



Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

(Year ended 31 December 2022)

VISION AND VALUES

The purpose of St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) is to hold the staff leadership team to account in staying true to the vision and values of the church.

Vision

To play our part in bringing heaven to south east London.

Values

Feels like family - Church is a diverse family where we can be fully known, unconditionally loved and become who we're created to be

Empowered by the Spirit - We are filled, led and empowered by the Holy Spirit to do what we see the Father doing

Make Jesus known - Everything we do is an opportunity for others to experience the love and power of Jesus and find fullness of life in him

Everyday not an event - spending time with Jesus, becoming like him, doing what he did and helping one another do the same happens every day, not just Sunday

Ambitiously Local - We want to see heaven come where we live through Villages, community ministries and by planting and grafting across SE London

MINISTRY AND MISSION

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Morning and evening services have continued to grow throughout the year. How we accommodate the growth in the morning service is particularly challenging. We have temporarily alleviated the issue of space by purchasing another bus for the children to meet on, however, a more comprehensive building project, or a change to the number of services we run in the morning, will need to be considered in 2023.

Our mid-week communion has continued to thrive. In addition to this, we have been encouraging people to meet mid-week in their local 'villages' to establish worship and prayer in smaller groups.

Phil and Caroline have continued to do an amazing job running 'One Heart', our monthly whole church prayer meeting, as has Gerry in providing a weekly bible study on zoom.

Throughout 2022 we have supported Holy Trinity Sydenham & Forest Hill (HT) and will be grafting into the church in May 2023. In addition to HT, we have started a partnership with St James Kidbrooke and have been supporting them through interregnum. We plan to be a part of a Southwark SDF (Strategic Development Fund) bid in 2023 with the view to grafting into St James in the Autumn of the same year.

YOUTH

The year 2022 was a remarkable one for our youth ministry, with God performing great works and the ministry achieving important milestones that will serve as a solid foundation for future growth.

Despite the challenges posed by COVID, which left us feeling like we were starting at ground zero, we approached the year with the goal of creating a strong foundation for the youth ministry.

Our services began in January with just one young person in attendance. However, throughout the year, we were able to establish a rhythm and template for the service, which is based on themes that run for 4-6 weeks. Each session is designed to incorporate the 3 F's: Fun, Fellowship, and Fruitfulness. Our aim is to ensure that every young person has a fun experience, builds new relationships, and grows spiritually and mentally. By the end of the year we had an average of 20 young people attending each youth session, with some sessions being as large as 30 young people, outgrowing the current space.

We also established the youth's participation in key events and celebrations. During Easter, the youth produced a play that expressed their feelings about Jesus' death and resurrection, as well as a dance piece performed during the morning service. At Christmas, they created a beautiful spoken word piece that was filmed. These opportunities have given the young people a sense of pride and voice within the church, allowing them to express their faith in a relevant and engaging way they can feel confident about.

Outreach was another important aspect of the ministry in 2022. We re-established a partnership with XLP, which enabled us to offer a weekly homework club for kids in the local community and schools. This provided a safe and fun environment for young people to build friendships, learn and be inspired.

Our outings were also a key milestone achieved in 2022. During a half term break in September, we organised an outing to see a film, followed by a chill session. This event allowed young people to invite their friends and deepen their bonds of friendship. We aim to have at least one outing every half term and holiday, providing young people with more time to build meaningful Christian relationships that are vital for their faith and life.

Perhaps one of the most important achievements of 2022 was building a consistent, passionate, and motivated youth volunteering team. At the beginning of the year, the team consisted of staff members from the leadership team who could only help out occasionally. By the end of the year, we had five consistent volunteers who were able to volunteer 1-2 times a month. We owe the success of the youth ministry in 2022 to their hard work and passion. To this day we continue to add new volunteers to our team.

In conclusion, God's kindness and blessing over the youth work was clearly evident in 2022. We managed to create a foundation that is filled with hope and vision for the future. In the coming years, our desire is to build on the moment that has been created and to see heaven come to South East London, with young people being at the helm of this ambitious vision.

CHILDREN

During 2022 Ana returned from maternity leave and Imani, who had originally covered Ana, stayed on as a job share which gave the team an opportunity to do more. With the extra resource the team were able to start an after school activity called Creation Club. The activity was to provide a group of up to 15 children a space where both church and local community children could come, learn about God's creation, and how we can look after it. The sessions encourage the children to make Art inspired by Creation, and links back to faith and the gospel. The sessions have allowed us to go much deeper with some kids, and see real breakthroughs in their own journey. It has also given us the opportunity to build relationships with new families, many of which are Spanish speaking, some who have very little English and they have been connected to other programs going on at church like the foodbank.

Aside from introducing the Creation Club we also had recurring activities. Easter 2022 was full of colour and fun, and had 93 children attend the service. The majority of them performed a beautiful song and the Easter egg hunt after church was very popular.

During the summer we ran our summer club, welcoming 35 kids for a four day summer project. In those four days we themed our summer club around the film Encanto, and a line from one of the songs which said, 'The Miracle is You.' The children were able to do art, dance, singing, and learnt two songs from Encanto. The children were put in small groups where they looked at how miraculous the human body is and spent time celebrating God's incredible creation - our human body! Many families from the local community came along and enjoyed the week. The attending children had a performance at the end of the week, which they put on for their families. After the performance everyone was invited to the family barbecue.

