



**Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Walton on the Hill
Report and financial statements for the year
ended 31 December 2022**

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

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3. Appointment of Churchwardens

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3. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives
4. Election of Members of the Parochial Church Council
5. Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2022
6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
7. Electoral Roll Report
8. Resolution of thanks to The Friends of St Peter's
9. Responses to the Published Reports
10. Any Other Business
11. Churchwarden's Remarks
12. Rector's Remarks

PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE, WALTON ON THE HILL
MINUTES OF APCM HELD ON SUNDAY 8th MAY 2022

VESTRY MEETING

The Rector welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. Apologies for absence had been given by Roger and Penelope Dring, David and Mo Atkins, Ann Liddle, Frankie Grey, Karen Rand.

2. The minutes of the Vestry Meeting on 25th April 2021 were taken as read. Their acceptance was proposed and agreed unanimously.

3. Appointment of churchwarden

Neil Williams was willing to stand for a further year. Jean Gurr proposed and Mike Giles seconded the appointment which was accepted unanimously.

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

(These minutes should be read together with the Annual Report 2021)

1. Apologies for absence as above

2. The acceptance of the minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on the 25th April 2021 was proposed by Jean Gurr, seconded by Mike Giles and approved.

3. Elections

(a) Deanery Synod Representatives

Ann Liddle was standing down. Jean Gurr was willing to continue as Deanery Synod representative. Under the new system their appointment from 2020 was for a three year term. Only 2 successive 3 year terms can now be served.

(b) Parochial Church Council

George Curry was retiring from the PCC at the end of his three year term. He was thanked for his input over his time on the PCC.

Mo Atkins and Laura Palmer were continuing with their second year having been re-elected last year.

Chris Grayston was proposed as a new member of the PCC by Mo Atkins and seconded by Karen Rand.

He was accepted unanimously.

Sylvia Williams, Christopher Thompson and Anne Edwards would continue for the third year of their three year terms

Mike Giles would attend meetings as Treasurer in a non-voting capacity.

John Rosling would be invited to attend meetings as organist and choir master in a non-voting capacity.

(c) PCC Secretary

Sylvia Williams was willing to continue as PCC Secretary. Accepted unanimously

(d) Electoral Roll Officer

John Renshaw was willing to continue as Electoral Roll Officer. Accepted unanimously (his report at item 7 below)

4. Sidespersons

It was recorded that the PCC had approved the appointment of the following as sidespersons in October 2020 (they had previously agreed to act in that capacity):

Mo Atkins, Andrew Brown, Charles Harvey, John Bishop, John Renshaw, Brian Hough, Ann Liddle, George Curry, Laura Palmer, Karen Rand.

Sara Sanders and Liz Bishop have been added to this list.

5. Financial Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Mike Giles presented the financial report and accounts and spoke briefly on the detailed statements in the Annual Report. He thanked Andrew Brown for his assistance.

Kevin Shaw proposed and John Renshaw seconded that the report and accounts be accepted. Accepted unanimously.

6. Appointment of Inspector of Accounts:

Peter Renshaw's statement in the Annual Report, signed on 9 March 2022 was taken as read. He was willing to stand for re-election as Inspector of Accounts. He was thanked for his work and his re-election (proposed by Andrew Brown and seconded by Brian Hough) was approved unanimously.

7. Electoral Roll.

John Renshaw reported that there were 82 members on the new Electoral Roll . This was the same as last year. 58 were resident in the parish and 24 came from outside.

8. Resolution of Thanks to “The Friends”

A resolution of thanks to “The Friends” was approved unanimously, and appreciated by Philip Truett, the chairman (who was present).

Philip informed the meeting that the Friends event on the evening of the 27th would have to be postponed.

9. There was no response to **Published Reports.**

10. A.O.B. None had been received.

11. Churchwarden’s Report

Neil Williams spoke briefly to his written report contained in the Annual Report and repeated his thanks to Harry Latham and his family, and to those who had helped to keep the church open and functioning with and without masks during the year. He thanked everyone for their loyalty and faith in the church.

12. Rector’s Report

The Rector thanked Neil Williams for his work as churchwarden. He was sad to announce that Dorothy Buckley had died the previous Thursday and thanked her for her loyalty behind the scenes, in particular counting and banking all the money from the collections in church for many years. He added briefly to his written report in the trustees section of the annual report. He was delighted to have Leah joining the ministry team. It was good to see Little Cherubs recovering quickly once they were allowed to meet after Covid and was pleased that the parish had not suffered drastically financially from Covid, as many members of the congregation had changed their methods of giving. It was good to see that we had gained new members and that we could be hopeful in the work to be done if we relied on prayer and the resources of heaven.

