



**Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Walton on the Hill
Report and financial statements for the year
ended 31 December 2021**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S WALTON ON THE HILL

Trustees and other information

Registered charity number 1176435

Principal office The Vestry
St Peter's Church
Breech Lane
Walton on the Hill
Surrey
KT20 7SD

Trustees during 2021

Rev'd Harry Latham (Rector)
Rev'd Christopher Hancock (Honorary Assistant Curate)
Rev'd Leah Bates (Assistant Curate since July 4th)
Tom Rhind-Tutt (LLM)
Neil Williams (Churchwarden)
Mo Atkins
George Curry
Anne Edwards
Jean Gurr (Deanery Synod)
Ann Liddle (Deanery Synod)
Laura Palmer
Chris Thompson

John Rosling (non-voting member)

Secretary Sylvia Williams

Treasurer Mike Giles

Parish Administrator Sara Sanders

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

Trustees

The trustees are noted on page 2.

Structure Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Walton on the Hill is a registered charity, with charity number 1176435 and is constituted under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measures (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility to promote in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of St Peter's Church Walton on the Hill, and its church hall on the Green, approximately 200yards from the church

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to the Diocesan Transformation Programme with its present focus remaining on the five objectives set in 2019:

- Increasing believers and making disciples
- Growing youth and children's ministry
- Improving church buildings
- Encouraging generous giving
- Develop good communications

Rector's Report

The last year has been about Recovery, and we are still very much in that season as numbers at 11am are quite reduced and we have yet to return to the number of people regularly involved in attending services or volunteering in different roles.

My thanks to all members of the PCC and to two former and special members, Andrew Brown and John Bishop who still contribute significantly to the operation of the PCC and to Church life.

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2021 - continued

I have been delighted to return to Walton Heath Manor in the second half of this year, with Leah on a fortnightly basis and John Rosling has assisted Tom on alternate weeks. Read Mark Learn has also enjoyed returning to meeting in person again.

In our services we adapted, as regulations allowed, but a return to congregational singing was a great joy. Thanks to John, Jenny, and the choir. We have yet to return to a shared common cup at the holy communion.

Little Cherubs met, initially outside on the school playing field, and then back in Church from September. It was a pleasure to see real growth in this section of our ministry.

Our giving has held up well, and especially online giving has been a great help. We continue to encourage every regular member of the St Peter's worshipping community to think carefully and generously about how they can fund the Ministry and Mission costs of the Church.

This is in parallel to how the Friends fund a substantial amount of the Fabric and Churchyard Maintenance costs. My huge thanks to all who contribute financially to both areas.

Laura Palmer has taken on the Magazine and is a great successor to Emmeline. Sara Sanders has taken on the administration role in the parish office, and we are very grateful for her 'can do' approach.

Christopher Hancock has continued to be a great servant of the Benefice and we are very grateful to Michael Dunk for his help and support.

We are also blessed to have been joined at Petertide by Leah Bates as a full-time stipendiary curate in the Benefice.

Many thanks also to Neil Williams, our sole churchwarden, for all he does.

Deanery Synod

Our two ex-officio Trustees sit on the Deanery Synod, which provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. The Deanery Synod meetings have returned – and I have been appointed as Assistant Area Dean.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S WALTON ON THE HILL

Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2021 – continued

Financial review

The finances of St Peter in 2021 continued to be affected by the lockdown resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, but the parish managed its finances well during the year and a surplus of £7,798 was achieved. Gross income of £108,495 was £8,508 higher than in 2020, due to increases in several sources of income, notably collections in church (£2,975) and fees receivable for weddings and funerals (£3,300). Grants from the Friends of St Peter were reduced by £5,800 as the backlog in church and churchyard maintenance is now reduced. Standing order donations were again increased (£2,364) due to the generosity of many donors.

Gross costs of £100,697 were £6,403 more than in 2020. Some of this was due to the increased level of activity - for example ministry and organist and choir expenses - as well as an increase in charitable donations and the new Curate support costs. We were grateful to the Diocese for not increasing the Parish Share for 2021.

St Peter's is now incurring costs in support of the new Curate, Leah Bates, who was welcomed to the team in 2021. Specific donations received in support of Leah exceeded the costs in 2021, so the surplus of £2,925 has been carried forward to 2022.

