

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER BALSALL COMMON

England & Wales - Charity number 1184291

Details

Other names ST PETER'S BALSALL COMMON

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-07-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: The PCC is committed to ensuring that as many residents of the parish are able to worship at the church and to become part of our church community. The PCC's activities include: The provision of sacred space for worship Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups Activities for parents babies and young children

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Solihull

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£115,594	£100,819	-	-
2024-12-31	£86,207	£83,813	-	-
2023-12-31	£88,631	£81,536	-	-
2022-12-31	£89,527	£99,959	-	-
2021-12-31	£89,912	£97,262	-	-
2020-12-31	£85,948	£99,411	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amy Louise Kershaw		2020-03-09
Bryan Reginald Marlow		2019-04-07
CHRISTINE LOUISE LEE		2016-04-04
Dr Leslie de Chernatony		2023-03-23
John Pearson		2025-05-25
Kimberley Wright		2024-05-05
Margaret Betty Mayhew		2023-04-25
Moira Nancy Johnson		2019-04-07
ROBERT FARMER		2018-04-04
Rev Susan Mary Pearson		2024-09-24
Sarah-Jane Roth		2022-03-20
Stuart John Lee		2025-05-18
Susan Ann Williams		2024-05-05
William John Chamberlain		2024-05-05

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**Report and Accounts
The Parochial Church Council
Of St Peter, Balsall Common
Year ended 31st December 2025**

Registered charity number 1184291

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Trustee Report

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Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to ensuring that as many residents of the parish as possible are able to worship at the church, and to become part of our church community. The PCC's charitable objects are primarily focused on the advancement of religion, which is recognised as a charitable purpose having public benefit. All regular worship is provided free of charge and is open to all. In addition, the PCC's activities include:

- The provision of sacred space for private prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Taking of religious assemblies in schools.
- Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for parents and babies and young children
- Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas
- Provision and maintenance of a hall for regular public worship and other church activities, and also as a community facility available to all for recreational activities when not in use by the church

To facilitate our whole mission it is important to maintain the fabric of the church and the hall.

The PCC has complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on the safeguarding of vulnerable adults and children (under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016). Alison Bennett is appointed Safeguarding Officer.

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Achievements and Performance

Ministry

The Reverend Suzy Pearson is our vicar, and assisted by Moira Johnson, Alison Bennett and Chris Price as readers, and Mary Partridge as a lay leader of family services.

Worship and Prayer

St Peter's embraces diverse worship styles, providing traditional and informal services alongside special events for all ages. We also offer online access to our services held in Church, to allow us to reach a wider audience, including those unable to visit in person due to illness or infirmity. Key services include weekly Sunday services with a mix of formats, lay-led services focused on accessibility, and community engagement sessions.

Readers, lay leaders and volunteers play crucial roles in service delivery and pastoral care. We actively collaborate with other local churches through joint services and community events, fostering cooperation and support.

We continue praying for our work with the children and their parents and for more new people to join our congregation. Thanks to a grant from Knowle United Charities, we hope to expand our work with local secondary school pupils in 2026.

Throughout 2025 we have continued to offer the ministry of occasional offices, baptisms, weddings, funerals and burial of ashes services, which are significant occasions for many members of the parish and beyond. In particular, we held the funerals of several long-standing and much-loved members of the congregation. We remember with grateful affection their loyal service to this church.

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Church Centre

This year we continued to open the church daily, for all who seek a place for quiet contemplation and prayer. St Peter's continues to hold drop-in Warm Hub sessions on Thursday afternoons.

The hall is used not only for church events but is hired out to a range of community groups, including exercise, drama and activities for the retired, as well as being available for private parties. This year we carried out a survey of hall users on how they use the hall, and what improvements they hope to see. We are looking to raise funds to carry out these improvements in 2026.

Pastoral

We organise several groups who meet regularly to learn more about Christianity, ask questions and express fears and doubts in a safe environment. Each group has a different audience and structure, so that as many as possible can attend one or more. Home communions are also available for the sick and housebound.

Mission and Evangelism

We have a small but active branch of the Mothers' Union at St Peters, who take part in activities such as knitting clothes for premature babies, and blankets and teddies. A weekly group called Teeny Tinies and Toddlers meets during the school terms to provide support and company for parents and carers of pre-school children. We also run a monthly tea party, alongside the Warm Hub, providing a friendly place to meet, particularly for older members of our community. We fundraise on a regular basis for The Children's Society, including at the annual Christingle service. We have continued to collect food and other essentials for Helping Hands, a local food bank.

We are active on Facebook, and we have a church website where people can contact and connect with the church. In addition, we have a YouTube channel, where members of the congregation, and others who would not normally attend church, may access recordings of our services, along with activities for families.

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Ecumenical Relationships

We are members of Churches Together in Balsall and Berkswell, joining with other churches in the area for coffee mornings, Lenten breakfasts, and other social activities, as well as fundraising for local and international charities.

Volunteers

The church would be unable to function without the hard work and dedication of a band of volunteers, and the PCC would like to place on record our heartfelt thanks to them all. Christine Hornsby retired as Churchwarden this year, and the PCC wish to thank her for all her work for the church, and for the hall during many years of faithful service.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The current incumbent is ex officio chair of the PCC, and the Churchwardens and Deanery Synod members are ex officio members of the PCC. Other members are elected to the PCC by members of the electoral roll at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and may also be co-opted during the year. Members of the congregation are actively encouraged to register on the electoral roll, and to stand for membership of the PCC.

The PCC are responsible for making all decisions concerning the general running of the church, the raising of funds, and the use of those funds. The PCC met 5 times during the year and discussed a range of issues including Safeguarding, discussing the Diocese's "People and Places" initiative, and fundraising. The Standing Committee, comprising of the incumbent, Churchwardens, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer also meet outside PCC meetings when there are urgent issues to discuss. There are also several sub-groups which meet on a regular basis, such as the Premises Committee, which are granted powers to make decisions on the buildings and to report back regularly to the main PCC.

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Administrative Information

The church is situated in Holly Lane, Balsall Common, CV7 7EA. It is part of the Diocese of Birmingham, within the Church of England. The church does not have a parish office phone number, but emails can be sent to vicar@spcbalsall.org.uk. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measures 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission, number 1184291.