He closed the meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving.

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
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Trustees during 2022

Rev'd Harry Latham (Rector)
Rev'd Christopher Hancock (Honorary Assistant Curate)
Rev'd Leah Bates (Assistant Curate)
Tom Rhind-Tuft (LLM)
Neil Williams (Churchwarden)
Mo Atkins
Anne Edwards
Chris Grayson
Jean Gurr (Deanery Synod)
Laura Palmer
Chris Thompson

Secretary Sylvia Williams

Treasurer Mike Giles

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted				
		General	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		Funds	Fund	Funds	2022	2021
Note		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary income	2(a)	80,682	0	0	80,682	71,793
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	809			809	614
Income from investments	2(c)	4,701			4,701	4,050
Income from Church activities	2(d)	33,386			33,386	32,038
Total incoming resources		119,578	0	0	119,578	108,495
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Church activities	3	113,677			113,677	100,697
Cost of activities for generating funds		295			295	0
Governance costs		0			0	0
Total resources expended		113,972	0	0	113,972	100,697
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before exceptional income		5,606	0	0	5,606	7,798
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment assets:		(6,852)	0	(11,225)	(18,077)	19,392
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(1,246)	0	(11,225)	(12,471)	27,190
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2022		570,888	0	114,597	685,485	658,295
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2022		569,642	0	103,372	673,014	685,485

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	4	400,000	400,000
Investment	5	51,615	58,467
		<u>451,615</u>	<u>458,467</u>
ENDOWMENT FUNDS ASSETS			
Investments	5	84,562	95,787
Cash at bank		18,820	18,811
		<u>103,382</u>	<u>114,598</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		2,860	6,044
Short term deposit		84,050	84,050
Cash at bank		34,847	27,830
		<u>121,757</u>	<u>117,924</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors due in one year and deferred income		3,740	5,504
NET CURRENT ASSETS		118,017	112,420
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>673,014</u>	<u>685,485</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted general funds			
Undesignated	6	166,951	168,197
Designated	6	402,691	402,691
Total Unrestricted general funds		569,642	570,888
Endowment funds	6	103,372	114,597
	7	<u>673,014</u>	<u>685,485</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on March 15 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



H N L Latham (Rector)

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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 2022 continued

4 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

**Freehold
Land and
Buildings
£**

Valuation at 31 December 2021

400,000

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

5 INVESTMENTS

£

(a)	Unrestricted general fund	
	Income units of the CBF Investment Fund - Market value at 1 January 2022	58,467
	Revaluation loss	(6,852)
	Market value at 31 December 2022	<u>51,615</u>
(b)	The endowment fund	
	Income units of the CBF Investment Fund - Market value at 1 January 2022	58,520
	Revaluation loss	(6,858)
	Market value at 31 December 2022	<u>51,662</u>
(c)	The JTW major projects endowment fund	
	Income units of the CBF Investment Fund - Market value at 1 January 2022	37,267
	Revaluation loss	(4,367)
	Market value at 31 December 2022	<u>32,900</u>
	Market value of endowment funds at 31 December 2022	<u>84,562</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022 continued

6 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.

Fund movements

	At 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources and exceptional income £	Expenditure £	Revaluation n £	At 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted general funds					
Undesignated fund	168,197	119,578	113,972	(6,852)	166,951
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	570,888	119,578	113,972	(6,852)	569,642
Endowment funds					
The Endowment fund	58,520	0		(6,858)	51,662
JTW major projects endowment fund	56,077	0		(4,367)	51,710
	114,597	0	0	(11,225)	103,372
Totals	685,485	119,578	113,972	(18,077)	673,014

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022 continued

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Endowment funds assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total Funds £
7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND					
Unrestricted general funds					
Undesignated fund		51,615		115,326	166,941
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
	<u>400,000</u>	<u>51,615</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>118,017</u>	<u>569,632</u>
Endowment funds			103,382		103,382
	<u>400,000</u>	<u>51,615</u>	<u>103,382</u>	<u>118,017</u>	<u>673,014</u>

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

Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

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 our continued Recovery, and I am delighted that since the Autumn numbers at 11am have returned to the number of people regularly involved in attending services though more volunteers are still needed.

My thanks once again 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 2022 - continued

The restrictions of the Pandemic have faded into the distance and life has returned to normal at St Peter's.