The undesignated general reserves in December 2021 amounted to £168,197 which equates to more than twelve months normal expenditure: on this basis the PCC considers itself to be a going concern.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which St Peter's is exposed. The PCC is satisfied that review systems have been established which, under normal circumstances, should allow these risks to be managed and mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

Independent Examiner

Mr Peter Renshaw has been re-appointed as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

The Rectory
Breech Lane
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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

H.N.L. Latham

9 March 2022

Rev'd Harry Latham

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S WALTON ON THE HILL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted General Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary income	2(a)	71,793	0	0	71,793	69,299
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	614			614	478
Income from investments	2(c)	4,050			4,050	3,984
Income from Church activities	2(d)	32,038			32,038	26,226
Total incoming resources		108,495	0	0	108,495	99,987
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Church activities	3	100,697			100,697	94,192
Cost of activities for generating funds		0			0	102
Governance costs		0			0	0
Total resources expended		100,697	0	0	100,697	94,294
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before exceptional income		7,798	0	0	7,798	5,693
Exceptional income	4	0	0	0	0	15,718
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources after exceptional income		7,798	0	0	7,798	21,411
Gains/(losses) on freehold land and buildings and investment assets:						
*on sale		0	0	0	0	478
*on revaluation		7,350	0	12,042	19,392	157,189
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		15,148	0	12,042	27,190	179,078
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2021		555,740	0	102,555	658,295	479,217
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2021		570,888	0	114,597	685,485	658,295

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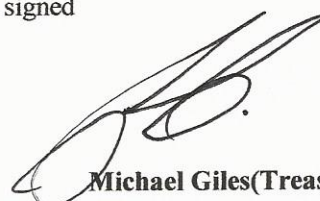
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	5	400,000	400,000
Investment	6	58,467	51,117
		<u>458,467</u>	<u>451,117</u>
ENDOWMENT FUNDS ASSETS			
Investments	6	95,787	83,745
Cash at bank		18,811	18,810
		<u>114,598</u>	<u>102,555</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		6,044	5,825
Short term deposit		84,050	70,050
Cash at bank		27,830	31,983
		<u>117,924</u>	<u>107,858</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors due in one year and deferred income		<u>5,504</u>	<u>3,235</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		112,420	104,623
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>685,485</u>	<u>658,295</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted general funds			
Undesignated	7	168,197	153,049
Designated	7	402,691	402,691
Total Unrestricted general funds		<u>570,888</u>	<u>555,740</u>
Endowment funds	7	114,597	102,555
	8	<u>685,485</u>	<u>658,295</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9 March 2022 and signed
on its behalf by:



Harry Latham (Rector)



Michael Giles (Treasurer)

The notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of these accounts.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S WALTON ON THE HILL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2021 continued

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
2 INCOMING RESOURCES					
2 (a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving					
Gift aid donations	32,419			32,419	30,055
Collections in church	9,402			9,402	6,427
Income tax recoverable	9,485			9,485	10,067
Donations	10,806			10,806	9,750
Grant from Friends of St Peter's	7,200			7,200	13,000
Donations to support the Curate including Income tax recoverable	2,481			2,481	0
	71,793	0	0	71,793	69,299
2 (b) Activities for generating funds	614			614	478
2 (c) Income from investments					
Dividends and interest	4,050			4,050	3,984
2 (d) Income from church activities					
Fees receivable	6,173			6,173	2,873
Magazine sales and advertising	2,890			2,890	2,146
Church hall and flat lettings	22,932			22,932	21,100
Miscellaneous income	43			43	107
	32,038	0	0	32,038	26,226

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Church activities					
Charitable giving	2,323			2,323	1,400
Parish share	49,741			49,741	49,740
The ministry and rector's expenses	4,147			4,147	2,388
Church maintenance	6,805			6,805	2,543
New projector and sound system	0			0	1,307
Church utility costs	3,506			3,506	3,296
Upkeep of altar, books and robes	35			35	88
Organist and choir	4,258			4,258	2,345
Printing, stationery & photocopying	3,269			3,269	2,330
Church hall and flat costs	5,159			5,159	8,283
Churchyard maintenance	8,737			8,737	11,573
Bank charges	285			285	275
Insurance	2,581			2,581	2,561
Bookkeeping services	4,055			4,055	4,080
Administration support	3,315			3,315	1,983
Curate support costs	2,481			2,481	0
	100,697	0	0	100,697	94,192

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2021 continued

4 EXCEPTIONAL INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Legacies	0	14,000
General Fund	0	1,718
Endowment Fund	0	15,718