PCC members who have served at any time since 1st January 2025 to the date of this report are:

Ex Officio Members

The Reverend Susan Pearson
Christine Hornsby (Churchwarden until 1st July 2025)
Sarah Roth (Churchwarden)
Stuart Lee (Churchwarden appointed 1st July 2025)
Eileen Lamb (Deanery Synod representative)
Moira Johnson (Deanery Synod representative)
Rachel Westwood (Deanery Synod representative)
Peter Lee (Deanery Synod representative resigned 13th September 2025)

Elected Members

Alla Pavuk (Honorary Secretary until 18th May 2025)
John Pearson (Honorary Secretary appointed 25th May 2025)
Christine Lee (Honorary Treasurer)
Christine Hunnisett
Amy Kershaw
Bryan Marlow
Christine Hornsby (resigned 12th February 2026)
Robert Farmer
Edward Perkin (resigned 2nd April 2025)
Rosemary Birse
Margaret Mayhew
Dr Leslie de Chernatony
Susan Williams
William Chamberlain
Kimberley Steele

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Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the members / trustees of St Peter Balsall Common Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 10 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustee and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Signed



Alison Lowe

May 2026

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Financial Review

The accounts for the year show a surplus of incoming to outgoing resources for the year of £14,775 as opposed to a surplus of £2,394 in the previous year. However, £3,000 was granted for work with secondary school children in 2026, and £9,896 was granted for additional solar panels and battery storage for the hall, which will be spent in 2026.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary giving, excluding legacies, increased by £21,415. This includes the grants mentioned above, plus grants of £10,000 to allow for the repair of the fleche. The increase of £8,202 in Income from charitable activities is due to higher income from fundraising, parish fees and hall lettings.

Expenditure

Day-to-day running costs are generally under control, although there were increases in utility costs of £1,269 and increased costs of maintenance. We increased our voluntary additional payment to Common Fund by £2,000. We repaired the fleche on the church roof at a cost of £12,000.

Reserves Policy

We aim to keep at least £22,000 (three months' running costs) in reserves. In addition to restricted reserves of £13,555 at 31 December 2025, we are also holding funds to cover the costs of necessary improvements to the hall in 2026.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts, in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the incumbent Vicar and the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a special faculty for disposal are inalienable church property, listed in the Church's terrier which can be inspected at any reasonable time.

Equipment used on the Church premises is capitalised if it is over £5,000 and written off over a 5-year period.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For the year ended 31 December 2025

		2025			2024
	Note:	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Income and Endowments					
Donations and legacies	2	62,618	23,694	86,312	64,900
Income from charitable activities	3	27,013	960	27,973	19,775
Other trading activities	4	1,309	0	1,309	1,532
Total income and endowments		90,940	24,654	115,594	86,207
Expenditure					
Cost of raising funds		0	0	0	0
Cost of generating funds for voluntary income		0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	5	87,983	12,836	100,819	83,813
		87,983	12,836	100,819	83,813
Transfer Unrestricted Funds to Restricted Funds		1,781	-1,781	0	0
Net movement in funds		4,738	10,037	14,775	2,394
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds brought forward		30,002	3,518	33,520	31,126
Funds carried forward		34,740	13,555	48,295	33,520

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BALANCE SHEET As at 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts at HSBC	48,033	33,270
Bank Accounts at CBF	<u>262</u>	<u>250</u>
	48,295	33,520
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	0	0
Net Current Assets	<u>48,295</u>	<u>33,520</u>
Net Assets	<u>48,295</u>	<u>33,520</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted Funds	34,740	30,002
Restricted Funds	<u>13,555</u>	<u>3,518</u>
	<u>48,295</u>	<u>33,520</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21/04/26

And signed on its behalf by: Reverend S Pearson, Chairman



The notes on pages 12 and 13 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations (2006) together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. The financial statements contain all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Funds

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific purpose and may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any surplus of income over expenditure must be carried forward to the following year, to be expended on the same object.

Unrestricted funds represent donations or grants which may be used for the PCC's ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are accounted for when they are received. Tax refunds are accounted for when they are received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when they are received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure

Donations are accounted for when they are awarded. The Common Fund is accounted for when it is due. All other liabilities are recognised when they are due and are accounted for gross.

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Achievements and Performance

Ministry

The parish has been in a period of interregnum since 9th April 2023. We are delighted that the Reverend Suzy Pearson was installed as vicar on 24 September 2024. Until her installation, our services have been led by a rota of locum clergy, some retired, and assisted by Moira Johnson, Alison Bennett and Chris Price as readers. The PCC would like to thank all those who have ensured that we can continue to run a full program of services.

Worship and Prayer

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Pastoral

We organise several groups who meet regularly to learn more about Christianity, ask questions and express fears and doubts in a safe environment. Each group has a different audience and structure, so that as many as possible can attend one or more. Home communions are also available for the sick and housebound.

Mission and Evangelism

We have a small but active branch of the Mothers' Union at St Peters, who take part in activities such as knitting clothes for premature babies, and blankets and teddies. Through the Mothers' Union we have a strong link with our sister diocese in Malawi and this year we arranged a large donation of clothes, blankets, tools and school necessities via the container that the Diocese organises. A weekly group called Teenies, Tinies and Toddlers meets during the school terms to provide support and company for parents and carers of pre-school children. We also run a monthly tea party, alongside the Warm Hub, providing a friendly place to meet, particularly for older members of our community. We fundraise on a regular basis for The Childrens' Society, including at the annual Christingle service. We have continued to collect food and other essentials for Helping Hands, a local food bank.

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Volunteers

The church would be unable to function without the hard work and dedication of a band of volunteers, and the PCC would like to place on record our heartfelt thanks to them all. There are too many to mention by name, but the Churchwardens, Christine Hornsby and Sarah Roth bear a huge responsibility in organising the life of the church, particularly in this period of interregnum.

