistant Minister and Vice Chair

Readers:

Mrs M Lamont

Wardens:

Miss Linda Tallon
Mrs Maria Luff

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mrs C Hirst
Mrs S Taylor

PCC Secretary

Mrs J L Hurst

PCC Treasurer

Mrs S Taylor

Elected members and years served:

3 years:

Mrs B Rose
Mrs V Crow
Mr C Stokes

2 years

Mr E Cheung
Mrs E Stokes

1 year:

Miss A Hurcombe
Mrs S Towler
Mrs A Wilson (Safeguarding Officer)

Meetings, working groups and officers

The PCC also operates through officers who act and a number of working groups which meet between the full meetings of the committee. The working groups and officers during 2022 were

The Finance Working Group: budgets and monitors the church's income and expenditure and oversees the financial affairs of St Peters generally.

The Buildings & Maintenance Group: oversees the maintenance of the fabric of the church, St Peters Centre, the curate's house and all the grounds and property of St Peters.

The Social Events Group: is responsible for developing the social life of the christian community at St Peters.

The Youth Ministry Officer:

The Ecumenical Officer:

The Communications Officer:

The Social Responsibility Officer:

Review of activities for the year

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	2022	*2021*	*Movement*
	£	£	£
Gross income (other than grants)	92,727	72,251	20,476
Expenditure for year (excluding fabric/maintenance of the Church and the St Peter's Centre)	(110,771)	(111,019)	248
Operating surplus / (deficit)	(18,043)	(38,768)	20,725
Grants from trust funds and diocese			
Parish Close	21,220	20,220	1,000
Heathcote Trust	14,000	11,000	3,000
100 Club/Fabric fund	1,963	5,000	(3,037)
	37,183	36,220	963
Expenditure on fabric/ maintenance of the Church and the St Peter's Centre	(15,386)	(20,946)	5,560
Net grants supporting operating costs	21,797	15,274	6,523
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	3,754	(23,495)	27,249

Review of activities for the year (continued)

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On behalf of the Parochial Church Council

S Taylor
Treasurer

Dated: 20 March 2023

St Peters, Ash Parochial Church Council

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St Peters, Ash Parochial Church Council

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources:					
Donors	2	36,240	4,123	40,363	41,130
Other voluntary resources	3	-	37,183	37,183	36,220
Other voluntary resources - Fabric Fund	3	3,937	500	4,437	59
Income from fees and ancillary trading	4	40,848	-	40,848	28,660
Interest and dividend income	5	287	-	287	278
Other income	6	4,903	1,890	6,793	2,124
Grants and donations	7	-	-	-	-
		86,215	43,696	129,910	108,471
Outgoing resources:					
Activities relating to the work of the church	8	98,000	15,568	113,568	117,254
Fund raising and publicity costs	9	215	-	215	3,320
Church management and administration	10	12,374	-	12,374	11,392
		110,588	15,568	126,156	131,966
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources and net movement in funds for the year		(24,374)	28,128	3,754	(23,495)
Transfers between funds	15				
Funds transferred		29,128	(29,128)	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		4,754	(1,000)	3,754	(23,495)
Funds at beginning of year		15,971	49,664	65,635	89,130
Funds at end of year		20,725	48,664	69,389	65,635

St Peters, Ash Parochial Church Council

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Note	*2022* £	*2022* £	*2021* £	*2021* £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11		49,038		50,664
Current assets					
Debtors	12	1,486		1,752	
Cash at bank and in hand	13	20,162		15,949	
		21,648		17,701	
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	14	1,296		2,730	
Net current assets			20,352		14,971
Net assets			69,389		65,635
Accumulated Funds					
Unrestricted funds	15		20,725		15,971
Restricted funds	15		48,664		49,664
Total funds			69,389		65,635

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20 March 2023.

S Taylor
Treasurer

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting policies

(a) **Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention; and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations, applicable accounting standards and the statement of recommended practice: Accounting and reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

All transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible are included in the financial statements. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body nor those that relate to informal gatherings of church members.

(b) **Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice**

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items was needed. No restatements were required.