5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land and Buildings £
Valuation at 31 December 2021	<u>400,000</u>

The freehold land and buildings comprise the Church Hall and flat, which were valued by Michael Everett & Co as at 31 October 2020

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2021 continued

6 INVESTMENTS

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(a) Unrestricted general fund

Income units of the CBF Investment Fund - Market value at 1 January 2021	51,117
Revaluation gain	7,350
Market value at 31 December 2021	<u>58,467</u>

(b) The endowment fund

Income units of the CBF Investment Fund - Market value at 1 January 2021	51,163
Revaluation gain	7,357
Market value at 31 December 2021	<u>58,520</u>

(c) The JTW major projects endowment fund

Income units of the CBF Investment Fund - Market value at 1 January 2021	32,582
Revaluation gain	4,685
Market value at 31 December 2021	<u>37,267</u>
Market value of endowment funds at 31 December 2020	<u>95,787</u>

7 FUNDS

The Undesignated fund represents the PCC's free reserves

The Designated fund - freehold land and buildings represents the PCC's investment in the Church Hall and flat.

The Designated fund - Benefice Mission fund is to be used for events or programmes that reach out to communicate the Gospel of Jesus to the people of the United Benefice.

The Designated fund - Youth and Children is to be used to finance activities and resources for working with young people.

The income from the Endowment Fund can be used for the work of the Church at St Peter's.

The JTW major projects endowment fund is a long term expendable reserve fund to support all aspects of the work of St Peter's, including exceptional costs of maintaining the church and churchyard.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2021 continued

7 FUNDS - continued

Fund movements

	At 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources and exceptional income £	Expenditure £	Revaluation £	At 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted general funds					
Undesignated fund	153,049	108,495	100,697	7,350	168,197
Designated fund -freehold					
land and buildings	400,000	0	0	0	400,000
Designated fund - Benefice Mission fund	1,225	0	0	0	1,225
Designated fund - Youth and Children	1,466	0	0	0	1,466
	402,691	0	0	0	402,691
Total unrestricted general funds	555,740	108,495	100,697	7,350	570,888
Endowment funds					
The Endowment fund	51,163			7,357	58,520
JTW major projects endowment fund	51,392	0		4,685	56,077
	102,555	0	0	12,042	114,597
Totals	658,295	108,495	100,697	19,392	685,485

8 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Endowment funds assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total Funds £
Unrestricted general funds					
Undesignated fund		58,467		109,729	168,196
Designated fund -freehold					
land and buildings	400,000				400,000
Designated fund - Benefice Mission fund				1,225	1,225
Designated fund - Youth and Children				1,466	1,466
	400,000	58,467	0	112,420	570,887
Endowment funds			114,598		114,598
	400,000	58,467	114,598	112,420	685,485

Financial review

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Independent examiner's report

To the Parochial Church Council St Peter's Walton on the Hill

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) 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 Commission (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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

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.

Peter J Renshaw
Greenaway
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Surrey KT20



9 March 2022

Churchwarden's Report

When I wrote my report last year it was difficult to believe that the Covid pandemic had entered its second year and that all our lives were still being so greatly affected. To find a year later that we are still limited in what we can do in our daily lives would have been unthinkable in February 2020.

It is easy, and sometimes necessary, to be aware of the negatives of the situation and take sensible precautions, but perhaps it is the time to thank God for the positive changes in the last year. It is always hard to cover only the calendar year, when the APCM occurs in April or May and the reports are typically written 4 – 6 weeks before the APCM. However:

1. In July the benefice was extremely fortunate to gain a third member of our clerical team, with Leah Bates joining Harry Latham and Christopher Hancock as our new curate. To have three clergy to cover services and everything else which goes on in the three churches would be considered a luxury in many benefices around the country. With Harry's leadership and mentorship, and the varied backgrounds of all three in life, liturgy, and music the benefice is able to demonstrate the advantages of the width of the Anglican Church, while remaining firmly rooted in the love of God and faith in the saving power of Jesus.

2. At Christmas 2020 the church was completely closed and all we could do was light candles around the church at Christmas Eve and sing some carols outside. By Christmas 2021 we had gone through stages of opening the church for private prayer on two days a week and for services on Sundays. Social distancing and mask-wearing were required for most of this time, although at times it was strange to find the choir taking off masks to sing, while asking the congregation to put their masks on. Gradually we returned to having the church open seven days a week and finally to using all the pews rather than half although some are still wearing masks to protect others.