In September we welcomed all the kids back after the summer break, and over the course of the next few months the average attendance of children on a Sunday morning was around 80, this grew steadily towards the end of the year. In September The Growing Hope team launched, which enabled us to get specialist support to children with additional needs. This area continues to grow and expand and some of the children with special needs have been referred to Growing Hope for further assistance. The Children's ministry team and Growing Hope team continue to work alongside each other to be more inclusive to all, flexible and fun for every child that comes to church and special events.

During the Christmas season we worked with the children to create a Christmas nativity play from scratch. The children were also involved with the creation and making of the props and costumes. The nativity came together beautifully and all the children did incredibly well. The service was well attended with our St Peter's kids and visiting children. We had 120 children for the carol service, who all got the opportunity to have a Christingle orange, and learn about Jesus through the many creative ways we told the story of Christmas.

One of the biggest changes to the oldest group, the Rockets, was the place they met on Sundays. As we had outgrown the kids space the Rockets were using the Scout Hall during the Sunday

services. However, in October we purchased a double decker bus and moved the Rockets into the space. We are still designing and working out how to best use the space for our sessions, but it has been so special to have a space they can call their own and take some ownership of. To date the chairs that had been in the bus have all been stripped out and carpet has been installed. We are now looking at more permanent situations with setting up the space with electricity, getting a secure door, setting up a craft area, and decorating the outside.

DISCIPLESHIP

Like many churches over the Covid period, St Peter's felt the strong call of the Spirit to focus on discipleship as the primary aim of all we do. We define discipleship as "being with Jesus, becoming like him, doing the things he did and helping others do the same." Our vision to play our part in seeing heaven come to South East London will be fulfilled only as we live as disciples and disciple others where we live and worship.

Whilst this focus has grown over the last few years, in 2022 we increased our commitment to this call by running the Foundations Course in the autumn, and revitalising and redirecting Villages from the winter. The Foundations Course was a five-week/one weekend Life Course-style teaching and discussion series led by Ben Jones with a focus on core biblical teaching, targeted for all those who call St Peter's their home. Around 250 members signed up to the mid-week course, with weekly attendance ranging from 80 to 150 people. The course gave people an opportunity to discuss the teaching in small geographical-based groups, over a meal and refreshments.

In addition, the Social Supermarket developed a 'Come and See' group for those interested in exploring faith in Jesus, aiming to disciple users of this community service. Numbers varied from single figures to around fifteen.

The Foundations Course geographical-based groups grew into Villages after the course: mid-sized home-based communities meeting (mostly) weekly to encourage each other to be with Jesus, become like him, do the stuff he did and help each other do the same. The primary focus of Villages is discipleship. By the end of the year there were eleven Villages meeting in Brockley (x2), Crofton Park, Ladywell, Nunhead, Forest Hill, Peckham, Deptford, Charlton, Kidbrooke and Crystal Palace. 150 people are linked to the Villages, with weekly engagement being roughly half this. These Villages are being coordinated by a member of St Peter's Leadership Team who is designated as our discipleship lead, whilst we recognise that discipleship is the collective responsibility of the whole leadership team.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM

In the year 2022 we ran two 'Life Courses' for people exploring faith and meaning. The Life Course included discussion groups considering what meaning/s we attribute to our lives and went on to consider the main Christian claims. We had over 60 people on the first course, and over 50 on the second course. We saw an encouraging number come to faith, and many have now joined our church family! We have also continued to see people come to faith on Sundays during our morning and evening services.

It has been a really exciting time, as people have been feeling more confident to invite their friends. We have continued to reach out evangelistically to our community through mid-week community

projects, and Anne has brilliantly spearheaded an increase in the prayer and kindness teams. The Social Supermarket continues to be particularly fruitful in sharing faith with our neighbours.

PASTORAL CARE

As the church grew it was agreed that the pastoral care at St. Peter's would be overseen by village leaders and key staff members. The village leaders received training around pastoral care, and this training will continue in the coming year. In addition, there is a strong lay pastoral team, which includes our Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries (SPA's), Sylvia Richards and Carol Smith. They have been providing essential services such as taking Communion to the housebound, visiting the sick at home or in hospital, and offering practical help wherever they can.

Members of the congregation have also been generous in their support of others, such as participating in Meal Trains for those who are ill or have new babies. Those seeking help with their mental or emotional health have been directed to excellent Christian counsellors or have received inner-healing prayer from trained staff members.

There continues to be a growing and healthy culture of congregants supporting one another in friendship and prayer.

LITTLE FISHES is a toddler group that meets on Monday mornings, during term time. It regularly has 50 to 60 children along with their accompanying adult. Little Fishes serves a mixture of community and church families. This group is extremely popular and we often have to turn people away as demand exceeds our current capacity. All families who attended our Christmas session as well as our Easter receive a book with a summary of the gospel relevant to the season. We are continuing to build a prayer and kindness team for this ministry.

BUMPS AND BABIES is a programme for new mums, which happens on Monday afternoon. For this session we were able to employ a breast-feeding consultant and have four volunteer breast-feeding peer supporters who support the staff with specialist advice. The numbers of women and families have significantly increased from roughly 15 families a week to 30 and at times 40 women a week. We now have the opportunity to take referrals from baby groups, hospitals, health visitors and social prescribers which has contributed to its growth. Many of the women in attendance were from the community and some of the families have gone on to join the church and many others have attended other events at the church. We are continuing to build a prayer and kindness team for this ministry.