(c) ***Income recoginition***

Voluntary income and capital resources

Collections are recognised in the accounts when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under deed of covenant or grant aid is recognised only when received. Tax recoverable on such covenants and gift aid contributions received is recognised in the same accounting period. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement to the amounts due. Funds raised by fetes, garden parties and similar events are included in the accounts as gross income with the related expenses shown separately.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of the St Peters Centre is recognised when received. Parochial fees for weddings, funerals and others are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Income from bank deposits

Interest is accounted for when receivable. Any income tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting period.

(d) ***Expenditure recognition***

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or when awarded, if such awards create a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities relating to the work of the church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at the end of the year is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability.

(e) ***Tangible fixed assets and investments***

Consecrated land and buildings, and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated land and beneficed property are excluded from the accounts under S96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether for maintenance or improvement, is written off as incurred.

Equipment held and used within the church premises are capitalised and valued at histocical cost. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis over their estimated useful life of four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are expensed when purchased.

(f) **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

2 Donors

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	30,069	-	30,069	34,323
Restricted Income	-	4,123	4,123	2,535
Uncovenanted giving	6,171	-	6,171	4,270
	36,240	4,123	40,363	41,130

3 Other voluntary resources

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Heathcote Trust		14,000	10,000	11,000
Grant from Parish Close Trust	-	21,220	21,220	20,220
Grant from 100 Club/Fabric Fund	-	1,963	1,963	5,000
Other	3,937	500	4,437	59
	3,937	37,683	41,620	36,279
Other - Fabric Fund/Spire Appeal	-	-	-	-
	3,937	37,683	41,620	36,279

4 Income from fees and ancillary trading

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Book and magazine contributions	45	-	45	51
Sales of Calendar	143		143	350
Fees	5,792	-	5,792	1,634
Fees in advance	-	-	-	-
Rent - Church hall	19,467	-	19,467	11,625
Rent - Grange Farm Road	15,400	-	15,400	15,000
	40,848	-	40,848	28,660

5 Interest

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	287	-	287	278

6 Other income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
VAT Reclaimed on repairs	-		-	-
Furlough Recovery CJRS	-	-	-	538
Summer and Christmas fetes	3,903	-	3,903	1,586
Sundry other income	1,000	1,890	2,890	-
	4,903	1,890	6,793	2,124

7 Grants and donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Charities	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

8 **Activities relating to the work of the church**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Light, heat and cleaning	13,324	-	13,324	11,263
Insurance	5,137	-	5,137	4,879
Upkeep of services	2,682	-	2,682	1,324
Organist's salary	-	-	-	-
Youth management	-	-	-	20
Flowers	-	-	-	88
Diocesan quota	74,007	-	74,007	69,467
Bank Charges	345	-	345	15
Outreach	772	-	772	260
Planning Toilet Application	-	1,916	1,916	8,992
Fabric/maintenance:	-	-	-	-
- Church	-	4,318	4,318	7,836
- Parish hall	1,732	6,618	8,350	9,065
- Grange Farm Road	-	2,716	2,716	4,045
Organ repairs	-	-	-	-
	98,000	15,568	113,568	117,254

9 **Fund raising and publicity costs**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Parish magazine and bookstall	195	-	195	-
Summer and Christmas fetes	-	-	-	-
Social events/100 Club	20	-	20	3,320
	215	-	215	3,320

10 **Church management and administration**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Administration salaries	5,688	-	5,688	4,732
Printing, stationery and office costs	4,240	-	4,240	4,193
Accountancy	780	-	780	780
Examiner's fee	-	-	-	-
Sundry expenses	40	-	40	40
Depreciation:				
Office Equipment	626	-	626	388
Freehold Buildings	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Kitchen Equipment	-	-	-	259
	12,374	-	12,374	11,392

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Valuation brought forward at 1 January 2022	-	-	-
Cost at 1 January 2022	86,969	8,876	95,845
Additions at cost	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	86,969	8,876	95,845
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	38,000	7,181	45,181
Charge for year	1,000	626	1,626
At 31 December 2022	39,000	7,808	46,808
Net book value at 31 December 2022	47,969	1,069	49,038
Net book value at 31 December 2021	48,969	1,695	50,664

The freehold property comprises the house at 19, Grange Farm Road, Ash. The fair current use market value was estimated by the PCC at £140,000 as at 31 December 2000 based on similar properties of the same size and condition in the immediate area.