3. In the Christmas term Little Cherubs returned, and in very good numbers with up to 20 under 3s and their carers. Karen Rand with Ann Liddle, Jean Gurr and Mo Atkins have done a great job, but desperately need some new and, hopefully, younger helpers.

'Pete's' restarted a little later with Leah and Tracy taking charge to have a monthly gathering for those in about school years 7 – 10. Come for breakfast and join the volunteers!

4. The choir has grown again, from the permitted 1 to be able to muster up to 12 adults singing regularly in all the communion services and some of the other 11.00 a.m. services.

5. Leah has been able to use her professional musical expertise to assist the choirs at both St. Mary's and St. Peter's as well as starting up the Community Choir, based at St. Mary's, on Wednesday evenings. This has been a great success in the benefice as a whole.

She has also managed to rope in her whole family for help in many services. So, a big thank you to Jonathan who has helped with everything from projectionist to dressing up as a visual aid, and to Jocelyn and Zoe for leading action songs and prayers as well as helping in many little ways.

6. Numbers at funerals have been allowed to grow from a handful to a full congregation and weddings started up again although restricted at first to a total of 30. Hopefully the next wedding will have unrestricted numbers.

7. Sara Sanders has joined us as Parish Administrator and seems to have stretched the role to cover opening the church on many occasions as well as helping produce tea and coffee for Little Cherubs on Tuesdays and the congregation on Sundays. She also has a habit of telling the churchwarden to stop volunteering for other duties and diverting his offers to others and herself. Thank you!

I have not forgotten all those whose help started several months ago or have been steadfastly assisting in tasks large and small for many years. So many thanks in no particular order to:

Penelope and Roger Dring for all their quiet assistance, particularly during the depths of Covid, especially to Penelope for organising all our beautiful flowers and to Roger for looking after the altar, the candles and being a fund of knowledge on most things in the church:

Laura Palmer for the great magazines and to May for her smile and willingness to lead singing and actions:

John Rosling and Jenny Tuttle for their skills on the organ:

Mike Giles and Andrew Brown for keeping our finances in such good shape:

John Renshaw for his keeping of the Electoral Roll and for his work with Jill acting as vergers at most of the weddings and funerals:

Anne Edwards for the enormous amount of work she has done in charge of the fabric of the church:

John Bishop for passing on all his knowledge and sensible advice and to Liz Bishop as a sidesperson and for all she does behind the scenes

The pastoral team for bringing the church into the lives of all needing help in the village:

Emmeline Moore and the Walton Parochial Charity in their support of the really needy:

Norma Darter for keeping everyone going through Covid, Lent lunches and everything else including litter picking with Bill:

Karen Rand and all the Little Cherub leaders:

To Mo Atkins for volunteering to fill any gap that is needed when already wearing more hats than the England cricket team:

To Tom Rhind-Tutt for all he does at Walton Heath Manor despite all the Covid restrictions:

To my wife Sylvia for putting up with me and for helping at Walton Heath Manor despite recent health problems:

And of course, to Harry and Tracy and all the family, not forgetting Tim who runs the projection and sound systems most Sunday mornings.

To anyone I have forgotten and to any member of the congregation who spreads the love of Jesus to any friend or stranger with just a smile or a word of greeting - I thank God for all of you.

Neil Williams

St Peter's church buildings 2021-22

The quinquennial review was undertaken in April 2021 by John Bailey of Thomas Ford and Partners. No major concerns were raised, but several smaller maintenance works were required. Many of these works were undertaken during the summer of 2021. The damaged metal grilles in the chancel were also repaired at a cost of £1,200.

The lamp post near the church door was pushed over in December 2021 and is now replaced. Outstanding matters include the peeling paint in the porch window recess, a rotten door at the top of the tower, broken tiles on the roof and damage to the metal fence next to the lamppost. These matters are all in hand. St Peter's is very grateful to The Friends of St Peter's for the financial support in addressing all this work as well as other routine maintenance matters.

The Friends of St. Peter's have continued to cover the costs for mowing the grass and cutting the hedges. At the beginning of the year the fence on the Southern border under the chestnut trees was replaced, 20 tons of spoil from old graves was removed, the ground landscaped and sown with grass. These costs were also covered by the Friends.