Structure, Governance and Management

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Christine Hunnisett
Moira Johnson
Amy Kershaw
Bryan Marlow
Rachel Westwood
Robert Farmer
Edward Perkin
Rosemary Birse
Margaret Mayhew
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Signed



Alison Lowe

13 May 2025

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Financial Review

The accounts for the year show a surplus of incoming to outgoing resources for the year of £2,394 as opposed to a surplus of £7,095 in the previous year. The reduction is principally caused by slightly lower income from charitable activities, particularly fundraising and parish fees, and a higher contribution to Common Fund.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary giving, excluding legacies, increased by £452, due to lower planned giving and tax recovered from gift aid, offset by an increase in donations. The decrease of £2,854 in Income from charitable activities is due to lower income from fundraising and parish fees.

Expenditure

Day-to-day running costs are generally under control. We increased our voluntary additional payment to Common Fund by £2,167, which accounts for most of the increase in costs of £2,277.

Reserves Policy

Following our significant refurbishment project in 2013, our reserves policy is to rebuild our financial reserves to cover our commitments, particularly in respect of necessary maintenance of the church building.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts, in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For the year ended 31 December 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note:	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Income and Endowments					
Donations and legacies	2	63,273	1,627	64,900	64,448
Income from charitable activities	3	18,968	807	19,775	22,629
Other trading activities	4	1,532	0	1,532	1,554
Total income and endowments		83,773	2,434	86,207	88,631
Expenditure					
Cost of raising funds		0	0	0	0
Cost of generating funds for voluntary income		0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	5	81,525	2,288	83,813	81,536
		81,525	2,288	83,813	81,536
Transfer Unrestricted Funds to Restricted Funds		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		2,248	146	2,394	7,095
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds brought forward		27,754	3,372	31,126	24,031
Funds carried forward		30,002	3,518	33,520	31,126

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BALANCE SHEET As at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts at HSBC	33,270	30,891
Bank Accounts at CBF	<u>250</u>	<u>235</u>
	33,520	31,126
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	0	0
	<u>33,520</u>	<u>31,126</u>
Net Assets	<u>33,520</u>	<u>31,126</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted Funds	30,002	27,754
Restricted Funds	<u>3,518</u>	<u>3,372</u>
	<u>33,520</u>	<u>31,126</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13/05/25

And signed on its behalf by: Reverend S Pearson, Chairman



The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of these accounts

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	2024		2023	
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
2) Donations and Legacies				
Planned giving: tax efficient	41,465	0	41,465	42,535
Other planned giving	1,819	0	1,819	2,443
Tax recovered from Gift Aid	10,640	0	10,640	11,277
Other giving	0	0	0	0
Grants	1,153	500	1,653	2,704
Legacy	0	0	0	0
Donations and charitable donations	8,196	1,127	9,323	5,489
	63,273	1,627	64,900	64,448
3) Income from charitable activities				
Lettings	18,031		18,031	18,805
Parish fees	556		556	2,194
Fundraising	381	807	1,188	1,630
	18,968	807	19,775	22,629
4) Other Trading activities				
Contribution from solar panels	1,532	0	1,532	1,554
	1,532	0	1,532	1,554
5) Charitable activities				
Contribution to Common Fund	48,000	0	48,000	45,833
Salaries	6,170	0	6,170	6,430
Clergy and church expenses	1,401	0	1,401	3,028
Mission giving	360	1,127	1,487	1,244
Mission & evangelism	0	0	0	305
Church running costs	9,045	1,161	10,206	8,429
Cost of trading	15,651	0	15,651	14,976
Utilities	898	0	898	1,291
	81,525	2,288	83,813	81,536
6) Creditors				
Charitable donations	0	0	0	0
7) Funds	At 1st January	At 31 December		Movement
	2024	2024		
Unrestricted	27,754	30,002		2,248
Fabric	1,688	1,688		0
Children's and Families	1,684	1,830		146
	31,126	33,520		2,394

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Achievements and Performance

Ministry

Reverend Peter Thomas retired from ministry, leaving the parish on 9th April 2023. This means that we have been in a period of interregnum. We are delighted that the Reverend Suzy Pearson will be installed as our incumbent on 24 September 2024. Our services have been led by a rota of locum clergy, some retired, and assisted by Moira Johnson, Alison Bennett and Chris Price as readers. The PCC would like to thank all those who have ensured that we can continue to run a full program of services.

Worship and Prayer

St Peter's embraces diverse worship styles, providing traditional and informal services alongside special events for all ages. Since COVID-19, we have introduced online access to our services, reaching a wider audience. Key services include weekly Sunday services with a mix of formats, lay-led services focused on accessibility, and community engagement sessions.

Readers, lay leaders and volunteers play crucial roles in service delivery and pastoral care. We actively collaborate with other local churches through joint services and community events, fostering cooperation and support.

We continue praying for our work with the children and their parents and new people.

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This year we continued to open the church daily, for all who seek a place for quiet contemplation and prayer. In response to the Ukrainian crisis, St Peter's hosted an English conversation club for refugees. St Peter's continues to hold drop-in Warm Hub sessions

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Structure, Governance and Management

In December 2023 our lay chair, Dr Mark Johnson sadly passed away. He made an enormous difference to our church life, he contributed freely of his time and skills in many areas, and we are still looking to fill all the positions that he so cheerfully took on. He is greatly missed.

The church would be unable to function without the hard work and dedication of a band of volunteers, and the PCC would like to place on record our heartfelt thanks to them all. There are too many to mention by name, but the Churchwardens, Chris Hornsby and Sarah Roth bear a huge responsibility in organising the life of the church, particularly in this period of interregnum.

Volunteers

We are members of Churches Together in Balsall and Berkswell, joining with other churches in the area for coffee mornings, Lenten breakfasts, and other social activities, as well as fundraising for local and international charities.