12 Debtors

	2022 £	*2021* £
Income tax recoverable (covenants)	1,486	752
Other debtors	-	1,000
	1,486	1,752

13 Cash at bank and in hand

	2022 £	*2021* £
National Westminster Bank	6,936	4,451
Barclays Bank Plc	6,171	6,633
Fabric Fund 100 Club	2,658	695
Other accounts and cash	4,362	4,134
Churchwardens float	4	4
Cash in hand	32	32
	20,162	15,949

14 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	*2021* £
Accrued expense - accountancy	260	260
Accrued expenses - examiner's fee	550	550
Deferred income	486	1,920
	1,296	2,730

15 Accumulated funds

	At start of year £	Incoming resources £	Resources used £	Transfers £	At end of year £
Movements in year					
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated funds					
Tots n Toast	10	-	-	-	10
Bellringers Association	3,075	973	(745)	-	3,303
Flower Guild	1,050	-	-	-	1,050
	4,135	973	(745)	-	4,363
General purposes fund	11,836	85,242	(109,843)	29,128	16,362
	15,971	86,215	(110,588)	29,128	20,725
Restricted Funds					
General	48,969	43,696	(15,568)	(29,128)	47,969
Fabric Fund	695	-	-	-	695
	49,664	43,696	(15,568)	(29,128)	48,664

Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible assets £	Cash deposits/ Debtors £	Liabilities £	Total £
Unrestricted funds - Designated	-	4,362	-	4,362
Unrestricted fund - General purposes	1,069	14,627	(1,296)	14,400
Restricted fund - General	47,969	-	-	47,969
Restricted fund - Fabric Fund	-	2,658	-	2,658
	49,038	21,648	(1,296)	69,389

Unrestricted funds represent PCC funds which are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use (other than charity law) and are available for the general and designated purposes of the PCC.

The general restricted fund represents the book value of the freehold property at 19 Grange Farm Road, Ash.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER ASH

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St Peters Church, Ash

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

Year Ended 31 December 2021

St Peters Church, Ash Parochial Church Council

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St Peters Church, Ash Parochial Church Council

Information on the Church and the Council

Council Members	**The Reverend K Bristow (Rector; Chair)**
	The Reverend C Monk
	Mrs M Luff (Churchwarden)
	Mr P J Rose (Churchwarden and Vice Chair)
	Mrs M Lamont (Reader)
	Ms L Tallon (Hon Secretary)
	Mrs S Taylor (Pastoral Assistant; Deanery Synod; Honorary Treasurer)
	Mrs C Hirst (Deanery Synod)
	Mrs J Hurst
	Mrs C Hurcombe (resigned 24/04/2021)
	Mr C Stokes
	Mrs R Boud
	Mrs V Crow
	Mrs B Rose
	Mr E Chueng Cheung
	Mrs E Stokes
Address	**The Rectory** **Ash Church Road** **Ash** **Aldershot** **Hampshire GU12 6LU**
Principal Bankers	**The Central Board of Finance of Church of England** **Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street** **London EC4 4ET**
	National Westminster Bank **30 Wellington Street** **Aldershot** **Hampshire GU11 1YJ**
	Barclays Bank Plc **Guildford Friary Branch** **Guildford** **Surrey** **GU1 4AG**
Independent Examiner	**N D Hollingshead FCCA** **Whiteleys Chartered Certified Accountants** **Sovereign House** **155 - 157 High Street** **Aldershot** **Hampshire GU11 1TT**
Charity Commissioner Registration	**1171836**

St Peters, Ash Parochial Church Council

Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Background and status

The St Peters, Ash PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Keith Bristow, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for the Church complex of St Peters, Ash.

The PCC is a charity, which is excepted from registration with the Charity Commission in accordance with S34(2) of the Charities Act 2011

The PCC is also the managing trustee of the Parish Close Trust Fund, a registered charity created in 1976. This fund holds a permanent endowment fund, from which the capital and income are available to support the fabric and activities of the parish church of St Peters, Ash.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the annual parochial church meeting in accordance with the Church Representational Rules.