The cause of the problem with the church hall floor mentioned in the previous report was finally identified in early summer 2021 as a leak in the underfloor heating. Contractors rectified the situation and laid a new floor during the nursery school's summer break. The costs were covered in full by our insurers. The hall has also been used once a month by Pete's, our Sunday morning

activities for younger members. Work on the church flat has included repairs to the roof to prevent the entry of birds into the loft (£300.00), plastering and decorating and some other minor repairs. Damaged carpets on the stairs landing and main bedroom have been replaced at a cost of approximately £1,200.

Anne Edwards

Flowers

Firstly, a very big thank you to those who have done flowers in church in the past, and over the last couple of years during Covid - your beautiful flower arrangements have been much enjoyed and have brightened up some dark days for everyone.

On a serious note, more volunteers are needed - no experience is needed, just a wish to help St. Peter's in some way. The rota works on a two-week stint at a time, and funds are available. It is enjoyable and satisfying, and not as daunting as one might fear. Please do have a think, the rota needs to grow. Now that life is returning to normal again, it is important that the church flower tradition can continue as in the past. Please talk to me if you are interested.

Penelope Dring

Churchyard Manager's Report

Most of the new work done in the churchyard at the beginning Of the 2021 Calendar Year had been completed by March and was mentioned in the 2020 Annual Report. In brief a great deal of scrub at the western end of the churchyard had been removed and several sycamore trees had been heavily lopped with dead trunks being removed. This had opened up that area considerably.

The fence at the southern border had been replaced and all the spoil of clay and flint (about 20 tons) from old graves had been removed. This area has been landscaped and seeded. The grass has grown well considering the shade from the trees above. A new memorial bench in remembrance of Ben Rowntree has been placed in the area under the chestnut tree.

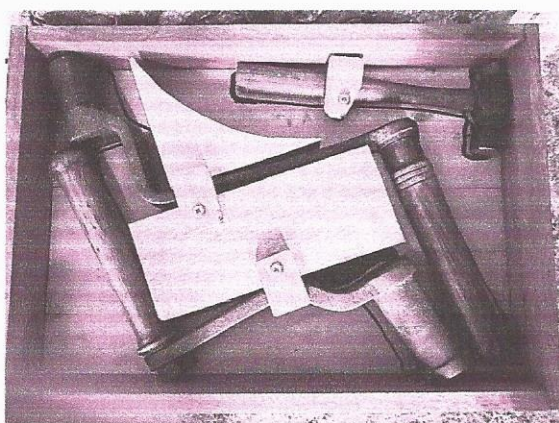
A Cupressus tree touching the flint wall of the rectory caused a collapse of several feet of wall during a winter storm. The tree will have to be removed so that the wall can be repaired.

There is also the need to prune and reduce the shrubs and trees adjoining the eastern perimeter of the Garden of Remembrance along the border with the Old Rectory. We are once again very grateful to the Friends who have financed all the work which has to be done by contractors rather than volunteers.

Neil Williams

Guild of St Peter's Clock Winders

It has been a relatively quiet year for the Guild of St Peter's Clock Winders, with one exception! On one occasion the large winding hammer which resided on the top of the clock cabinet, fell on to the head of one of our winders, Richard. Fortunately, although bruised, he was not too badly injured. It did however make us realise that this was a potential hazard, so Richard suggested that we should re-house the "tools of the trade" in a safer manner. We are very fortunate indeed that Richard is rather a useful handyman and so he set about designing, and making, a "toolbox" for the two handles and hammer (see photo), which now sits on the floor at the side of the clock cabinet, where it can come to no harm. Our grateful thanks to Richard for sorting this out for us, along with mending a couple of the handrail stays on the spiral staircase while he was there.



From time to time the clock will either go a little fast or slow mainly depending on the weather, heat and cold really does affect its time keeping. Sometimes however, it appears to just get a mind of its own, for no apparent reason. We try to keep it in check and each winder can make some adjustments while in the tower doing the winding.

Occasionally I get a message that the clock has got a bit too far off the correct time and I must go up the tower and "tick it off"!! So please bear with us, it is an old clock which continues to serve us very well and we are all very fond of it. We are very grateful for the team continuing to wind the clock throughout the pandemic's second year. Our thanks therefore go to the whole team which consist of: Clive Elcome, Kevin Shaw, Fred Adilz, Philip Truett, Neil Skinner, George Curry, James Whitton, Kevin Thompson, Richard Sammons (our star handyman), Stuart Guy, Mark Pepper, Michael Giles and myself.