Ecumenical Relationships

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PCC members who have served at any time since 1st January 2023 to the date of this report are:

Ex Officio Members

The Reverend Peter Thomas (resigned 9th April 2023)
Christine Hornsby (Churchwarden)
Sarah Roth
Eileen Lamb (Deanery Synod member)

Elected Members

Alla Pavuk (Honorary Secretary) (appointed 26 March 2023)
Christine Lee (Honorary Treasurer)
Dr Margaret Eyre (resigned 12 May 2024)
Christine Hunnissett
Dr Mark Johnson (deceased 19 December 2023)
Moira Johnson
Amy Kershaw
Bryan Marlow
Susan Clinton (resigned 26th March 2023)
Rachel Westwood
Robert Farmer
Ted Perkin
Rosemary Birse (appointed 26th March 2023)
Margaret Mayhew (appointed 26th March 2023)
Dr Leslie de Cheronatony (appointed 26th March 2023)
Susan Williams (appointed 5th May 2024)
William Chamberlain (appointed 5th May 2024)
Kimberley Wright (appointed 5th May 2024)

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the members / trustees of St Peter Balsall Common Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 10 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustee and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed

All Lowe

Allison Lowe

01 October 2024

Financial Review

The accounts for the year show a surplus of incoming to outgoing resources for the year of £7,096 as opposed to a deficit of £10,432 in the previous year. This is principally caused by a gradual increase in revenue as the church and hall return to pre-coronavirus pandemic activity levels, a reduction in our common fund payment, and lower exceptional maintenance costs.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary giving, excluding legacies, decreased by £3,724, mainly due to lower charitable donations. The increase of £2,767 in income from charitable activities is due to increased levels of hall rental income as the hall returns to pre-coronavirus pandemic activity levels.

Expenditure

Day-to-day running costs are generally under control. We reduced our voluntary additional payment to Common Fund. The rest of the reduction in expenditure is due to higher exceptional maintenance costs in 2022.

Reserves Policy

Following our significant refurbishment project in 2013, our reserves policy is to rebuild our financial reserves to cover our commitments, particularly in respect of necessary maintenance of the church building.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2023

2023

Note: funds Unrestricted Restricted funds funds Total Funds Total Funds

	2023	2022
Income and Endowments	68,172	68,172
Donations and legacies	1,140	64,448
Income from charitable activities	22,033	22,629
Other trading activities	1,554	1,554
Total income and endowments	86,895	88,631

Expenditure	0	192
Cost of raising funds	0	0
Cost of generating funds for voluntary income	0	0
Charitable activities	79,819	81,536
Total	79,819	99,767

Transfer Unrestricted Funds to Restricted Funds	0	0
Net movement in funds	7,076	7,095
Reconciliation of funds	20,678	34,463
Funds brought forward	27,754	24,031
Funds carried forward	3,372	31,126

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27,754	24,031
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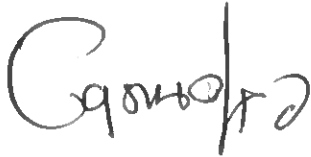
BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts at HSBC	30,891	23,804
Bank Accounts at CBF	235	227
	<u>31,126</u>	<u>24,031</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	0	0
Net Current Assets	<u>31,126</u>	<u>24,031</u>
Net Assets	<u>31,126</u>	<u>24,031</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted Funds	27,754	20,678
Restricted Funds	<u>3,372</u>	<u>3,353</u>
	<u>31,126</u>	<u>24,031</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

And signed on its behalf by: C Hornsby



Acting Chairman

The notes on pages 11 to 12 form part of these accounts

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	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
2) Donations and Legacies	42,535	0	42,535	43,191
Planned giving: tax efficient	2,443	0	2,443	2,569
Other planned giving	11,277	0	11,277	11,232
Tax recovered from Gift Aid	0	0	0	0
Other giving	0	0	0	0
Grants	2,704	0	2,704	1,021
Legacy	0	0	0	0
Donations and charitable donations	4,349	1,140	5,489	10,159
	63,308	1,140	64,448	68,172
3) Income from charitable activities	18,805	18,805	18,805	15,655
Lettings	2,194	2,194	2,194	962
Parish fees	0	0	0	0
Magazine sales	1,034	596	1,630	3,245
Fundraising	22,033	596	22,629	19,862
4) Other Trading activities	1,554	0	1,554	1,493
Contribution from solar panels	1,554	0	1,554	1,493
5) Charitable activities	45,833	0	45,833	50,501
Contribution to Common Fund	6,430	0	6,430	6,165
Salaries	3,028	0	3,028	3,379
Clergy and church expenses	104	1,140	1,244	1,508
Mission giving	305	0	305	0
Mission & evangelism	7,852	577	8,429	19,704
Church running costs	14,976	0	14,976	17,218
Cost of trading	1,291	0	1,291	1,292
Utilities	0	0	0	0
Hall repair and maintenance	0	0	0	0
Audit fee	79,819	1,717	81,536	99,767
6) Creditors	0	0	0	0
Charitable donations	0	0	0	0
7) Funds	At 1st January 2023	At 31 December 2023		Movement
Unrestricted	20,678	27,754		7,076
Fabric	1,688	1,688		0
Children's and Families	1,665	1,684		19
	24,031	31,126		7,095

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Worship and Prayer

Services throughout the past year have returned to much as they were in the years before Covid, with the restrictions on meeting now behind us. The PCC has made the decision to continue live streaming the main services and we know that people are accessing them particularly those unable to join us in person due to ill-health. Highlights from the year include Reverend Thomas's 40th anniversary of ministry in the summer of 2022, the late Queen Elizabeth II's platinum Jubilee and then of course the marking of Her Majesty's death. A condolence book was opened, with 18 pages of condolence messages from the community coming into the church. The PCC hosted a farewell service on behalf of the Solihull Deanery for Right Reverend David Urquhart as he took retirement as Bishop of Birmingham.

During the last year it was pleasing to be welcomed back into the Balsall Common Primary School with a revitalized Open the Book team and to be able to once again put on Christmas Through the Keyhole. We had 300 or more children coming into the church for this.

Our three separate teams continue to prepare and produce our non-eucharistic services, SWITCH (Sunday Worship in the Church Hall), and two more informal services held at 11am in church. These are aimed at young families although many older members also enjoy them, and both the young and older take their part in leading some of the prayers, activities, and worship. A developing band provides the music for these services. Café Church on 5th Sundays offers another informal service opportunity and is well received by those who come.

We are also serving the community through the Warm Hub initiative and through providing English conversation classes for Ukrainian guests living locally. A decision has been made to continue the Thursday warm hub beyond the initial period as it is providing a space of welcome for people to come together, chat and socialize.