During the year to 31 December 2021 , the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:

The Reverend Keith Bristow - Chair
The Reverend Carol Monk - Curate
Mr P Rose - Churchwarden and Vice Chair

Readers:

Mrs M Lamont

Wardens:

Mr P Rose
Mrs M Luff

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mrs C Hirst
Mrs S Taylor

PCC Secretary

Ms L Tallon

PCC Treasurer

Mrs S Taylor

Elected members and years served:

3 years:

Mrs J Hurst
Mrs R Boud
Mrs C Hurcombe (resigned 24/04/2021)

2 years

Mrs B Rose
Mrs V Crow
Mr C Stokes

1 year:

Mr E Chueng
Mrs E Stokes

St Peters, Ash Parochial Church Council

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Meetings, working groups and officers

The PCC also operates through officers who act and a number of working groups which meet between the full meetings of the committee. The working groups and officers during 2021 were

The Finance Working Group: budgets and monitors the church's income and expenditure and oversees the financial affairs of St Peters generally.

The Buildings & Maintenance Group: oversees the maintenance of the fabric of the church, St Peters Centre, the curate's house and all the grounds and property of St Peters.

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Net grants supporting operating costs	15,274	15,380	(5,106)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(23,495)	(4,903)	(18,592)

Review of activities for the year (continued)

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St Peters, Ash Parochial Church Council

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Incoming resources:					
Donors	2	38,595	2,535	41,130	32,838
Other voluntary resources	3	-	36,220	36,220	30,220
Other voluntary resources - Fabric Fund	3	59	-	59	30
Income from fees and ancillary trading	4	28,660	-	28,660	29,429
Interest and dividend income	5	278	-	278	271
Other income	6	2,124	-	2,124	3,880
Grants and donations	7	-	-	-	5,000
		69,716	38,755	108,471	101,667
Outgoing resources:					
Activities relating to the work of the church	8	89,198	28,056	117,254	95,502
Fund raising and publicity costs	9	20	3,300	3,320	437
Church management and administration	10	11,392	-	11,392	10,631
		100,610	31,356	131,966	106,570
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources and net movement in funds for the year		(30,894)	7,399	(23,495)	(4,903)
Transfers between funds	15				
Funds transferred		32,023	(32,023)	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		1,129	(24,624)	(23,495)	(4,903)
Funds at beginning of year		14,842	74,288	89,130	94,034
Funds at end of year		15,971	49,664	65,635	89,130

St Peters, Ash Parochial Church Council

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Note	*2021* £	*2021* £	*2020* £	*2020* £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11		50,664		52,311
Current assets					
Debtors	12	1,752		1,536	
Cash at bank and in hand	13	15,949		36,093	
		17,701		37,629	
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	14	2,730		810	
Net current assets			14,971		36,819
Net assets			65,635		89,130
Accumulated Funds					
Unrestricted funds	15		15,971		14,842
Restricted funds	15		49,664		74,288
Total funds			65,635		89,130

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11 March 2022.

S Taylor
Treasurer

St Peters, Ash Parochial Church Council

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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2 Donors

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Planned giving	34,323	-	34,323	24,693
Restricted Income	-	2,535	2,535	190
Uncovenanted giving	4,270	-	4,270	7,954
	38,595	2,535	41,130	32,838

3 Other voluntary resources

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Heathcote Trust		11,000	10,000	10,000
Grant from Parish Close Trust	-	20,220	20,220	20,220
Grant from 100 Club/Fabric Fund	-	5,000	5,000	
Other	59	-	59	30
	59	36,220	36,279	30,250
Other - Fabric Fund/Spire Appeal	-	-	-	-
	59	36,220	36,279	30,250

4 Income from fees and ancillary trading

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Book and magazine contributions	51	-	51	873
Sales of Calendar	350		350	195
Fees	1,634	-	1,634	1,665
Fees in advance	-	-	-	115
Rent - Church hall	11,625	-	11,625	11,581
Rent - Grange Farm Road	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
	28,660	-	28,660	29,429

5 Interest

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Bank interest	278	-	278	271

6 Other income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
	-		-	510
VAT Reclaimed on repairs	538	-	538	283
Furlough Recovery CJRS	1,586	-	1,586	-
Summer and Christmas fetes	-	-	-	3,087
Sundry other income				
	2,124	-	2,124	3,880