Robin Parr-Davies

Walton Parochial Charities

I have undertaken the role of chairman for a year now and have witnessed positive changes to our committee since the pandemic. We are now more

virtual, and email based, this allows us to make quick decisions as a team, enabling the most suitable need to individuals fast and effectively. We also only deal with direct transfers or vouchers. This allows us to efficiently help our community where it is most needed. It is still very important to us to maintain the personal relationships we have within the parish; therefore, we will do our best to continue to work alongside our community building upon this in our individual ways.

The committee is small and proud of the good work we do to help our community. Our limited funds available from three old central charities and from a private local donor are there to help anyone who finds themselves in need and who lives within the Parish of St Peter's Church, Walton on the Hill.

We advertise our willingness to offer help through our church magazine mostly. As well as this, our committee members, vary in age and interests, we are strong community supporters and are constantly in touch with locals who might find themselves in difficult circumstances.

The recent Covid restrictions have seen and will see more people needing help. Please get in contact with us if you or anyone you know are having difficulties, we are here to help.

Emmeline Moore

Reader Report

Tom Rhind-Tutt MBE has resided in Walton on the Hill for five years. On his arrival he offered his services as a Reader to the Parish. Since then, he has been leading Worship, taking Funerals, conducting Songs of Praise, running Discussion Groups and acting as Lay Chaplain at Walton Heath Care Home.

With the onset of Covid, Walton Heath Manor went into strict isolation which prevented visits from the Clergy and Members of St Peter's.

For most of the past two years Tom has conducted the Walton Heath Manor Services, provided pastoral support and taken the occasional funeral. Tom has also been prevented by the Covid Regulations for Care Homes from leaving Walton Heath Manor and entering any church, shop, or house.

When Covid started we introduced 'Prayer Time'. Every day at 12 noon, in the Sun Lounge, we pray for half an hour for those affected by the Corona Virus, and we also provide daily Prayer to those who request this support. Currently we are remembering about seventy people each day. We welcome further names.

POST COVID

Before the onset of Covid, Tom was arranging for Walton Heath Manor Residents to make visits to the Village and Church.

When the Covid infection is eliminated, it is intended to gradually resume these activities and perhaps offer Song of Praise again. Also, we hope that there will be opportunities for St Peter's members to visit Walton Heath Manor.

Tom Rhind-Tutt MBE

Wedding Review

Weddings were slightly impacted due to on-going Covid restrictions however, having said that, St Peter's held a total of 7 weddings in 2021 – all but 1 were conducted by our Rector, Harry.

Under the Church of England 2008 Marriage Measure, couples who live in the parish have a right to get married in St Peter's. Couples living elsewhere, with a qualifying connection to Walton on the Hill, may also marry in the church. Other couples are required to attend services at St Peter's at least twice a month for a minimum of six months prior to the banns being called for their wedding.

Interestingly, none of the couples married were residents of Walton on the Hill. 3 had a qualifying connection, in that parents lived in the village and 4 lived further away but attended services on an ad-hoc basis.

We have already conducted one wedding this year on New Year's Day and currently have 3 Weddings in the diary for July and August. It is always such a delight to host weddings and hopefully now that restrictions are lifted, we can welcome more.

A huge thank you must be given to John and Jill Renshaw who covered Verger duties for all the Weddings last year, their expertise is invaluable and very much appreciated.

Sara Sanders

Window on Walton

I have had the pleasure of editing Window on Walton for just over a year and am continually inspired and amazed by our incredible community and the depth and richness of history and happenings that our parish has to offer. I am never stuck for content, mainly thanks to the fabulous contributions from WoW's regular columnists, whom I would like to sincerely thank for their continued support and excellent articles.

I would also like to thank those businesses who support the magazine by advertising in it, our voluntary delivery team and of course everyone who subscribes to it.

I would very much like to widen our readership in the coming year and would be grateful for any ideas moving forwards. With very best wishes and many thanks in advance.

Laura Palmer

Open Group

For those who might not know, Walton Open Group began life, in the '60's, as St. Peter's Young Wives; no longer such an appropriate moniker for the current membership, although younger folk are always welcome!

Each year the group chooses a charity as its annual project. Due to the restrictions of the pandemic, it was decided to extend, for a further year, the 2020 fundraising period for the Princess Alice Hospice.

