

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST HUNTSPILL

England & Wales · Charity number 1199055

Details

Other names	WEST HUNTSPILL PCC.
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2022-05-23
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: We offer church services, baptisms, weddings, funerals and other church activities. The PCC are developing a community hub in a remodelled part of the church building offering community activities, links to community support organisations, group activities, IT hub, weekly cafe, also a daily Honesty cafe and toilet facilities for the use of all.

Classification

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

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£83,212	£93,489	-	-
2024-12-31	£119,585	£122,623	-	-
2023-12-31	£220,144	£257,216	-	-
2022-12-31	£835,038	£728,875	£185,324	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Christine Alison Judson	Chair	2021-05-29
Bronwen Francis Wright		2016-04-23
Janet Mary Hill		2023-05-20
Lynn Wiles		2019-04-27
Lynne Blackmore Mrs		2024-05-19
Margaret Rose Roper		2016-04-23
Mark Saunders		2000-04-12
Melissa Wall		2017-04-29
Nigel Dennis Maddocks		1991-04-10
Richard Mark Tiley		2007-04-22

Accounts

The Parish Church of St Peter & All Hallows, West Huntspill



Parochial Church Council: ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2025

The Parish Church of St Peter & All Hallows West Huntspill is situated to the west of the village and main A38 in Church Road and is part of the Axbridge Deanery in the diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. Correspondence address: Huntspill Rectory, Church Road, West Huntspill, Highbridge, Somerset. TA9 3RN

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity with The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Huntspill No 1199055

OFFICERS AND ADVISERS

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Administrative Information

During the year the following served as Members of the PCC

Rector	Rev'd. Christine Judson	
Churchwardens	Vacant	
Deanery Synod Representative	Mrs Bronwen Wright	
Elected Members	Mr David Lemon Mrs Melissa Wall	Vice chair Secretary, Treasurer, Data Protection, & Safeguarding
	Mr Nigel Maddocks Mr Mark Saunders Mrs Bronwen Wright Mrs Lynne Blackmore Mrs Lynn Wiles Mrs Janet Hill	Churchyard Friends of St Peter & All Hallows Electoral Roll Churches Together Friends of St Peter & All Hallows
Co-opted	Mr Richard Tiley Mrs Margaret Roper	Bell Tower Captain Social and Fund Raising

The PCC wish to thank Mr Les Roper and Mrs Margaret Roper for managing flower arranging.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (Church Parochial Council (Powers) Measure 1956). All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St Peter & All Hallows Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating in promoting within the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Achievement & Performance

For the year 2025 there were 35 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 8 were non-residents within the parish.

In connection with the Parish survey to establish the 'Parish Share', PCC members counted those who attended during October 2025.

The agreed adult Church Membership figure was 33 as it was in 2024.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

31 in 2010	31 in 2011	31 in 2012	33 in 2013
32 in 2014	32 in 2015	34 in 2016	33 in 2017
30 in 2018	28 in 2019	21 in 2020	26 in 2021
31 in 2022	32 in 2023	33 in 2024	33 in 2025

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The full PCC met seven times during the year with an average attendance of 10. Sub-committees met between meetings and items raised reported and discussed as necessary with the full PCC.

WORSHIP

In 2025 we have continued throughout the year with regular services.

1st Sunday 3pm @3 Service in the Church
2nd Sunday 11.15am Morning Worship,
3rd Sunday 11.15am Friends and Family Communion,
4th Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion,
5th Sunday 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Service
(alternates between the parishes of the benefice)

Services were held as per the liturgical calendar, The Harvest Festival was celebrated on 28th September, with 23 attending. Our normally well supported Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society was held on the 17th December, with 65 adults and 21 children.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

There were 2 Baptisms and no Confirmations during 2025.

REPORTS

CHURCHYARD REPORT 2025

The Churchyard committee has not met during the past year. The reason being was that no committee was formed. The running and maintenance of the Churchyard has been undertaken by those who have carried out the work. This appears to be working as the Churchyard has been kept clean and tidy for the past year. The work has been overseen by myself and reported to the PCC.