7 Grants and donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
	-	-	-	-
Charities	-	-	-	5,000
Others				
	-	-	-	5,000

8 Activities relating to the work of the church	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	*2021* £	*2020* £
Light, heat and cleaning	11,263	-	11,263	9,373
Insurance	4,879	-	4,879	4,017
Upkeep of services	1,324	-	1,324	1,444
Organist's salary	-	-	-	40
Youth management	20	-	20	38
Flowers	88	-	88	384
Diocesan quota	69,467	-	69,467	64,920
Bank Charges	15	-	15	15
Outreach	260	-	260	432
Planning Toilet Application	-	8,992	8,992	-
Fabric/maintenance:	-	-	-	-
- Church	80	7,756	7,836	4,678
- Parish hall	1,801	7,263	9,065	7,250
- Grange Farm Road	-	4,045	4,045	2,912
Organ repairs	-	-	-	-
	89,198	28,056	117,254	95,502

9 Fund raising and publicity costs	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	*2021* £	*2020* £
Parish magazine and bookstall	-	-	-	417
Summer and Christmas fetes	-	-	-	-
Social events/100 Club	20	3,300	3,320	20
	20	3,300	3,320	437

10 Church management and administration	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	*2021* £	*2020* £
Administration salaries	4,732	-	4,732	4,550
Printing, stationery and office costs	4,193	-	4,193	3,436
Accountancy	780	-	780	780
Examiner's fee	-	-	-	-
Sundry expenses	40	-	40	232
Depreciation:				
Office Equipment	388	-	388	388
Freehold Buildings	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Kitchen Equipment	259	-	259	246
	11,392	-	11,392	10,631

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Valuation brought forward at 1 January 2021	-	-	-
Cost at 1 January 2021	86,969	8,876	95,845
Additions at cost	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	86,969	8,876	95,845
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	37,000	6,534	43,534
Charge for year	1,000	647	1,647
At 31 December 2021	38,000	7,181	45,181
Net book value at 31 December 2021	48,969	1,695	50,664
Net book value at 31 December 2020	49,969	2,342	52,311

The freehold property comprises the house at 19, Grange Farm Road, Ash. The fair current use market value was estimated by the PCC at £140,000 as at 31 December 2000 based on similar properties of the same size and condition in the immediate area.

12 Debtors

	2021 £	*2020* £
Income tax recoverable (covenants)	752	1,536
Other debtors	1,000	-
	1,752	1,536

13 Cash at bank and in hand

	2021 £	*2020* £
National Westminster Bank	4,451	11,084
Barclays Bank Plc	6,633	16,517
Fabric Fund 100 Club	695	3,995
Other accounts and cash	4,134	4,239
Churchwardens float	4	226
Cash in hand	32	32
	15,949	36,093

14 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	*2020* £
Accrued expense - accountancy	260	260
Accrued expenses - examiner's fee	550	550
Deferred income	1,920	-
	2,730	810

15 Accumulated funds

	At start of year £	Incoming resources £	Resources used £	Transfers £	At end of year £
Movements in year					
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated funds					
Tots n Toast	10	-	-	-	10
Bellringers Association	3,155	-	(80)	-	3,075
Flower Guild	1,074	140	(164)	-	1,050
	4,239	140	(244)	-	4,134
General purposes fund	10,604	69,576	(100,366)	32,023	11,836
	14,842	69,716	(100,610)	32,023	15,971
Restricted Funds					
General	49,805	38,755	(31,356)	(8,235)	48,969
Fabric Fund	24,483	-	-	(23,788)	695
	74,288	38,755	(31,356)	(32,023)	49,664

Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible assets £	Cash deposits/ Debtors £	Liabilities £	Total £
Unrestricted funds - Designated	-	4,134	-	4,134
Unrestricted fund - General purposes	1,695	12,871	(2,730)	11,836
Restricted fund - General	48,969	-	-	48,969
Restricted fund - Fabric Fund	-	695	-	695
	50,664	17,701	(2,730)	65,635

Unrestricted funds represent PCC funds which are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use (other than charity law) and are available for the general and designated purposes of the PCC.