Regular visits to Walton Heath Manor have resumed, with services led by myself, Leah and Tom in rotation. Assemblies at the Village School and Year Group visits to Church have also taken place.

We continue to invest in our music and are looking to strengthen our choir as well as re-start a junior choir. John Rosling stepped down from his role in September and Esther Jones has joined us. She comes with a wealth of experience, and we are very pleased to welcome her. Thanks to John, Jenny, Esther and the choir. We have yet to return to a shared common cup at the holy communion.

Little Cherubs has continued to flourish, with many 'graduating' and moving the pre-school held in our church hall. I have been very pleased to play songs for them once a fortnight as well as for Cherubs.

Our giving has continued to be steady and the card machine has been a great help at special services and for visitors. 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, as ever, to all who contribute financially in both areas.

Laura Palmer has continued to develop the Magazine, and we are very grateful for her dedication as well as all those who distribute the magazine locally. Sara Sanders left the Parish Office in August and Lisa Butler has taken on the administration role. This is a vital role, and we give them our thanks.

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.

Leah was priested at Petertide, and she continues to flourish as the full-time stipendiary curate in the Benefice. She began an experimental Benefice Sunday evening gathering in September, which is well worth a visit.

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

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

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. Ann Liddle stepped down when she moved house and Jean Gurr is retiring. Many thanks to them both for all their involvement.

Financial review

The finances of St Peter's in 2022 resulted in a surplus of £5,606 for the year, but due to losses on the revaluation of the investment assets the net movement in funds resulted in a loss of £12,471. Gross income of £119,578 was £11,083 higher than in 2021, achieved by the generous increase in the collections in church of £1,655, the grants from The Friends of Peter's £4,300 and an increase in donations to support the Curate of £6,169.

Gross costs of £113,677 were an increase of £12,980 over 2021. The main increases are in the support of the Curate of £5,499, printing, stationery and photocopying of £2,779 and an increase in the Parish Share of £3,089. We were overcharged for printing costs which explains the high copying costs during the year, have had one repayment, and expect some more.

The undesignated general reserves in December 2022 were £166,951 which equates to more than twelve months normal expenditure and on that 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.

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The Rectory
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Surrey
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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H.N.L. Latham', with a stylized flourish at the end.

10 March 2023

Rev'd Harry Latham

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 2022, 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 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

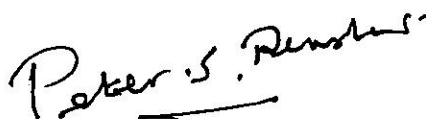
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter J Renshaw
Greenaway
Warren Drive
Kingswood
Surrey



10 March 2022

Churchwarden's Report

It has been a much less eventful year in many ways than the last few years, as most of the practical effects of Covid have gradually disappeared. Although several members of the congregation have had Covid in this time they have been a minor inconvenience to most and the cases have been mainly well contained and not too widely spread.

It has been great to have the church open once again for every day of the year, with visitors and strangers finding they can enjoy the peace and beauty of our buildings whenever they turn up.

The congregation, somewhat reduced while meeting in groups was considered potentially dangerous, has gradually increased over the last few months and there is a much more positive feeling about the main morning service, particularly as a number of new families with young children have recently joined, especially in the all-age and family services.

Little Cherubs has continued to be very popular for the Under 3's on a Tuesday morning and I am very grateful to Karen Rand and her team for their hard work and faithfulness.

Pete's was not restarted after the Pandemic, but there is now a group of teenagers going to the Explore and Connect Group run by Leah Bates on a Sunday evening at Headley. We are gradually getting used to acting as a complete benefice with activities going on at one or other of the three churches on most days of the week, with a welcome going out to anyone in the two parishes.

A particular thank you goes to Norma Darter, Mo Atkins and their team from the Open Group that have managed to put on Lent Lunches, the Village Kitchen and celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and turning on of the Christmas Lights, providing cakes, mulled wine, mince pies and other delicacies according to the season. It was lovely for the second year to have Christmas trees both inside and outside the church.

There has been a change in the music department where John Rosling retired as Organist and Choirmaster. As a member of the choir myself I want to record my great thanks to him for all he has done over the last few years. Jenny Tuttle continues to play the organ twice a month and Esther Jones has taken over the music on the communion services and is bringing her professional music skills to the choir. I had better be on my toes. Leah also is a great musician, strengthens the choir from time to time and encourages the members of her Hilltop Community Choir which has been a great success, drawing members from both parishes and villages to discover the joys of singing.