Nevertheless, in spite of limited opportunities, and together with proceeds from The Village Kitchen, a sum of £4,000 was realised. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

The chosen charity, for 2022, is the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MND).

Regular indoor meetings, on the third Tuesday of the month, remained suspended throughout 2021, due to concerns surrounding Covid-19.

However, a special, surprise event was held, in July, to celebrate Norma's forthcoming 80th birthday. Afternoon tea, with pink 'bubbly', was enjoyed in the garden at 'Bryher', amid much laughter and chat.

In August, it was a pleasure for Open Group members to serve tea at Mary Heath's 90th birthday celebration, in Christchurch Hall.

October saw us welcomed, once again, to 'The Firs' in The Hoppety, Tadworth, for a stroll around Sue Edwards' beautiful, autumnal garden. We were then treated to another of Sue's popular and informative 'Jam Jar' talks, her kitchen table crammed with interesting specimens from her garden.

Open Group funded the outdoor Christmas Tree at St Peter's and co-ordinated the Tree Lighting ceremony, serving mulled wine and mince pies, in the churchyard.

We managed also, a festive, evening Christmas gathering, in Christchurch Hall, in December, with a first for the Open Group - Bingo! Eyes down for a few 'newbies' as well as some 'old hands'!

Unfortunately the numbers of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 increased at the start of 2022, therefore the first meeting of the year was held in April; an

informative and inspiring talk about Motor Neurone Disease and the work of MNDA.

Walton Open Group was 'host' at the first of the 'Teas on the Green' at Christ Church, Brockham on Sunday, 24th April. A happy and successful afternoon, which raised £500 towards the MNDA project.

Open Group co-ordinates the Village Kitchen, held in Christchurch Hall, on the second Saturday of the month, 12.00 md - 1.30 pm. The Village Kitchen initiative began in 2018, following the annual Lent Lunches, when folk expressed disappointment that they had come to an end!

During the pandemic 'Takeaway' soups and cakes were delivered, from Norma's kitchen to parishioners who appreciated the extra contact. However, it was good to resume 'normal' service from Christchurch Hall, in September, until the start of Lent. Then, a dedicated team served soup lunches on 'Six Soup Saturdays'.

The Village Kitchen provides food and fellowship and is an important opportunity for outreach from St. Peter's. We are very grateful to everyone who supports this venture, especially Catherine Shrimpton, whose quiches are second to none! All are welcome.

Mo Atkins

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is taken very seriously at St. Peter's and throughout the Benefice.

There have been no issues of concern or abuse, requiring implementation of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, since the last report for the APCM, in April 2021.

Bill Donnelly is Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) for St. Mary's, Headley and St. Andrew's, Box Hill. Bill and I have had two PSO meetings, in 2022, in order to coordinate safeguarding matters across the Benefice.

Diocesan and Government guidelines regarding health and safety to safeguard public health, throughout the pandemic, were strictly followed.

Face to face diocesan training was suspended during this period, in line with Government and House of Bishop's guidance, but is now available.

Online training continues to be accessed via the Guildford diocesan website.

It is everyone's responsibility to keep updated with training requirements, as per the schedule below.

Who needs to do what:

✓ = Mandated X = Not Mandated					
Role	Core Training			Safer Recruitment and People Management Required for all line managers or if involved in recruitment	Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse
	Basic Awareness	Foundation	Leadership		
Licensed Clergy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Permission to Officiate (Clergy and LLM)	✓	✓	✓ (PTO version)	X	✓
Licensed Lay Ministers (LLM), OLM and Chapter Members	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Parish/Cathedral Safeguarding Officer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Churchwardens	✓	✓	✓	✓ (if in vacancy)	✓
PCC Members	✓	✓	X	X	✓
Employed Youth, Children's, and Families Workers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Operations Managers and DBS Validators	✓	✓	X	✓	X
Pastoral Workers, Spiritual Directors, Occasional Preachers	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Employed Worship Leaders and Director of Music	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Church Administrators, Activity Leaders and Helpers, Home Group Leaders & Tower Captains	✓	✓	X	X	Recommended for Leaders
Bell Ringers	✓	X	X	X	X
Valid: January 2022 to December 2024		All Core Training must be refreshed once every three years at the highest level		Refreshed every three years	

We are very grateful to Neil Williams, who continues in his role as Validator for the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) keeping up to date DBS records for the whole Benefice.

Mo Atkins