The general restricted fund represents the book value of the freehold property at 19 Grange Farm Road, Ash.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER ASH

England & Wales - Charity number 1171836

Accounts

St Peters Church, Ash

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

Year ended 31 December 2020

St Peters Church, Ash Parochial Church Council

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St Peters Church, Ash Parochial Church Council

Information on the Church and the Council

Council members 31-Dec-20	The Reverend K Bristow (Rector; Chair) The Reverend C Monk Mrs M Luff (Churchwarden) Mr P J Rose (Churchwarden and Vice Chair) Mrs M Lamont (Reader) Ms L Tallon (Hon Secretary) Mrs S Taylor (Pastoral Assistant; Deanery Synod; Honorary Treasurer) Mrs C Hirst (Deanery Synod) Mrs J Hurst Mr R Moore Mr C Stokes Mrs R Boud Mrs V Crow Mrs B Rose Mrs C Hurcombe
Address	The Rectory Ash Church Road Ash Aldershot Hampshire GU12 6LU
Principal bankers	The Central Board of Finance of Church of England Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4 4ET National Westminster Bank 30 Wellington Street Aldershot Hampshire GU11 1YJ Barclays Bank Plc Guildford Friary Branch Guildford Surrey GU1 4AG
Independent examiner	N D Hollingshead FCCA Whiteleys Chartered Certified Accountants Sovereign House 155 - 157 High Street Aldershot Hampshire GU11 1TT
Charity Commissioner Registration	1171836

St Peters, Ash Parochial Church Council

=" Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2020"

Background and status

The St Peters, Ash PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Keith Bristow , in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for the Church complex of St Peters, Ash.

The PCC is a charity, which is excepted from registration with the Charity Commission in accordance with S34(2) of the Charities Act 2011

The PCC is also the managing trustee of the Parish Close Trust Fund, a registered charity created in 1976. This fund holds a permanent endowment fund, from which the capital and income are available to support the fabric and activities of the parish church of St Peters, Ash.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the annual parochial church meeting in accordance with the Church Representational Rules.

During the year 31 to December 2020 , the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:

The Reverend Keith Bristow - Chair
The Reverend Carol Monk - Curate
Mr P Rose - Churchwarden and Vice Chair

Readers:

Mrs M Lamont

Wardens:

MR P Rose
Mrs M Luff

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mrs C Hirst
Mrs S Taylor

PCC Secretary

Ms L Tallon

PCC Treasurer

Mrs S Taylor

Elected members and years served:

3 years:

Mr R Moore
Mrs M Luff
Mrs P Marshall resigned mid 2020

2 years:

Mrs J Hurst
Mrs R Boud (nee Crow)
Mrs C Hurcombe

1 year:

Mrs B Rose
Mrs V Crow
Mr C Stokes

Meetings, working groups and officers

The PCC also operates through officers who act and a number of working groups which meet between the full meetings of the committee. The working groups and officers during 2020 were

Meetings, working groups and officers (continued)

The Finance Working Group: budgets and monitors the church's income and expenditure and oversees the financial affairs of St Peters generally.

The Buildings & Maintenance Group: oversees the maintenance of the fabric of the church, St Peters Centre, the curate's house and all the grounds and property of St Peters.

The Social Events Group: is responsible for developing the social life of the christian community at St Peters.

The Youth Ministry Officer:

The Ecumenical Officer:

The Communications Officer:

The Social Responsibility Officer:

Review of activities for the year

The statement of financial activities is set out on page 6 and shows the incoming and outgoing resources; the net movement in funds for the year, the funds transferred during the financial year and the funds carried forward at 31 December 2020 The assets and liabilities representing those funds are disclosed in the balance sheet on page 7.

"Expenditure for the year was £106,570 compared with £114,273 in 2019. Incoming resources were £101.667 compared to £124,723 in 2019 Overall there was a deficit of £4,903 for the year compared to a surplus of £10.451 in 2019

	2020	*2019*	*Movement*
	£	£	£
Gross income (other than grants)	71,447	95,203	(23,756)
Expenditure for year (excluding fabric/maintenance of the Church and the St Peter's Centre)	(91,731)	(103,807)	12,076
Operating surplus / (deficit)	(20,284)	(8,603)	(11,680)
Grants from trust funds and diocese			
Parish Close	20,220	19,520	700
Heathcote Trust	10,000	10,000	0
	30,220	29,520	700
Expenditure on fabric/ maintenance of the Church and the St Peter's Centre	(14,840)	(10,466)	(4,374)
Net grants supporting operating costs	15,380	19,054	(3,674)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(4,903)	10,451	(15,354)

Review of activities for the year (continued)

It continues to be a prime objective of the current PCC members to devise a strategy for raising further additional funding and financial support to sustain an operating surplus and to achieve self financing of the church's operating costs in the long term.