DANCE at St Peter's continued to grow in 2022, and an additional staff member joined to assist with the growth. Some of the growth was organic, through word of mouth, and some found us through other avenues. One such example is a young lady who came for marriage support, who was then referred to the program. She later asked for a bursary and now brings her daughter regularly to dance.

The team was able to start new activities such as gymnastics and singing. They were also able to grow the already busy classes and onboard more students. At its busiest the dance team sees just

over 200 people attend various classes weekly. Students start from the tender age of 18 months to adulthood, no one is excluded. A number of students and at times parents have gone on to attend other activities, church services or events; and some have subsequently found their faith. This didn't stop there, a number of non-Christians from the community have asked for and received prayer.

In November, for the first time, we held external Ballet exams after training our students for the year. Thirteen students participated and they all passed and received Distinction or Merit from the awarding body. A number of the students that partook in this were on a bursary. We were able to provide bursaries for 7.5 places; with 3 places going to primary school age students and 4.5 places to keystage one students.

The team finished the year with a busy, joyful Christmas Dance show for the community, and invited the students' parents and guardians. As tickets were sold online, we were able to raise £476 for Growing Hope Brockley.

GROWING HOPE BROCKLEY continues to partner with St Peter's Brockley in offering free therapy to children in Lewisham and Southwark from the church building. Over the past year, 44 children received direct therapy, and 80 families were supported through training and groups.

There have been a number of families who have joined the church in the past year after having accessed the clinic. The growing number of children with additional needs have been supported on Sundays to access kids' church through the help of Growing Hope volunteers.

UNCONDITIONAL started in February 2022, and they offer support group sessions for women and children affected by domestic abuse. Sessions are held fortnightly during term time. 16 sessions were held, including 2 socials. A total of 19 women and 6 children were referred to Unconditional with 11 women and 4 children attending at least one support session. We now have a group of 5 women attending regularly.

Volunteers who assist in the programme have attended training sessions with RESTORED and Prayer and kindness training, to better equip them.

We built relationships with our local Police who apart from protecting us, attended a session where they delivered a talk and answered many questions from our attendees.

Some of the people who have attended a session with Unconditional have attended our church services, Jubilee Street Party, Holy Spirit Day, Christmas and Easter celebrations and some women use the food bank regularly.

All support sessions include prayer answers to prayer have changed our women's lives. Our women are gaining confidence which has enabled them to start work, return to their studies, manage their finances, and secure accommodation. One woman with no recourse to public funds has now secured funds and space in a Refuge.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY JOB CLUB restarted in January 2022, following Covid restrictions. It has been held in church on Wednesday lunchtimes but more recently has moved to Thursday evenings.

The Job Club has helped and encouraged a wide range of people to find work. The St Peter's Job Club affiliated to the Christians Against Poverty national scheme. It provides emotional and prayer support for those looking for work, some of whom have been out of work for considerable periods, others who have had problems with existing employment, others looking for career changes. The job club gives support with CV writing, job applications, interview skills, and motivational support and goal identification. A testimony from a Job Club member is below.

"Just wanted to touch base with you and keep in touch with the group.....I received word back after I had my second interview at the National Portrait Gallery.....they have offered me a role..... I just thought I would let you know so you can spread the good news and thank all for praying for me!!!

The St Peter's Job Club team is a highly skilled, experienced, and above all warm and happy group of people who give their time and hearts to helping people find work. We are committed to continue the eight week courses in 2023 for any requiring help with finding employment.

THE SOCIAL SUPERMARKET, which is open every Wednesday from 12 pm to 2 pm, has been a crucial resource for the community, particularly with the rising cost of living. The social supermarket, has been especially effective in meeting the needs of the clients. Here, clients are encouraged to make a small contribution towards their produce and are given more freedom to choose items that are most beneficial to their circumstances. The Social Supermarket is supported by the Felix Project and Holy Trinity Brompton's 'Love Your Neighbour' program and has been able to provide weekly support to around 250 families/households.

In addition to the Social Supermarket, they have also been supporting other community development activities such as free massages provided by Therapy 4 Healing, health and wellbeing advice, kindness/prayer services, Cat Bytes for digital advice, and links to the Lewisham CAP Debt Centre, which is run by Grace Church Brockley, with whom we partner. Through the Social Supermarket, we have been able to connect with the community and many people who come to use it have also participated in St Peter's activities, such as the community choir and the pop-up cafe on Fridays.

"COME AND SEE" bible study, which takes place after every Social Supermarket, has been quite popular. The study has been attracting a healthy and consistent attendance, and this has been a great encouragement to us.

We have been thrilled to see that this program has sparked some wonderful discussions and prayer sessions, providing an opportunity for members of our church community to further strengthen their connections with the wider community. We believe that the "Come and See" bible study has been a valuable way to promote interfaith dialogue, encouraging people from diverse backgrounds to come together and share their thoughts and experiences.

Additionally, the study has given people a space to explore their faith and deepen their understanding of the Bible, providing new insights and inspiration to their spiritual journeys. We are

grateful for the support and enthusiasm that the "Come and See" bible study has generated, and we look forward to seeing its continued growth and success in the future.