There has also been a change in the Parish Administrator, where I am very sad to have lost Sara Sanders, but very glad to welcome Lisa Butler, and our Treasurer where Mike Giles has moved to Midhurst and is in the process of being replaced by Christine James. I would particularly like to record the thanks of all the PCC to Mike, who with the help of Andrew Brown, has managed to keep such a good grip on the finances of St. Peter's.

We always need new volunteers to join in any way that they can serve in the church, whether practical in helping as sides people, making tea and coffee, opening and closing the church, doing the flowers or cleaning, or joining the Little Cherubs Leaders or taking an active part in the PCC.

Once again, we are enormously grateful to the members and committee of the Friends of St. Peter's whose fund-raising has removed the burden of the costs of looking after the fabric of the church and the beauty of the churchyard.

Anne Edwards has continued to do a great job looking after the fabric of St. Peter's, for which I am extremely grateful.

Laura Palmer continues to produce a brilliant magazine.

As usual there are always the band of parishioners who work quietly behind the scenes, preparing for services, acting as sides people and vergers, arranging flowers, opening the church, cleaning it, making the coffee, winding the clock and so on. Every job is vital and my thanks go to every one of them.

On behalf of all the congregation my thanks go to all our clergy team, to Harry, Leah and Christopher for their work throughout the benefice and to Tom Rhind-Tutt for all he does at St. Peter's and at Walton Heath Manor.

God bless you all.

Neil Williams

St Peter's church buildings

Fabric work undertaken in the church and churchyard during 2022 included dealing with the peeling paint in the porch window recess, replacing a rotten door at the top of the tower, repairing the damaged iron fencing alongside the pathway in the churchyard and rebuilding a collapsed wall between the rectory and the churchyard. All of this work was carried out by Andy Linke and his team. Outstanding work for this team includes repairing a damaged sarcophagus and dealing with the peeling paint on the interior of the south wall in the nave. Repairing the churchyard wall necessitated the removal of one of the churchyard trees.

Other work undertaken in the church involved repainting the west door and some small maintenance jobs. More roof tiles have been lost due to high winds. Plans are in hand for these to be replaced. In addition, all the lights throughout the church and in the churchyard are now LED in line with our aim of achieving eco church status.

St Peter's is very grateful to The Friends of St Peter's for their financial support in addressing this work as well as other routine maintenance matters. The Friends of St. Peter's have also continued to cover the costs for mowing the grass and cutting the hedges.

I would also like to thank John Rosling for his persistence in ensuring that, wherever possible, insurance claims for damage to the fabric were successful.

There have been some minor problems due to leakages in and around the children's lavatories in the hall, which have been dealt with. A replacement washing machine was installed in the flat and minor plumbing problems addressed.

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

Guild of St Peter's Clock Winders

It has been a relatively quiet year for the Guild of St Peters Clock Winders. Only on a couple of occasions has the clock decided to run a bit fast or slow therefore needing correction. Each member of our team knows of the Clocks' idiosyncrasies and can usually make the necessary adjustments and only once or twice have I had to turn out to make a major correction. I am also extremely grateful to the team who rarely needed to ask for a "stand in" at a weekend, if they were going away, or were ill. Thank you team for your consistency, we are all very grateful.

In May Mike Giles advised me that he was in the process of leaving the village and very kindly gave me several months' notice in which to find a replacement. We thank Mike for his years of service as member of the team. We have been very fortunate to find Mike's replacement quite quickly. We therefore welcome close Church neighbour Phil Jacobs to the Guild for the month of December.

We are back to full strength, well almost as its always helpful to have a reserve waiting, fully trained, in the wings. So, if there is anyone who would like to join the Guild of St Peter's Clock Winders, initially as a Reserve but ready and waiting to take over a full month's position, please do let us know. The job requires winding the Church Clock, and Bells, once a week for one month in the year and it is a valued contribution not only the Church but to village life in Walton on the Hill.

It remains only for me to thank the team of; Clive Elcome, Kevin Shaw, Fred Adilz, Philip Truett, Neil Skinner, George Curry, James Whitton, Kevin Thompson, Richard Sammons, Stuart Guy, Mark Pepper and Phil Jacobs.

Robin Parr-Davies

Walton Parochial Charities

I have undertaken the role of chairman for a second year now and have witnessed positive changes to our committee over the past two years. 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 and have built a close relationship with our local Primary School and Village Forum. As well as this, our committee members; varying in age and interests, are strong community supporters and are constantly in touch with locals from all diversities who might find themselves in difficult circumstances.

The recent economic crisis 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

Walton Heath Manor. The Covid restrictions of former years are past and there is now freedom of movement for everyone.