Statement of PCC members responsibilities

Under law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the PCC is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the PCC should follow best practice and

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed and;
- prepare financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The PCC is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose and enable it to ascertain with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Church Accounting Regulations and the Charities Act 1993. The PCC is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council



S Taylor
Treasurer

Dated : 24 March 2021

St Peters, Ash Parochial Church Council

Independent examiner's report to the members of St Peters Ash Parochial Church Council

This report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 6 to 12, is in respect of an examination carried out under S145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC members and the examiner

As trustees of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and you consider that the audit requirement of S144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:
- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the charity Commision (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act,and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC 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 you, as PCC members, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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- to keep accounting records in accordance with S130 of the Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

N D Hollingshead FCCA
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Dated : 24 March 2021

St Peters, Ash Parochial Church Council

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources:					
Donors	2	32,838	-	32,838	45,409
Other voluntary resources	3	-	30,220	30,220	29,520
Other voluntary resources - Fabric Fund	3	30	-	30	1,550
Income from fees and ancillary trading	4	29,429	-	29,429	43,117
Interest and dividend income	5	271	-	271	264
Other income	6	8,880	-	8,880	4,864
		71,447	30,220	101,667	124,724
Outgoing resources:					
Grants and donations	7		-		
Activities relating to the work of the church	8	82,494	13,008	95,502	102,062
Fund raising and publicity costs	9	437	-	437	21
Church management and administration	10	10,631	-	10,631	12,190
		93,562	13,008	106,570	114,273
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources and net movement in funds for the year		(22,115)	17,213	(4,903)	10,451
					-
Transfers between funds	15	25,261	(25,261)		-
Funds transferred		-	-		-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		3,146	(8,049)	(4,903)	10,451
Funds at beginning of year		11,698	82,336	94,034	83,585
Funds at end of year		14,842	74,288	89,130	94,034

St Peters, Ash Parochial Church Council

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11		52,311		51,357
Current assets					
Debtors	12	1,536		2,070	
Cash at bank and in hand	13	36,093		41,418	
		37,629		43,488	
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	14	810		810	
Net current assets			36,819		42,678
Net assets			89,130		94,034
Accumulated Funds					
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	£	£	£	£
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Restricted Income	190	-	190	713
Uncovenanted giving	7,954	-	7,954	9,191
	32,838	-	32,838	45,409

3 **Other voluntary resources**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	*2020*	*2019*
	£	£	£	£
Heathcote Trust		10,000	10,000	10,000
Grant from Parish Close Trust	-	20,220	20,220	19,520
Grant from Guildford Diocese	-	-	-	-
Other	30	-	30	1,550
	30	30,220	30,250	31,070
Other - Fabric Fund/Spire Appeal	-	-	-	-
	30	30,220	30,250	31,070

4 **Income from fees and ancillary trading**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	*2020*	*2019*
	£	£	£	£
Book and magazine contributions	873	-	873	1,329
Sales of Calendar	195		195	
Fees	1,665	-	1,665	2,852
Fees in advance 2020	115		115	1,790
Rent - Church hall	11,581	-	16,270	22,146
Rent - Grange Farm Road	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
	29,429	-	29,429	43,117

5 **Interest**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	*2020*	*2019*
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	271	-	271	264

6 **Other income**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	*2020*	*2019*
	£	£	£	£
VAT Reclaimed on repairs	510		510	
Furlough Recovery CJRS	283		283	
Summer and Christmas fetes	-	-	-	2,474
Sundry other income	3,087	-	3,087	2,389
	3,880	-	3,880	4,863

7 **Grants and donations**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	*2020*	*2019*
	£	£	£	£
Charities	-	-	-	-
Others	5,000	-	5,000	-
	5,000	-	5,000	-