A COMMUNITY GARDEN project began in the summer of 2022 when we successfully secured funding from Lewisham Council for the development of a Community Garden to work with vulnerable members of our community supported by members of the church. During the autumn of the same year, an enthusiastic team constructed eight raised beds for the project. The core team had numerous meetings to ensure that the garden would be accessible to the people. The aim of the Community Garden is aligned with the Ward's priority of providing more public green space in the area. Additionally, we hope that the garden will provide a space for community members to come together, experience the therapeutic benefits of growing food and flowers, and build new connections with one another.

Moreover, we believe that the garden offers a non-threatening way to draw people into the church community. We look forward to seeing the positive impact that the garden will have on our community and beyond.

RHYTHM is a unique space at St. Peter's where dance and movement are used as a form of worship to God. The goal is to not only celebrate God through dance but also to use it as a tool for intercession and prophecy. The monthly event has seen tremendous growth this year with an influx of people from different age groups joining in.

We have been delighted to witness God's power and presence manifesting in these sessions, as He releases His freedom and joy through dance. People have shared how they have received breakthrough in their lives and have been able to hear from God and feel emotionally uplifted after spending time in worship.

Furthermore, we are excited to share that we have started planning with KXC, to expand the reach of Rhythm in 2023. We are eager to see what God has in store for this ministry and how it can continue to impact the community.

ONE HEART PRAYER

In January, St Peters continued its weekly 'Seek First' prayer meeting into its 3rd year, both in person and online. Although the prayer meeting was a success, the numbers of attendees fluctuated, sometimes dropping below five. After much prayer, reflection, and discussion with others, it was decided to make some changes to make the prayer meeting more accessible to more people.

The goal was to create a welcoming space where anyone could feel comfortable and able to pray. We wanted all who came to understand the St Peters' vision, including the 'whole church' vision or the vision for specific areas of church life. From our prayers and reflections emerged a new monthly prayer meeting called **One Heart**.

The changes drew a few more people, both to the building and via Zoom. Since the launch of One Heart in June 2022, we have prayed for a range of issues, including Love Brockley, youth work (especially knife crime), kids' church (including creating some prophetic art), inclusivity, Villages,

the launch of Holy Trinity, and the Christmas events and services. Attendees have been encouraged each time.

St Peter's has continued to offer a base for the **LONDON SCHOOL OF SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY**, which offers discipleship courses to St Peter's members, church leaders and wider people from all over the UK, Europe and the USA. Again, LSSM has met both onsite and online during the year. We have started a day school that meets on Thursday to train students how to bring Heaven to Earth every day.

When the idea of a **FRIENDSHIP CAFÉ** was first discussed 7 years ago, it was envisaged that guest speakers would be invited. However, it soon became clear that a warm, safe and welcoming place in which to chat to people was what was preferred and we have continued with this format ever since. In 2022 the Friendship Café was the first full year of opening without the lockdown restrictions. During 2020 and 2021 the Café did meet via Zoom. On our return to the building a full risk assessment was completed and in the summer months we hosted the group in the front garden of the Church. The Café has gone from strength to strength during the past year; it's very well-attended with a faithful, growing core group. When new people come for the first time, they receive a warm welcome, evidenced by them coming back again. We do, however, miss those who, due to health and mobility issues, are no longer able to come and take the opportunity to thank them for all their support. The Café thrives due to the welcoming nature of its attendees, who have offered support, help, and encouragement. We will continue to do what we do best and welcome all.

ELECTORAL ROLL AND CHURCH ATTENDANCE

The 2022 APCM was undertaken in May 2022 in line with Southwark Diocese guidelines. In May 2022 there were 116 names on the Electoral Roll. Average Sunday attendance in 2022 was 170 adults and 90 children (mornings) and 50 adults (evenings). Numbers engaging with the church online are harder to measure, but they continue to be a significant additional number of people engaging online on both Youtube and Instagram. The Christmas Christingle Service was well attended from 257 adults (in 2021) to 378 adults (in 2022) and 50 children (in 2021) to 120 (in 2022). As for the evening service 236 adults attended in 2021 and 301 in 2022

DEANERY SYNOD

We have two representatives on the Deanery Synod, one of whom is the Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod and the other is the Deanery Secretary.

Deptford Deanery continues to focus on the following areas: Prayer, Collaboration, Mission. The purpose of the Deanery's work is to build an ethos that reflects the statement "rooted in my parish and connected to my deanery", enabling every church member to see themselves as having a contribution to make in their parish as well as in the wider church.

In 2022 the Deanery Leadership Team met regularly to discuss Diocesan initiatives that may impact the Deanery and to plan Forums to address topical issues. The February Forum focused

on thanksgiving following the pandemic. The Thy Kingdom Come 10 days of prayer was supported by a Deanery Ascension Day service and parishes were encouraged to prayer walk their parishes. In July a bbq was held at St. John's and was well attended by churches across the Deanery. With the rising energy costs and inflation the November Forum addressed the cost of living crisis with a session led by Nicola Thomas, the Diocesan lead on Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation. At this meeting Jason O'Shea, Diocesan Serious Youth Violence engagement officer and London City Missioner, explained his work in the outreach program Operation Forgiveness.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

St Peter's are a part of the TABLE family of churches, all of which have grafted or planted out of Kings Cross Church (KXC) over the past 5 years. Ben and Hanelle are supported with other leaders from this group by Pete and Bee Hughes (leaders of KXC). St Peter's staff team have met together with the other staff teams from around the country. Once a year we attend 'Wildfires' festival with all the churches from this group. We have also kept up good relationships with other churches in the deanery as well as remained part of Brockley churches together.