The work this year has been carried out by myself, Mr Colin Bird and Mr Graham Warnik, with Mr John Inder doing the strimming. We are now joined by Mr Martin Forsey.

The grass was cut and the churchyard was kept neat and tidy. The rock garden was created and planted up by Les Roper and gave a good display. The area where trees were removed was planted with grass seed, wild flower seed and daffodils and should give a nice display. The two yew trees did not survive the hot weather.

The Churchyard records are now all on computer and work to get them onto the church information board is being completed by Mr Dave Paul. There is still more to be done on this.

The grass by the Balliol Hall was removed and replaced with stone, sand and gravel. This has made the side of the path much tidier and looks better.

Work will continue in the coming year and anyone who wishes to help is welcome.

Nigel Maddocks

FINANCE REPORT TO END OF 2025

I am pleased to report the Parish Share was paid in full in 2025.

Thank you to all for generous donations made during the year and for the fundraising which is so important to the finances of the church. We saw a slight improvement in the amounts we raised at our various fundraising activities through the year and the Tea & Talks are proving very popular. The Honesty Café and Talking Cafe continue to be well supported with donations being made in cash and via the contactless payment station.

As in previous years, a claim was made on all eligible donations via the Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donation schemes. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the Treasurer, or donations can be made by standing order (form available from the Treasurer). If you are a tax payer Gift Aid can be reclaimed on any donation you make at no extra cost to yourself, please sign a Gift Aid declaration or place donations in a completed Gift Aid envelope. Envelopes are available in church. 2025 also saw an increase in the amount of donations made via the contactless payment station.

As a benefice we continued to employ an Admin assistant with the cost split between the 3 parishes. Within our parish, proceeds from the Café have allowed us to employ a cleaner once a week. The role of Activity co-ordinator came to an end as the Restoration project was signed off by the National Heritage Lottery. All works were completed within budget, with all monies reclaimed relating to the project during 2025.

Reserve amounts held in CBF accounts have been maintained. The PCC holds General Funds and also Reserved Funds which have been donated for a specific purpose. We continue to promote the Hub and the community aspect of the project, and have been delighted to see the increase in funds raised through the many fundraising projects and the development of the Hub.

The PCC reviewed the Reserves Policy, which will be maintained at a minimum of £4500 being held in the current account at all times.

Once again this year our Audited accounts have been prepared using the accruals system by John Leddy. The accounts will be lodged with the Charity Commission in due course.
Melissa Wall

SAFEGUARDING ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The PCC have adopted the House of Bishops guidelines for “Promoting a safer church” and have reviewed our Safeguarding Policy. The PCC has a rolling program to review practice, policies and training. The safeguarding contact details for the church are displayed in the church building. Any concerns should immediately be reported to the Parish Safeguarding Officer, the Rector or via the Diocesan Safeguarding team – details of which are on the diocese website. The PCC continues to use the Parish Dashboard and Safeguarding Hub available to us via the Church of England. We have worked through levels 1 & 2 and have reached level 3 (the highest level) on both. This enables us to generate an action plan to help monitor policies, practice, training and DBS checks. All DBS checks are up to date.

As Parish Safeguarding Officer I have completed all the necessary training required for the role. PCC members have continued to review and complete their required training, which varies according to role. Thank you to everyone who has completed training this year, online or in person.

Our parish continues to work closely with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team regarding ongoing safeguarding issues.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO RAISE ANY CONCERNS AS DETAILED ABOVE.

Melissa Wall.

Parish Safeguarding Officer.

HEALTH & SAFETY

We did not have a designated Health & Safety advisor during 2025 however Mr A May will fill the role from January 2026.

DEANERY SYNOD 2025

We began the year with a meeting at Draycott Church on January 25th. There had previously been such an outpouring of frustration over the faculty system that this meeting was given over to calming the waters. Another person, Jacqui Carriera-White, had been appointed to the office as full time DAC secretary to try and ease the load and backlog of cases. She may in future deal with the easier cases & leave Jenny Hollingsworth & Mark Lidster to deal with the more complex ones. We were encouraged to make use of the knowledge and advice of the DAC. Simon Baker is now the chairperson. Sometimes it helps to make a video. Each application is based on merit – 91 faculties were awarded in 2024.