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

8	**Activities relating to the work of the church**	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	*2020* £	*2019* £
	Light, heat and cleaning	9,373	-	9,373	10,745
	Insurance	4,017	-	4,017	4,553
	Upkeep of services	1,444	-	1,444	3,619
	Organist's salary	40	-	40	840
	Youth management	38	-	38	26
	Flowers	384	-	384	414
	Diocesan quota	64,920	-	64,920	69,137
	Bank Charges	15		15	4
	Outreach	432		432	1,808
	Fabric/maintenance:				
	- Church		4,678	4,678	4,055
	- Parish hall	1,832	5,418	7,250	3,757
	- Grange Farm Road		2,912	2,912	2,654
	Organ repairs	-		-	451
		82,494	13,008	- 95,502	- 102,063

9	**Fund raising and publicity costs**	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	*2020*	*2019* £
	Parish magazine and bookstall	417	-	417	-
	Summer and Christmas fetes	-	-		-
	Social events/100 Club	20	-	20	20
		437	-	437	20

10	**Church management and administration**	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	*2020* £	*2019* £
	Administration salaries	4,550	-	4,550	5,460
	Printing, stationery and office costs	3,436	-	3,436	4,583
	Accountancy	780	-	780	810
	Examiner's fee	-	-	-	-
	Sundry expenses	232	-	232	40
	Depreciation:				
	Office Equipment	388	-	388	182
	Freehold Buildings	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
	Kitchen Equipment	246		246	115
		10,631	-	10,631	12,190

11 **Tangible fixed assets**

	Freehold land and buildings	Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Valuation brought forward at 1 January 2020	-	-	-
Cost at 1 January 2020	86,969	6,289	93,258
Additions at cost	-	2,588	2,588
At 31 December 2020	86,969	8,876	95,845
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2020	36,000	5,901	41,901
Charge for year	1,000	633	1,633
At 31 December 2020	37,000	6,534	43,534
Net book value at 31 December2020	49,969	2,342	52,311
Net book value at 31 December 2019	50,969	388	51,357

The freehold property comprises the house at 19, Grange Farm Road, Ash. The fair current use market value was estimated by the PCC at £140,000 at 31 December 2000 based on similar properties of the same size and condition in the immediate area.

12 **Debtors**

	2020	*2019*
	£	£
Income tax recoverable (covenants)	1,536	2,070
Other debtors: Little Fishes	-	-
	1,536	2,070

13 **Cash at bank and in hand**

	2020	*2,019*
	£	£
National Westminster Bank	11,084	5,220
Barclays Bank Plc	16,517	18,488
Fabric Fund 100 Club	3,995	13,468
Other accounts and cash	4,239	3,984
Churchwardens Float	226	226
Cash in Hand	32	32
	36,093	41,418

14 **Creditors - amounts falling due within one year**

	2020	*2019*
	£	£
Organist - wedding		0
Verger- wedding		0
Fees to diocese		0
Accrued expense - accountancy	260	260
Accrued expenses - examiner's fee	550	550
Castle water		
	810	810

15 **Accumulated funds**

	At start of year £	Incoming resources £	Resources used £	Transfers £	At end of year £
Movements in year					
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated funds					
Tots n Toast	162	18	(170)		10
Bellringers Association	3,235	160	(240)		3,155
Flower Guild	690	384			1,074
	4,087	562	(410)	0	4,239
General purposes fund	7,611	70,885	(93,153)	25,261	10,604
	11,698	71,447	(93,563)	25,261	14,843
Restricted Funds					
General	57,853	30,220	(13,008)	(25,261)	49,805
Fabric Fund	24,483				24,483
	82,336	30,220	(13,008)	(25,261)	74,288

Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible assets £	Cash deposits/ Debtors £	Liabilities £	Total £
Unrestricted funds - Designated		4,239	-	4,239
Unrestricted fund - General purposes	2,342	29,394	(810)	30,926
Restricted fund - General	49,969		-	49,969
Restricted fund - Fabric Fund		3,995	0	3,995
	52,311	37,629	(810)	89,130

Unrestricted funds represent PCC funds which are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use (other than charity law) and are available for the general and designated purposes of the PCC.

The general restricted fund represents the book value of the freehold property at 19 Grange Farm Road, Ash.