CHARITABLE GIVING

In 2022 the PCC gave to the following Charities: Congregation in Need, Growing Hope, Spinnaker Trust, London City Mission, Power the Fight, Deptford Denery, Wave, The Spring, and Vinjeru School. The PCC also supported those in financial hardship in the church through the Fellowship Fund, and to those in the local community through the St Peter's social supermarket (food bank). To facilitate St Peter's evangelistic mission in the local area and beyond it is important that the fabric of the church is maintained and opportunities for development identified.

VOLUNTEERS

St. Peter's is proud to have a vibrant culture of volunteering and lay leadership that has played a crucial role in the growth and success of our various ministries. Their dedication and commitment of our volunteers have been instrumental in strengthening our outreach and mission to the community.

We are particularly grateful for the contributions of our volunteers on the Social Supermarket, Life Course, Village Leaders and Hosts, Youth Team, Student Team, Children's Ministries including Bumps and Babies and Little Fishes, Friendship Cafe, Production Team, Worship Team, Prayer and Kindness Team, Meet and Make, Come and See team, Job Club, Welcome and Hospitality Teams, the Community Garden team, Unconditional Team, and countless other ways that our church is developed and sustained by the active involvement of our members.

We are also grateful to the many volunteers from the wider community who have generously supported our Social Supermarket. Without their contribution, it would not have been possible to serve our community as effectively as we do.

The PCC, Ben, and Hanelle extend their deepest gratitude to all the volunteers who have given countless hours of their time to serve St. Peter's and the community. We acknowledge that our ministries' success is built on the foundation of their dedication and commitment.

Ben and Hanelle also extend their heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated members of the St. Peter's PCC who have played an essential role in advancing the church's mission and ensuring the smooth functioning of its operations. They would like to recognize the invaluable contributions of the Churchwardens, Joel Power and Sarah Pellew, as well as Chris Harvey, the Treasurer, for their exemplary leadership and wise counsel on the standing committee.

Colin Plant, the Vice Chair of PCC, and Lynne Wilkinson, the representative of the Deanery Synod, have also been instrumental in shaping the growth and development of St. Peter's. The elected PCC members, Sarah-Salome Ajayi, Phil Allen, Christopher Harvey, Jason Archie-Acheampong, Andy Parnham, Nita Rogers, and Myra Thompson, have likewise made significant contributions to the church's progress. Lastly, Ben and Hanelle would like to express their appreciation to the diligent staff who have been instrumental in the church's day-to-day operations.

FINANCIAL REVIEW / EXPENDITURE

Total receipts were £585,462 (£380,849 2021).

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Voluntary giving of £386,573 (£282,945 2021)

Gift Aid recovered of £73,399 (£53,537 2021)

Grants of £47,075 (£18,625 2021)

Other Income of £78,404 (£25,741 2021)

Planned giving increased by 37% with the number of regular givers increasing from 148 in January 2022 to 151 in December 2022.

Expenditure for the year has increased on previous years due to the growth in activity and need of the local community. Total expenditure for 2022 was £590,347 (£382,287 2021)

Our Parish Support Fund contribution for 2022 was £40,950 (£31,075 2021).

The total net assets at 31 December 2022 was £89,231 (£94,112 2021) of which £48,624 (£16,165 2021) was restricted and £69,786 (£90,131 2021) was cash balance at the bank.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the PCC policy to try to maintain a sufficient balance in our Bank Current Account to pay for our recurring and other normal expenditures for at least three months. When there is the need, more funds are transferred from the CCLA Deposit Fund to the current account to pay for some one-off larger bills.

It is our policy to invest some of our fund balances with the interest yielding CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund. The CCLA balance at 31 December 2022 was £25,507 and formed part of the Net Assets.

BUILDINGS REPORT

Overall the building is in good condition and annual safety inspections were carried out. We are planning for a Quinquennial Inspection in 2023. Routine maintenance and safety inspections were carried out successfully.

Several improvements were made in and around the building. The stained glass windows were cleaned and repaired, which enhanced the visual appeal of the building. The signs were also refreshed to match the St. Peter's colours, creating a more cohesive look.

To enhance hygiene in the building, hand towels and soap dispensers were installed in all the restrooms. This measure ensures that everyone who uses the facilities can maintain good personal hygiene. Additionally, diffusers were placed around the building to refresh the air and provide a pleasant aroma, creating a more inviting environment for everyone.

To create more storage space, the staff carried out a thorough cleaning during the summer, giving us more space for storage. In addition a storage area was built in the Cranfield space, for both the Children's Ministry and Growing Hope.

Externally seven bike racks were installed and are being used frequently, and a gardening project was launched with a group of enthusiastic gardeners. This has been a great benefit to both the community as anyone can join the group, and it has improved the grounds. As part of the planned works for Quality Improvement (QI), significant repairs were undertaken on the external stonework of the building's northeast corner. These repairs were extensive in nature and aimed to address any existing issues and prevent further damage.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England operating under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956 as amended) and the Church Representation Rules (2022). In 2018 the PCC became a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (registered number 1180277). Membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and elected members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll. The PCC members are responsible for working with the incumbent in making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including agreeing on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC met bi-monthly and attendance by members was very good.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Peter's Church is situated on Wickham Road, Brockley, London SE4. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Peter's Brockley, Wickham Road, Brockley, London SE4 1LT.