June 11th meeting held at St Mary's, Wedmore – Pimms & Hymns. On arrival at 6.30pm we sat on the grass with a glass of Pimms and chatted to the other reps. Everyone moved inside at 7.15pm & the service began. Some weeks earlier we had submitted our favourite hymn but none of ours were included. We sang several hymns and the people who had chosen them talked about their choices. A very pleasant evening.

October 14th meeting at St Mary's, Berrow. Mark Saunders kindly attended in my place as I was away. The meeting was again on the subject of the Common Fund & how much each parish would be required to find for 2026. Gary Orris, on behalf of Synod, thanked Richard Neill for all he had done over his years as Area Dean.

He then introduced the discussion – benefice feedback on the experience of the new Common Fund/Parish Share methodology. Questions were – What difference has the new system made to your parish?, In the last 12 months what have been the challenges and successes of engaging more people to contribute financially to your church?, If you were going to raise £1000 would you try to find one donor or smaller sums from more people?, If there is to be a review of the system what changes would you make?

With so many parishes now in vacancy it is important for us all to keep in touch.

Bronwen Wright

SOCIAL & FUND RAISING REPORT 2025

We held 12 Tea & Talks this year averaging 30 people attending, including the VE Day Celebration by Dave Paul who brought a programme of clips and songs, with the Serendipity Singers. Also, we had a Battle of Sedgemoor talk in July which was well attended with over 70 people, history seems to be a topic that people enjoy.

In March we held a Spring Fayre with craft stalls and a ploughman's lunch which turned out to be a success.

In April King Alfred Concert Band put on a performance after needing to cancel the previous December date due to poor weather. This was well supported and the St Peter's Friends helped with the raffle.

Bingo was held twice this year with varying attendance, we are hoping to build on this in 2026 with more regulars to create a group of followers.

The Fete was cloudy and wet but a steady day, the WI supported us by doing the games.

We had a celebration with refreshments to celebrate the Heritage Lottery project ending.

The Cream Tea in July was slightly down in numbers this year.

A Teddy Bears Picnic in August was successful and lots attended – more than anticipated. The WI again helped with the games and Reverend Margaret Hayward assisted. An enjoyable and relaxing day for families.

The Car Show was not so well attended as previous years although still successful.

The Harvest Lunch had approximately 50 people attend, our folk singer cancelled at the last minute due to a farming accident and luckily recovered. We managed to get a ukulele group who entertained us with music and a sing along.

The Xmas Fayre had many different craft stalls and our popular soup lunch.

A big thank you to all our helpers and supporters throughout the year.

Margaret Roper.

BELL REPORT 2025

At present we have 7 members of the Bridgwater Branch of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. We have one person learning to ring at the moment. Not all these ring on a regular basis and we are helped by ringers from East Huntspill and Mark. We are beginning to struggle with numbers for ringing and are need of more ringers. If anyone is interested in learning to ring they can contact myself. I have been training 1 young person for his D of E award for the past 6 months, he is intending to continue ringing after D of E.

Richard Tiley
Bell Captain

CHURCHES TOGETHER 2025

At the beginning of 2025 Pat Nicholls retired and was replaced by Jade Zerk as CEO. During the year meetings focussed on 10 ideas for Diversity with Unity not Conformity. We remembered 700 years of the Nicene Creed and discussed monthly breakfasts for Somerset Church Leaders. We remembered the 27 chaplains at Glasto25 in our prayers. A rogation Service was proposed and held at St Peter & All Hallows, and went very well.

In November the AGM was chaired by Jade Zerk. The emphasis was on pushing things forward and encouraging participation. Hope Baptist Church volunteered to put the Easter crosses on Brent Knoll. Annual subs were set at £10 pa.

Moving forward it was emphasised how important it is to engage with other churches and share what is happening in each.

Lynn Wiles.