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Dr Margaret Eyre
Mrs Christine Hunnisett
Dr Mark Johnson
Mrs Moira Johnson
Mrs Amy Kershaw
Mr Bryan Marlow
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Mrs Rachel Westwood
Mr Robert Farmer
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Independent Examiner's Report

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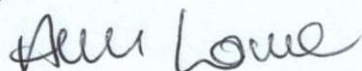
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Signed



Alison Lowe

October 2023

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Financial Review

The accounts for the year show a deficit of incoming to outgoing resources for the year of £10,342 as opposed to a deficit of £7,350 in the previous year. This is principally caused by a gradual increase in revenue as the church and hall return to pre-coronavirus pandemic activity levels, offset by increases in exceptional maintenance costs.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary giving, excluding legacies, decreased by £8,367, mainly due to lower charitable donations following the cessation of our Children and Family Mission project. The increase of £7,749 in Income from charitable activities is due to increased levels of hall rental income as the hall returns to pre-coronavirus pandemic activity levels.

Expenditure

Day-to-day running costs are generally under control. There was expenditure of £8,219 on repairs to the exterior of the church and £3,608 on an upgrade to our lighting system to allow the use of energy efficient bulbs.

Reserves Policy

Following our significant refurbishment project in 2013, our reserves policy is to rebuild our financial reserves to cover our commitments, particularly in respect of necessary maintenance of the church building.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022		2021	
	Note:	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Income and Endowments					
Donations and legacies	2	66,815	1,357	68,172	76,539
Income from charitable activities	3	18,801	1,061	19,862	12,113
Other trading activities	4	1,493	0	1,493	1,260
Total income and endowments		87,109	2,418	89,527	89,912
Expenditure					
Cost of raising funds		192	0	192	0
Cost of generating funds for voluntary income		0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	5	96,904	2,863	99,767	97,262
		97,096	2,863	99,959	97,262
Transfer Unrestricted Funds to Restricted Funds		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		-9,987	-445	-10,432	-7,350
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds brought forward		30,665	3,798	34,463	41,813
Funds carried forward		20,678	3,353	24,031	34,463

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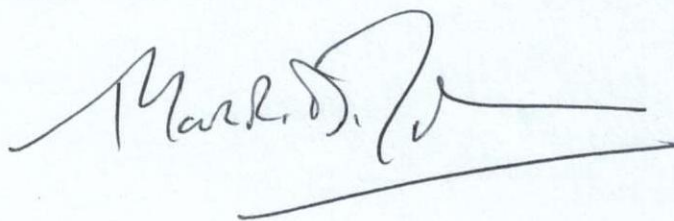
BALANCE SHEET As at 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts at HSBC	23,804	34,237
Bank Accounts at CBF	<u>227</u>	<u>226</u>
	24,031	34,463
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	0	0
	<u>24,031</u>	<u>34,463</u>
Net Current Assets		
	<u>24,031</u>	<u>34,463</u>
Net Assets		
	<u>24,031</u>	<u>34,463</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted Funds	20,678	30,665
Restricted Funds	<u>3,353</u>	<u>3,798</u>
	<u>24,031</u>	<u>34,463</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

And signed on its behalf by: Dr M Johnson

Acting Chairman



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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations (2006) together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. The financial statements contain all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Funds

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific purpose and may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any surplus of income over expenditure must be carried forward to the following year, to be expended on the same object.

Unrestricted funds represent donations or grants which may be used for the PCC's ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are accounted for when they are received. Tax refunds are accounted for when they are received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when they are received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure

Donations are accounted for when they are awarded or collected. The Common Fund is accounted for when it is due. All other liabilities are recognised when they are due and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

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	2022		2021	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
2) Donations and Legacies				
Planned giving: tax efficient	43,191	0	43,191	41,974
Other planned giving	2,569	0	2,569	2,835
Tax recovered from Gift Aid	11,232	0	11,232	12,315
Other giving	0	0	0	0
Grants	1,021	0	1,021	0
Legacy	0	0	0	2,158
Donations and charitable donations	8,802	1,357	10,159	17,257
	<u>66,815</u>	<u>1,357</u>	<u>68,172</u>	<u>76,539</u>
3) Income from charitable activities				
Lettings	15,655		15,655	9,653
Parish fees	962		962	2,377
Magazine sales	0		0	0
Fundraising	2,184	1,061	3,245	83
	<u>18,801</u>	<u>1,061</u>	<u>19,862</u>	<u>12,113</u>
4) Other Trading activities				
Contribution from solar panels	1,493	0	1,493	1,260
	<u>1,493</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,493</u>	<u>1,260</u>
5) Charitable activities				
Contribution to Common Fund	50,501	0	50,501	49,735
Salaries	6,165	0	6,165	21,479
Clergy and church expenses	3,379	0	3,379	3,740
Mission giving	151	1,357	1,508	1,751
Mission & evangelism	0	0	0	0
Church running costs	18,198	1,506	19,704	9,451
Cost of trading	17,218	0	17,218	9,623
Utilities	1,292	0	1,292	1,483
Hall repair and maintenance	0	0	0	0
Audit fee	0	0	0	0
	<u>96,904</u>	<u>2,863</u>	<u>99,767</u>	<u>97,262</u>
6) Creditors				
Charitable donations	0	0	0	0
7) Funds	At 1st January	At 31 December	Movement	
	2022	2022		
Unrestricted	30,665	20,678		-9,987
Fabric	2,688	1,688		-1,000
Children's and Families	1,110	1,665		555
	<u>34,463</u>	<u>24,031</u>		<u>-10,432</u>

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The Parochial Church Council
Of St Peter, Balsall Common
Year ended 31st December 2021**

Registered charity number 1184291

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- Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for parents and babies and young children
- Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas
- Provision and maintenance of a hall for regular public worship and other church activities, and also as a community facility available to all for recreational activities when not in use by the church

To facilitate our whole mission it is important to maintain the fabric of the church and the hall.

The PCC has complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on the safeguarding of vulnerable adults and children (under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016). Dr Mark Johnson is appointed Safeguarding Officer.

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Achievements and Performance

Ministry

The ministry team consists of the Reverend Peter Thomas, assisted by Moira Johnson, Alison Bennett and Chris Price as readers, and Livia Baciú, Children and Families Missioner.