PCC members who served during 2022/2023 were:

Year 2021/22

Vicar:	The Revd. Benjamin Jones	Chair
Vice Chair:	Mr Colin Plant	
Curate:	Revd. Chris Gaul	
Churchwardens:	Ms Sarah Pellew Mrs Lynne Wilkinson	
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mr Colin Plant Mrs Lynne Wilkinson	
Elected members	Ms Sarah-Salome Ajayi Mr Phil Allen Mr Harneck Chilemba Mr Christopher Harvey Mrs Elizabeth Henriette Ms Lydia Lennard Mr Andy Parnham Mrs Nita Rogers Ms Myra Thompson	Treasurer

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Approved by the PCC on **17th April 2023**

and signed on their behalf by Revd. Benjamin Jones (Chair of PCC)

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and Christopher Harvey (Treasurer)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE PCC OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER'S BROCKLEY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter's Brockley for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 17 to 26.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the trustees' 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 2011 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.



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Dated: 1 September 2023

Parochial Church Council of St Peters Brockley
Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Statement of Financial Activity					
		Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL
			2022			2021	
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:							
Voluntary Income		406,951	100,107	507,058	324,576	30,533	355,109
Church Activities		34,609	512	35,120	18,395	-	18,395
Church Rental Income		11,715	-	11,715	6,815	-	6,815
Other Income		368	31,201	31,569	532	-	532
TOTAL INCOME	2	453,642	131,820	585,462	350,317	30,533	380,849
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable Activities		489,996	95,861	585,857	328,268	48,396	376,666
Governance Costs		4,489	-	4,489	5,622	-	5,622
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2	494,485	95,861	590,346	333,889	48,396	382,287
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFER OF FUNDS							
		(40,843)	35,959	(4,884)	16,427	(17,863)	(1,436)
Gross transfer in funds		3,500	- 3,500	-	-	-	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(37,343)	32,459	(4,884)	16,426	(17,863)	(1,439)
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2022		77,950	16,165	94,112	61,524	34,028	95,551
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2022		40,607	48,624	89,231	77,950	16,165	94,112

Parochial Church Council of St Peters Brockley
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
Note	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
General Fixed Assets	2,201	333
Kids Bus	6,283	0
Office Equipment	1,785	23
PA/AV Equipment	5,114	10,547
5	15,383	10,903
CURRENT ASSETS		
Main Church Account	13,741	34,227
CCLA Deposit Account	25,507	25,176
Expense Card Accounts	432	709
Premium account	30,106	30,020
Prepayments	6 19,383	2,307
Giving owed to St Peters	6 13,774	9,693
Accounts Receivable	6 0	1,585
	102,942	103,715
LIABILITIES		
Account Payable	7,337	5,150
Accruals	2,076	2,516
Deposits for Room Hire	1,500	1,500
Deffered Income	16,345	4,990
Payroll Payable	1,836	6,349
Liabilities due within one year	7 (29,095)	(20,505)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	73,847	83,211
NET ASSETS	89,231	94,112
RESERVES		
Excess/ (deficit) to date	(4,884)	(1,439)
Starting Balances	94,112	95,551
	89,231	94,112
FUNDS		
11 Unrestricted	40,607	77,948
Restricted	48,624	16,165
	89,231	94,112

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

Rev'd Ben Jones
Vicar / Chair of Trustees



Chris Harvey
Treasurer



The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2015.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing the accounts, the PCC has considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) the restatement of comparative items was required. No restatements have been considered necessary.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Restricted funds are those donated for specific purposes.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources

Donations and other income are recognised when received and an estimate of income tax recoverable is recognised when the related donations are recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue . Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded.

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Expenditure

Church activities

The diocesan Common Fund is accounted for when paid. Any Common Fund unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Expenditure incurred in the operation of the church is classed as charitable activities.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets used by the PCC

In the absence of an actual cost, the insurance valuation has been used as the deemed cost for operational assets, with no depreciation charge being made during the year due to the long life of the asset and regular maintenance.

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2003 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. No such Items have been acquired since 1 January 2003.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2003 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Only items of greater than £500 are capitalised. Church worship equipment comprises a number of electrical and other items connected with sound, vision and worship. They will be depreciated over three years from date of first use. Computer and office equipment and furnishings are depreciated over three years from date of first use.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

For the year ended 31 December 2022

2. Financial Statement

	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL
Donation	£	£	£	£	£	£
Collections	4,698	777	5,475	895	231	1,126
Gift Aid	63,193	10,206	73,399	51,267	2,270	53,537
Grants	4,250	42,835	47,085	3,000	15,625	18,625
One off gifts - Gift Aided	20,595	31,837	52,432	30,753	5,455	36,207
One off gifts - Not Gift Aided	8,516	8,181	16,697	17,131	3,372	20,503
Planned giving - Gift Aided	222,774	5,587	228,361	170,429	3,270	173,698
Planned giving - Not Gift Aided	82,709	685	83,393	51,100	310	51,410
Special Appeals	216	-	216	-	-	-
Total Donation	406,951	100,107	507,058	324,576	30,533	355,109