FINAL TOWER & REORDERING PROJECT REPORT 2025

We have now purchased a video camera which will allow us to record, or even live-stream services, talks, demonstrations and much more. We also have the portable projector allowing us to project videos/DVDs in the Hub, or in fact anywhere. All the tower stonework has now been completely restored and looks so much better. The building work was eventually signed off with the Completion Certificate for the additional work dated 13th June 2025, over 10 years after the improvements were first discussed at a meeting of the Now and Beyond Group in January 2015. The remaining project funds allowed us to work this year not only on the South side but also the North side and finish some parts of the West side.

We have a small amount of the grant remaining so we are able to tidy up some of the loose ends, in particular we had some issues with the heating remote control. Extra audio visual equipment has made the sound system cupboard very congested, so we also hope to resolve this with a new larger purpose made cupboard.

The repairs to the tower have hopefully made it good for many years. We have a very old Church which needs continuous maintenance, but we have at least now caught up. The reordering to the inside of the West end of the Church, with the addition of much needed toilets and a new kitchen has now bedded in well with the Monday morning café is still well attended. The Tea & Talks are becoming ever more popular and make good use of the new sound system and fixed projector and screen. The Honesty Café is growing with walkers, ramblers and some of the local dog walkers, making use of the facilities even in winter. All this could only have been made possible by the grants we received from National Lottery Heritage fund and other funders.

David Lemon.

HUNTSPILL HUB ACTIVITIES 2025

Now that the Restoration project is complete, which the village celebrated with a party in July, the focus is now on continuing the activities already taking place and developing new ideas for the future. The Heritage Booklet, which gives background history of both the Church and the village continues to sell well and we have had some lovely comments in the visitor's book. The touchscreen has also proved popular and there is also a Family Activity booklet available including activities for all ages.

The Heritage Open Day was held in September in conjunction with the Annual Car Show and celebrated the wonderful Church building and its long history. A highlight was the opportunity to climb to the top of the tower. Once again, the Christmas Tree Festival was a resounding success.

The sound system and projector purchased as part of the project have been very well used, especially in the Tea & Talks.

The three interpretation panels in the churchyard describing the local wild life and nature are an interesting addition to the churchyard. A circular walk map is available in the church, and has again proved popular, along with walk leaflets for the Coastal Path and Somerset & Exmoor Coast Trail Passport stamping station.

The regular Monday café is very popular each week, along with the Crafty Cows Craft Collective and the Local History Group. On the first Monday in the month the Village Agent is in attendance, the second Monday is IT Support. We are extremely grateful to all the volunteers who run the café or make cakes. The community spirit has made the café the success it is.

There have also been visits from the local PCSO, and the local MP. An honesty Café operates in the Hub every day 10am – 4pm.

The café has been visited by rambling and cycling groups throughout the year.

A group of volunteers, the Huntspill Hub Forum, has now been set up to monitor and action ideas for the Hub, new ideas are always welcome. Plans include launching a Community Cinema, a regular Soup Lunch and a singing group.

Melissa Wall.

THE FRIENDS OF ST PETER AND ALL HALLOWS CHURCH.

Meetings of the Friends Council are held in the Hub after café. The remit of the Friends is to help maintain the fabric of the Church building. Previously in 2024 David and Janet Hill applied for a Faculty to replace the handrail in the tower, due to Health and Safety concerns. They also visited St Cuthbert's Church in Wells to see how they had replaced their handrail. The Faculty was granted.

The first meeting on January 6th discussed member subscriptions. Robert Hopwood stepped in as Membership Secretary to chase outstanding subs and do a membership drive. The next meeting was March 3rd with an update on membership numbers and arranging the concert by the King Alfred Concert band, in conjunction with the church Fundraising Committee. A quotation for the installation of the new plastic handrail was submitted by Pat Hancock, a local builder. The Friends approved the quote of £2500. Work was carried out in May 2025. When the Friends met on July 21st the Council was pleased with the feedback from the concert and discussed arrangements for the AGM, which took place on August 30th. The “Sponsor a Step” idea had gone well and would cover the cost of the handrail replacement. The weather for the Car Show was not good and attendance was down but on the whole we were pleased with the amount raised. There was a Skittles Evening on 17th October and the Friends took part in the Christmas Tree Festival in Church. A big THANK YOU to David and Janet Hill for all they have done for the Friends. The year ended with reserves of £8500 in the bank, a great basis to work on for new projects next year.