Worship and Prayer

The worshipping life of our church has continued to happen in person and on line despite on-going restrictions, mask wearing, social distancing and so forth. Very gradually over the past year some easing has taken place and we continue to monitor opinion as to further easing. The number of in person attendance has slowly been increasing but we know there are several still being wisely cautious and remaining in attendance online only. The PCC gives thanks to all who have enabled us to record, upload, and publish our services online. This has been much appreciated not only with congregation members but also funeral, wedding and baptism families. We are aware that our services have been viewed around the world, in countries such as Singapore, Australia, United States, Japan and in Africa.

Our three separate teams continue to prepare and produce our non-eucharistic services, SWITCH (Sunday Worship in the Church Hall), Navigate and Lighthouse. These are aimed at young families although many older members also enjoy them, and both the young and older take their part in leading some of the prayers, activities and worship. A developing band provides the music for these services. Café Church on 5th Sundays offers another informal service opportunity and is well received by those who come.

The 8.00am Sunday Communion Service has not been restored pandemic restrictions, and as things stand is unlikely to do so. The attendance at this service was down to one or two although any demand for the restoration of the will be considered carefully. Wednesday mornings continues to offer a quieter alternative communion at a later time of day. The other weekday service takes place in Harper fields conducted by Moira Johnson and is attended by 20 or more residents, a true and valued service in the community.

We must continue praying for our work with the children and their parents and new people.

Other services during the year included:

- Blessing of school bags at the beginning of the school year
- Fresh fruit and vegetable harvest service – produce donated to a local food charity
- Evensong for the Day of Remembering (All Souls Day), with memorial ribbons attached to the railings at the front of the church
- 150th anniversary services and celebrations in early December 2021.

During the year we have been blessed to have Livia Baciú as part of the ministry team encouraging our work with children and families, although her work has necessarily been curtailed due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, due to a lack of funding we have been

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forced to end her paid employment. We are grateful for her continued experience and enthusiasm as a volunteer.

Throughout 2021 we have continued to offer the ministry of occasional offices, when allowed by restrictions caused by the coronavirus pandemic: baptisms, weddings, funerals and burial of ashes services, which are significant occasions for many members of the parish and beyond.

Church Centre

This year began to be able to open the church daily, for all who seek a place for quiet contemplation and prayer. The hall is usually used not only for church events, but is hired out to a range of community groups, including exercise, drama and activities for the retired, as well as being available for private parties. We were able to resume these activities in the later stages of 2021, whilst following government guidelines on hygiene and social distancing.

Pastoral

We organise several groups who meet regularly to learn more about Christianity, ask questions and express fears and doubts in a safe environment. This year these groups have met either online via Zoom, or have kept in touch via Whatsapp. Each group has a different audience and structure, so that as many as possible can attend one or more. Home communions are also available for the sick and housebound.

Mission and Evangelism

We have a small but active branch of the Mothers' Union at St Peters, who take part in activities such as knitting clothes for premature babies, and blankets and teddies. Through the Mothers' Union we have a strong link with our sister diocese in Malawi and this year we arranged a large donation of clothes, blankets, tools and school necessities via the container that the Diocese organises. A weekly group called Teenies, Tinies and Toddlers meets during the school terms to provide support and company for parents and carers of pre-school children. We also run a monthly tea party, proving a friendly place to meet particularly for older members of our community. We fundraise on a regular basis for The Childrens' Society, including at the annual Christingle service. We have continued to collect food and other essentials for Helping Hands, a local food bank.

Our church magazine has not been printed since March 2020, due to the problems that we would have experienced in distributing this. We are active on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and we have a church website where people can contact and connect with the church. In addition we have introduced a YouTube channel, where members of the congregation, and others who would not normally attend church, may access recordings of our services, along with activities for families.

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We are members of Churches Together in Balsall and Berkswell, joining with other churches in the area for coffee mornings, Lenten breakfasts, and other social activities, as well as fundraising for local and international charities.

Volunteers

The church would be unable to function without the hard work and dedication of a band of volunteers, and the PCC would like to place on record our heartfelt thanks to them all. There are too many to mention by name, but the Churchwardens, Chris Hornsby and Graham Buckingham Underhill bear a huge responsibility in organising the life of the church. This year they have been particularly hard at work, organising volunteers for services, and ensuring that hygiene and social distancing requirements are adhered to at all times when the church is open.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The current incumbent is ex officio chair of the PCC, and the Churchwardens and Deanery Synod members are ex officio members of the PCC. Other members are elected to the PCC by members of the electoral roll at the Annual General Meeting, and may also be co-opted during the year. Members of the congregation are actively encouraged to register on the electoral roll, and to stand for membership of the PCC.

The PCC are responsible for making all decisions concerning the general running of the church, the raising of funds, and the use of those funds. The PCC met 4 times during the year, and discussed a range of issues including Safeguarding, discussing the Diocese's "People and Places" initiative, and fundraising. The Standing Committee, comprising of the incumbent, Churchwardens, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer also meet outside PCC meetings when there are urgent issues to discuss. There are also a number of sub-groups which meet on a regular basis, such as the Hall Committee, who are granted powers to make decisions on particular areas, and to report back regularly to the main PCC.

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Administrative Information

The church is situated in Holly Lane, Balsall Common, CV7 7EA. It is part of the Diocese of Birmingham, within the Church of England. The church does not have a parish office phone number, but emails can be sent to spcbaisall@outlook.com. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measures 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission, number 1184291.

PCC members who have served at any time since 1st January 2021 to the date of this report are:

Ex Officio Members

The Reverend Peter Thomas
Mrs Christine Hornsby (Churchwarden)
Graham Buckingham Underhill (elected as Churchwarden 8th March 2020, resigned as Churchwarden 20 March 2022)
Sarah Roth (elected as Churchwarden 20th March 2022)
Mrs Eileen Lamb (Deanery Synod member)

Elected Members

Mrs Susan Clinton (Honorary Secretary)
Mrs Christine Lee (Honorary Treasurer)
Dr Margaret Eyre
Mrs Christine Hunnisett
Dr Mark Johnson
Mrs Moira Johnson
Mrs Amy Kershaw
Mr Bryan Marlow
Mrs Alia Pavuk
Mrs Rachel Westwood
Mr Ted Perkin (co-opted November 2021)

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the members / trustees of St Peter Balsall Common Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustee and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Signed

Alison Lowe

Alison Lowe

20 ~~September~~ 2022
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Financial Review

The accounts for the year show a deficit of incoming to outgoing resources for the year of £7,350 as opposed to a deficit of £13,463 in the previous year. This is principally caused by a gradual increase in revenue as the church and hall return to pre-coronavirus pandemic activity levels, and lower expenditure on new equipment.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary giving, excluding legacies, increased by £4,465, due to inflationary increases on our planned giving and slightly higher activity levels this year. The PCC received legacies totalling £2,158 in 2021 which have been placed in General Funds. Other charitable activities are very gradually returning following the releasing of government restrictions imposed in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Expenditure

Day-to-day running costs are generally under control. There was expenditure of £3,117 (2020 £5,444) on capital items, in particular the replacement of the projector in the church.