Church Activities

Cafe	-	444	444	410	-	410
Dance Class Income	31,432	-	31,432	15,557	-	15,557
Events	195	68	263	503	-	503
Funeral Fees	232	-	232	626	-	626
Little Fishes	2,223	-	2,223	1,268	-	1,268
Wedding Fees	526	-	526	31	-	31
Total Church Activities	34,609	512	35,120	18,395	-	18,395

Rental

Church Rental-Ad hoc	11,715	-	11,715	6,815	-	6,815
Total Rental	11,715	-	11,715	6,815	-	6,815

Other Income

Bank interest	368	-	368	32	-	32
Food donated	-	31,201	31,201	-	-	-
Sales of products	-	-	-	500	-	500
Total Other Income	368	31,201	31,569	532	-	532

Total Income	453,642	131,820	585,462	350,317	30,533	380,849
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	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL
Worship						
Celebration Services	349	-	349	-	-	-
Christmas	7,170	-	7,170	7,769	-	7,769
Depreciation on PA/AV Equipment	2,452	2,981	5,433	5,229	2,236	7,465
Easter	1,360	-	1,360	611	-	611
Preaching and Teaching	199	-	199	362	-	362
Production and Livestreaming	4,294	-	4,294	4,073	310	4,382
Sundays Content	322	-	322	448	-	448
Sundays Evening	4,351	-	4,351	164	-	164
Sundays Morning	1,562	-	1,562	437	-	437
Wedding Cost	- 150	-	150	63	-	63
Worship	2,249	-	2,249	729	-	729
Worship Team	525	-	525	398	-	398
Total Worship	24,683	2,981	27,664	20,283	2,545	22,829

Community

Bumps and Babies	2,450	-	2,450	3,675	-	3,675
Dance Expenses	19,176	-	19,176	13,271	-	13,271
Depreciation on Kids Bus	217	-	217	-	-	-
DicipleShip & Hubs	5,188	-	5,188	551	-	551
Events	4,073	-	4,073	2,671	-	2,671
Fellowship Fund	-	7,469	7,469	-	1,660	1,660
Food given away		31,201	31,201	-	-	-
Kids	9,884	-	9,884	1,914	-	1,914
Leadership Development	1,501	-	1,501	111	-	111
Little Fishes Exp	340	-	340	625	-	625
Men Ministry	382	-	382	34	-	34
Newcombers	2,582	-	2,582	689	-	689
Pastoral	997	-	997	944	-	944
Students	840	-	840	773	-	773
Unconditional	-	259	259	-	-	-
Villages	17	-	17	595	-	595
Wildfires	1,267	-	1,267			
Youth	4,372	-	4,372	4,394	-	4,394
Total Community	53,284	38,929	92,212	30,179	1,660	31,839

Mission

CAP	819	-	819	915	-	915
Church Planting	1,927	-	1,927	281	-	281
Compassion and Local	160	-	160	-	-	-
Evangelism	21	-	21	-	-	-
Food Bank and Social Supermarket	-	12,756	12,756	207	10,081	10,288
Grants and Giving Away	18,500	3,500	22,000	11,585	265	11,850
Life Course	16,628	-	16,628	352	-	352
Love Brockley	-	436	436	-	-	-
Total Mission	38,054	16,692	54,746	13,339	10,346	23,685

Operations

Bad Debt	1,460	-	1,460	-	-	-
Cleaning	14,146	-	14,146	10,181	-	10,181
Communication & Media	1,142	-	1,142	624	-	624
Depreciation on IT	22	-	22	748	-	748
Depreciation on office equipment	1,066	-	1,066	1,457	-	1,457
Electric	7,816	-	7,816	3,640	-	3,640
Facilities Planning	1,108	-	1,108	4,055	-	4,055
Finance	6,026	-	6,026	2,765	-	2,765
Garden Maintenance	905	2,202	3,107	1,118	-	1,118
Gas	14,244	-	14,244	10,776	-	10,776
Hospitality	269	-	269	333	-	333
Insurance	6,650	-	6,650	6,457	-	6,457
IT	2,727	-	2,727	2,464	-	2,464
Office equipments	468	-	468	75	-	75
Office Management	907	-	907	729	-	729
Office Supplies	2,239	-	2,239	767	-	767

Recruitment	1,465	-	1,465	-	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	24,969	-	24,969	17,140	-	17,140
Shared Consumables	6,208	-	6,208	1,163	-	1,163
Shared Equipment	439	-	439	630	-	630
Travel	61	-	61	147	-	147
Volunteer Support	712	-	712	20	-	20
Water	45	-	45	91	-	91
Total Operations	95,096	2,202	97,298	65,380	-	65,380

Staff

Admin	20,998	-	20,998	20,733	-	20,733
Childrens Pastor	30,695	-	30,695	18,370	-	18,370
Church Leader	17,998	-	17,998	13,810	-	13,810
Comms and Media Manager	947	-	947	-	-	-
Dance Co-ordinator	6,610	-	6,610	5,943	-	5,943
Facilities and Events	1,991	-	1,991	-	-	-
Facilities Officer	5,847	269	6,115	7,670	-	7,670
Families Worker	1,329	-	1,329	-	-	-
Food Bank Manager	-	1,257	1,257	-	-	-
Life Course and Evening Service Pastor	8,592	-	8,592	-	-	-
Love Brockley and Pastoral Leader	18,567	14,655	33,222	6,764	26,085	32,848
Operations Director	32,365	-	32,365	22,916	-	22,916
Operations Manager	11,834	-	11,834	17,514	-	17,514
Production Team Lead	11,514	-	11,514	3,321	-	3,321
Student Leader	8,594	-	8,594	10,950	-	10,950
Worship Admin	1,673	-	1,673	4,268	-	4,268
Worship Pastor	14,886	-	14,886	6,791	7,500	14,291
Youth Pastor	17,816	-	17,816	13,386	-	13,386
Total Staff	212,256	16,181	228,436	152,435	33,585	186,020