There is a long tradition of St Peters Clergy providing worship and ministry to the residents of Walton Heath Manor. Currently the Rector, Curate and Lay Minister together maintain a regular Service on every Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 pm. Visitors are welcome.

The Lay Minister, Tom Rhind-Tutt, is active in the Care Home throughout the week. Every day at 12 noon the Lay Minister leads PRAYER TIME, with Mrs Daphne Baptiste, a Walton Heath Manor Resident. Half an hour of focused Prayer for the World, the UK and the Parish including Walton Heath Manor.

The Lay Minister gladly receives further requests for daily personal Prayer.

The Parish Prayer Group meets at 10 am every Wednesday at Walton Heath Manor. New members are always welcome.

The Lay Minister assists in conducting Services in The Parish Church and being involved in the life of the parish.

In May 2023 the Lay Minister completes forty five years of continuous active service in various Parishes within the Epsom Deanery.

Tom Rhind-Tutt MBE

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

Open Group began, over sixty years ago, as St Peter's Young Wives. Since then, membership has grown and widened, as its rename suggests, to include women of all ages, regardless of their faith or background. They are welcome to join in, either on a regular basis or occasionally, for social interaction or if a particular meeting or event appeals. Men are sometimes invited!

Membership stands at over fifty, with around thirty attending regularly. The group serves as outreach for St. Peter's as well as providing friendship and social activities, while at the same time raising funds and awareness for charities, chosen annually. In 2022, the fundraising project was the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MND) raising £3,000. Open Group's 2023 charity is The Salvation Army. A talk about the work of the organisation will be held in St Peter's, on Tuesday, 16th May at 7.30 pm, to which everyone is invited.

Monthly meetings are held, usually on the third Tuesday of the month, often in the comfort of members' homes and, until December 2022, in Christchurch Hall. This year it was agreed at the AGM in November, that the day and time of meetings would be varied to accommodate those who have regular commitments on a Tuesday. This will be reviewed in the autumn.

Meetings are varied, frequently with a gastronomic interest, and team efforts, usually serving refreshments, are fun and rewarding. Events are advertised by newsletter and in 'Window on Walton'.

Other activities include organising 'Teas in the Churchyard', which in 2022 celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee, with plenty of royal bunting! Teas will be served again this year, in St Peter's churchyard. Date tbc.

For many years, Open Group members have provided refreshments in the Tea Tent at the May Pageant. This year's Pageant will be held on Saturday, 20th May, from 2.00 pm. Open Group will be found in the 'St Peter's corner', next to the children's playground, alongside the Friends of St Peter's 'Posh Bottle Tombola'!

Walton Open Group also 'hosts' annually, 'Teas on the Green' at Christ Church, Brockham. Come and find us this year, on Sunday, 23rd April, 2.00 - 5.00 pm. Proceeds towards the Salvation Army project.

In December, Open Group once again 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.

For further information please speak to Mo Atkins, Norma Darter or Pauline Shaw or email:

waltonopengroup@gmail.com

VILLAGE KITCHEN

Open Group co-ordinates the Village Kitchen, now held in the Riddell Hall, following the sad closure of Christchurch, on the second Saturday of the month, 12.00 md - 1.30 pm. During Lent, the dedicated Village Kitchen team serves soup lunches on 'Six Soup Saturdays'.

As background, The Village Kitchen initiative began in 2018, following the Lent Lunches, when folk expressed disappointment that the weekly gatherings had come to an end!

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 those who provide food and help. All are welcome!

If anyone would like further information or to receive the monthly Open Group newsletter by e mail, please contact Mo via waltonopengroup@gmail.com, giving permission to join the distribution list (for GDPR purposes) or call Norma Darter on 812639 or Pauline Shaw on 812223.

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 APCM report in May 2022.

Every PCC is now required to use the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard to monitor their safeguarding arrangements.

The Dashboard is a simple to use, online tool, that helps keep track of safeguarding in individual churches and keeps members up to date with local and national changes in safeguarding requirements.

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

<https://safeguarding.training.cofeportal.org/index>

St. Peter's records and learning objectives must be kept updated, according to the Training and Development Practice Guidance, which sets out the framework of training for those in church ministry, lay and ordained, paid and voluntary.

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	Core Training			Safer Recruitment and People Management Required for all line managers or if involved in recruitment	Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse
Role	Basic Awareness	Foundation	Leadership		
Licenced 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.

Bill Donnelly is Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) for St. Mary's, Headley and St. Andrew's, Box Hill.

Mo Atkins