Reserves Policy

Following our significant refurbishment project in 2013, our reserves policy is to rebuild our financial reserves to cover our commitments, particularly in respect of necessary maintenance of the church building.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2021

		2021		2020	
	Note:	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Income and Endowments					
Donations and legacies	2	64,016	12,523	76,539	73,081
Income from charitable activities	3	12,113	0	12,113	11,486
Other trading activities	4	1,260	0	1,260	1,381
Total income and endowments		77,389	12,523	89,912	85,948
Expenditure					
Cost of raising funds		0	0	0	220
Cost of generating funds for voluntary income		0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	5	80,123	17,139	97,262	99,191
		80,123	17,139	97,262	99,411
Transfer Unrestricted Funds to Restricted Fund:		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		-2,734	-4,616	-7,350	-13,463
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds brought forward		33,399	8,414	41,813	55,276
Funds carried forward		30,665	3,798	34,463	41,813

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts at HSBC	34,237	41,587
Bank Accounts at CBF	<u>226</u>	<u>226</u>
	34,463	41,813
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	0	0
	<u>34,463</u>	<u>41,813</u>
Net Current Assets		
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Represented by		
Unrestricted Funds	30,665	33,399
Restricted Funds	<u>3,798</u>	<u>8,414</u>
	<u>34,463</u>	<u>41,813</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20 Oct 2022

And signed on its behalf by: PW Thomas

Chairman



The notes on pages 11 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations (2006) together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. The financial statements contain all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Funds

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific purpose, and may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any surplus of income over expenditure must be carried forward to the following year, to be expended on the same object.

Unrestricted funds represent donations or grants which may be used for the PCC's ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are accounted for when they are received. Tax refunds are accounted for when they are received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when they are received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure

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2) Donations and Legacies				
Planned giving: tax efficient	41,974	0	41,974	39,762
Other planned giving	2,835	0	2,835	2,055
Tax recovered from Gift Aid	12,315	0	12,315	11,046
Other giving	0	0	0	0
Legacy	2,158	0	2,158	3,865
Donations and charitable donations	4,734	12,523	17,257	16,353
	<u>64,016</u>	<u>12,523</u>	<u>76,539</u>	<u>73,081</u>
3) Income from charitable activities				
Lettings	9,653		9,653	6,435
Parish fees	2,377		2,377	1,371
Magazine sales	0		0	592
Fundraising	83	0	83	3,088
	<u>12,113</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,113</u>	<u>11,486</u>
4) Other Trading activities				
Contribution from solar panels	1,260	0	1,260	1,381
	<u>1,260</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>1,381</u>
5) Charitable activities				
Contribution to Common Fund	49,735	0	49,735	48,750
Salaries	5,875	15,604	21,479	20,606
Clergy and church expenses	3,740	0	3,740	2,939
Mission giving	216	1,535	1,751	447
Mission & evangelism	0	0	0	0
Church running costs	9,451	0	9,451	12,223
Cost of trading	9,623	0	9,623	12,679
Utilities	1,483	0	1,483	1,547
Hall repair and maintenance	0	0	0	0
Audit fee	0	0	0	0
	<u>80,123</u>	<u>17,139</u>	<u>97,262</u>	<u>99,191</u>
6) Creditors				
Charitable donations	0	0	0	0
7) Funds	At 1st January 2021	At 31 December 2021	Movement	
Unrestricted	33,399	30,665	-2,734	
Fabric	2,688	2,688	0	
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Worship and Prayer

The worshipping life of our church has been very different with the church being closed for a period of time and then only open to limited numbers in order to maintain social distancing. We have had to re-imagine how we do things in order to meet government guidelines. The PCC gives thanks to all who have enabled us to record, upload, and publish our services online. The imagination of some of our families in the way they recorded some of the readings has been inspiring, ranging from acting out in their garden or using puppets or dolls houses. We were keen not to turn anyone away or have a booking system so the technical team arranged a video link to the hall when needed. In the light of all this the PCC agreed to install a permanent camera and video streaming computer with internet access into the church so that now we can livestream, record and upload our services directly to our YouTube channel with just one person 'on the desk'. We hope to refine this and use the opportunity to reach further into our community with the Gospel.

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We must continue praying for our work with the children and their parents and new people.

Other services during the year included:

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- Fresh fruit and vegetable harvest service – produce donated to a local food charity
- Evensong for the Day of Remembering (All Souls Day), with memorial ribbons attached to the railings at the front of the church

At the beginning of 2020 the deanery of Solihull combined with the deanery of Yardley and Bordesley and we welcomed Reverend Nick Parker as Area Dean at a licensing service on 3rd March 2021

During the year we have been blessed to have Livia Baciú as part of the ministry team encouraging our work with children and families, although her work has necessarily been curtailed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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Church Centre

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We have a small but active branch of the Mothers' Union at St Peters, who take part in activities such as knitting clothes for premature babies, and blankets and teddies. Through the Mothers' Union we have a strong link with our sister diocese in Malawi and this year we arranged a large donation of clothes, blankets, tools and school necessities via the container that the Diocese organises. Unfortunately the delivery of this container was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic, and we hope that it will be delivered later in 2021. We fundraise on a regular basis for The Childrens' Society, including at the annual Christingle service. We have continued to collect food and other essentials for Helping Hands, a local food bank.