Human Resources

Accommodation	12,480	18,877	31,357	8,756	-	8,756
Clergy Expenses	1,055	-	1,055	192	-	192
Clergy Housing	1,282	-	1,282	1,103	-	1,103
Staff Hospitality	2,061	-	2,061	528	-	528
Staff Training	607	-	607	748	-	748
Staff Well Being	4,132	-	4,132	1,127	-	1,127
Team Training	4,056	-	4,056	3,122	260	3,382
Total Staff	25,673	18,877	44,550	15,577	260	15,837

Parish Share

Parish Share	40,950	-	40,950	31,075	-	31,075
Total Parish Share	40,950	-	40,950	31,075	-	31,075

Governance

Independent Examinar	2,020	-	2,020	1,500	-	1,500
Payroll	342	-	342	443	-	443
PCC Expenses	312	-	312	79	-	79
Professional Fees	1,815	-	1,815	3,600	-	3,600
Total Governance	4,489	-	4,489	5,622	-	5,622

Total Operating Expenses	494,485	95,861	590,346	333,889	48,396	382,287
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Parochial Church Council of St Peters Brockley
Notes to the Financial Statements

3. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries (incl PAYE)	181,026	159,517
Social security costs	8,448	1,440
Pension costs	3,958	2,147
Freelance Staff costs	35,004	22,916
	228,436	186,020

	2022	2021
Total amount of staff employed	13	11

No staff member was paid over £60,000 in 2021

4. Mission Grants

Grant Recipient	Grant Amount	Purpose
Congregation in Need	7,469	Fellowship Fund
Growing Hope	15,000	
Spinnaker Trust	400	
London City Mission	200	
Power the Fight	2,350	
Deptford Denery	120	
The Spring	1,250	
Vinjeru School	1,100	
Total	27,889	

5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		General Fixed Assets	Kids Bus	Office Equipment	PA/AV Equipment	Total
		£		£	£	£
Actual/Revalued cost	At 1 January 2022	5,257	0	3,085	28,385	36,727
	Additions during year	2,935	6,500	1,785	0	11,220
	Disposals during year	0		0	0	0
	At 31 December 2022	8,192	6,500	4,870	28,385	47,947
Depreciation	At 1 January 2022	4,925	0	3,062	17,838	25,825
	Charge for the year	1,066	217	23	5,433	6,739
	Disposals during year					0
	At 31 December 2022	5,991	217	3,085	23,271	32,564
Net Book Value	At 1 January 2022	333	0	23	10,547	10,903
	At 31 December 2022	2,201	6,283	1,785	5,114	15,383

6. Debtors

	2022	2021
Prepayments and accrued income	19,383	2,307
Giving owed to St Peters	13,774	9,693
Accounts Receivable	0	1,585
Total	33,156	13,584

7. Creditors (amounts falling due less than one year)

	2022	2021
Accounts Payable	7,337	5,150
Accruals	2,076	2,516
Deposit for room hire	1,500	1,500
Deffered Income	16,345	4,990
Payroll Payable	1,836	6,349
Total Current Liabilities	29,095	20,505

Parochial Church Council of St Peters Brockley
Notes to the Financial Statements

8. Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the end of 31st December 2022. (2021: None)

9. Related Party Transactions

Name	Relationship	2022	2021	Duties
Hanelle Jones	Wife of Incumbent	17,997	15,190	Community Engagement
Magrat Plant	Wife of PCC Member	11,730	4,384	Supplier
Chris Henriette	Husband of PCC Member	-	11,140	Youth Pastor

10. Restricted Funds

Donor	Purpose	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer from general funds £	Closing Balance £
CRT	New Worshipping Community	0	16,185	(18,877)	0	(2,692)
Lottery Grant	Screen	7,452	0	(2,981)	0	4,471
All Churches Trust	Growing Hope Brockley	3,000	0	(3,000)	0	0
Various Donors	Building Fund	0	22,563	0	(6,500)	16,063
Various Donors	Foodbank	2,180	41,633	(26,560)	0	17,253
Love your Neighbour	Food donated to Foodbank	0	31,201	(31,201)	0	0
Various Donors	Fellowship Fund	3,052	6,751	(7,469)	0	2,334
Various Donors	Love Brockley	0	12,786	(5,515)	0	7,271
Various Donors	Unconditional	481	702	(259)	3,000	3,924
Total Restricted funds		16,165	131,820	(95,860)	(3,500)	48,624

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
Cash & deposit balances	28,614	41,172	69,786
Fixed Assets	7,932	7,452	15,383
Other Assets	33,156	0	33,156
Total Assets	69,702	48,624	118,326
Current Liabilities	-	-	-
	29,095	-	29,095
	40,607	48,624	89,231