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Volunteers

The church would be unable to function without the hard work and dedication of a band of volunteers, and the PCC would like to place on record our heartfelt thanks to them all. There are too many to mention by name, but the Churchwardens, Chris Hornsby and Graham Buckingham Underhill bear a huge responsibility in organising the life of the church. This year they have been particularly hard at work, organising volunteers for services, and ensuring that hygiene and social distancing requirements are adhered to at all times when the church is open.

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PCC members who have served at any time since 1st January 2018 to the date of this report are:

Ex Officio Members

The Reverend Peter Thomas
Mrs Christine Hornsby (Churchwarden)
Mr Malcom Leighton (Churchwarden, resigned as churchwarden and from the PCC on 8th March 2020)
Graham Buckingham Underhill (elected as Churchwarden 8th March 2020)
Mrs Eileen Lamb (Deanery Synod member)

Elected Members

Mrs Susan Clinton (Honorary Secretary)
Mrs Christine Lee (Honorary Treasurer)
Dr Margaret Eyre
Mrs Christine Hunnisett
Dr Mark Johnson
Mrs Moira Johnson
Mrs Amy Kershaw (elected 8th March 2020)
Mr Bryan Marlow
Mrs Alla Pavuk
Ms Sarah Roth (elected 7th March 2021)
Mrs Rachel Westwood (elected 8th March 2020)

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Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the members / trustees of St Peter Balsall Common Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustee and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Signed



Alison Lowe

September 2021

Financial Review

The accounts for the year show a deficit of incoming to outgoing resources for the year of £13,463 as opposed to a surplus of £7,719 in the previous year. This is principally caused by a loss in income due to the coronavirus pandemic preventing fundraising, including the hire of the hall, and expenditure on camera and video streaming technology to allow the church to live-stream and record services for those unable to attend in person.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary giving, excluding legacies, increased by £9,627 this year, mostly as a result of an appeal for funds to support our Children and Families' Missioner. The PCC received legacies totalling £3,865 in 2020 which have been placed in General Funds. Other charitable activities have seen significantly reduced income due to the effect of government restrictions imposed in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Expenditure

Day-to-day running costs are generally under control. The legacy from the estate of the late Mrs Brenda Newman has been used in part to fund the purchase of camera and video-streaming technology and improvements to the grounds to open up the area of the church facing the main road.

Reserves Policy

Following our significant refurbishment project in 2013, our reserves policy is to rebuild our financial reserves to cover our commitments, particularly in respect of necessary maintenance of the church building.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2020

		2020		2019	
	Note:	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Income and Endowments					
Donations and legacies	2	58,905	14,176	73,081	79,949
Income from charitable activities	3	10,478	1,008	11,486	31,563
Other trading activities	4	1,381	0	1,381	1,309
Total income and endowments		70,764	15,184	85,948	112,821
Expenditure					
Cost of raising funds		220	0	220	440
Cost of generating funds for voluntary income			0	0	67
Charitable activities	5	83,486	15,705	99,191	104,595
		83,706	15,705	99,411	105,102
Transfer Unrestricted Funds to Restricted Fund:		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		-12,942	-521	-13,463	7,719
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds brought forward		46,341	8,935	55,276	47,557
Funds carried forward		33,399	8,414	41,813	55,276

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts at HSBC	41,587	55,591
Bank Accounts at CBF	226	226
	<u>41,813</u>	<u>55,817</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	0	541
	<u>41,813</u>	<u>55,276</u>
Net Assets	<u>41,813</u>	<u>55,276</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted Funds	33,399	46,341
Restricted Funds	8,414	8,935
	<u>41,813</u>	<u>55,276</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

6th September 2021

And signed on its behalf by: PW Thomas

Chairman

PW Thomas

The notes on pages 11 to 12 form part of these accounts

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations (2006) together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. The financial statements contain all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Funds

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific purpose, and may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any surplus of income over expenditure must be carried forward to the following year, to be expended on the same object.

Unrestricted funds represent donations or grants which may be used for the PCC's ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are accounted for when they are received. Tax refunds are accounted for when they are received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when they are received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure

Donations are accounted for when they are awarded or collected. The Common Fund is accounted for when it is due. All other liabilities are recognised when they are due and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts, in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the incumbent Vicar and the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a special faculty for disposal are inalienable church property, listed in the Church's terrier which can be inspected at any reasonable time.

Equipment used on the Church premises is capitalised if it is over £5,000 and written off over a 5 year period.

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	2020		2019	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
2) Donations and Legacies				
Planned giving: tax efficient	39,762	0	39,762	36,678
Other planned giving	2,055	0	2,055	2,702
Tax recovered from Gift Aid	11,046	0	11,046	11,313
Other giving	0	0	0	5,935
Legacy	3,865	0	3,865	20,000
Donations and charitable donations	2,177	14,176	16,353	3,321
	<u>58,905</u>	<u>14,176</u>	<u>73,081</u>	<u>79,949</u>
3) Income from charitable activities				
Lettings	6,435		6,435	18,234
Parish fees	1,371		1,371	1,468
Magazine sales	592		592	3,050
Fundraising	2,080	1,008	3,088	8,811
	<u>10,478</u>	<u>1,008</u>	<u>11,486</u>	<u>31,563</u>
4) Other Trading activities				
Contribution from solar panels	1,381	0	1,381	1,309
	<u>1,381</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,381</u>	<u>1,309</u>
5) Charitable activities				
Contribution to Common Fund	48,750	0	48,750	48,750
Salaries	5,255	15,351	20,606	19,754
Clergy and church expenses	2,939	0	2,939	3,473
Mission giving	93	354	447	1,555
Mission & evangelism	0	0	0	2,413
Church running costs	12,223	0	12,223	6,013
Cost of trading	12,679	0	12,679	18,106
Utilities	1,547	0	1,547	1,235
Hall repair and maintenance	0	0	0	3,246
Audit fee	0	0	0	50
	<u>83,486</u>	<u>15,705</u>	<u>99,191</u>	<u>104,595</u>
6) Creditors				
Charitable donations	0	0	0	541
7) Funds	At 1st January	At 31 December		Movement
	2020	2020		
Unrestricted	46,341	33,399		-12,942
Fabric	2,688	2,688		0
Children's and Families	6,247	5,726		-521
	<u>55,276</u>	<u>41,813</u>		<u>-13,463</u>