Bronwen Wright.

RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2025, FOR THE BENEFICE OF THE HUNTSPILLS & MARK

2025 proved to be both seriously hot and significantly wet in many areas of the world, including the UK, causing major pressures to farming communities. Across the world, natural disasters and climate chaos pushed global temperatures into the top three warmest years on record, bringing all manner of challenges, from devastating floods and typhoons across Asia to hugely destructive wildfires in California.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine entered into its fourth year, the United States of America conducted military strikes against Iran and Venezuelan vessels and a cease-fire deal was reached in the Israel-Hamas war, bringing an uneasy pause to two years of fighting and the release of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners. Donald Trump entered his second term of office as US President, and international tariffs, trade wars, deportation of immigrants and 43 days of American government shut-down followed. Australia adopted the world's first social-media ban for under-sixteens and experienced a devastating anti-semitic attack on Bondi Beach, and nine pieces of 19th Century Napoleonic jewellery were stolen in broad daylight from The Louvre in Paris. Prominent deaths in 2025 included Pope Francis, actor Robert Redford, actress Diane Keaton, musician Ozzy Osbourne and animal behaviourist and chimpanzee expert Jane Goodall. As Artificial Intelligence (such as Chat GPT) increased its impact on everyday life, Leo XIV became the first American Pope, Japan and Namibia inaugurated their first female heads of government and Sarah Mullally was appointed the first woman Archbishop of Canterbury – the senior bishop of the Anglican Communion. After a narrow miss in 2024, at seventeen years of age, Luke Littler became the youngest ever World Darts Champion in 2025, and the Lionesses beat Spain to gain their second consecutive European Football Championship title.

From a national church perspective, significant steps in the direction of independent oversight of church ‘safeguarding’ were taken and ‘Living in Love & Faith’ reached the end of its current road, having met with legal obstacles and a need to redesign the future pathway. Within our Diocese, Deanery, Benefice and Parishes, this year has been one of moving toward, and into, a variety of changes. All this happened within our consistent Diocesan Vision of ‘Living and telling the story of Jesus’, with its four building blocks: 1. Valuing and cherishing the people we already have, 2. Growing new worshipping communities, 3. Developing shared local ministry and 4. Encouraging everyone to keep growing in faith, and Bishop Michael’s challenge to everyone to grow their church by one adult and one child (net) and to transform their community. Financial challenges continued, with a New Benefice Share system taking effect, which resulted in

significant Parish share increases for Mark and East Huntspill, albeit with Mark's being for one year only, due to the structural changes scheduled for the start of 2026. Further development of The Axbridge Deanery Plan, in response to the need to decrease our clergy numbers from 9 to 7, was challenging, but progress was made and plans have taken shape.

For our own Benefice, 31st December 2025 was set as the date for Mark Parish to join with Wedmore, Blackford, Allerton and Theale parishes to form the new benefice, now known as 'The Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice', and for 'The Huntspills' to continue together, with my role as their Rector being reduced to a half-time post. Having a date to work towards made this more real and enabled us to plan for, and work hard to bring about, a smooth transition. In addition to my own hours being reduced, this change necessarily reduced the hours of our Benefice Administrator, Sara Puddy, who had worked hard for many years, with a faithful commitment to the Benefice vision for 'The Huntspills & Mark'. As Rector, I remain deeply grateful for all that she has done. The new incumbent of Holy Cross Church, Mark, The Rev'd. Canon Richard Neill, has shown great wisdom in the manner in which he has sought to form their new benefice – not simply incorporating Mark Parish into current structures, but instead taking the time to form something new. This has been a privilege to witness and to be a part of (at least in its initial stages). I remain confident that with Rev'd. Richard Neill and Rev'd. Joy Hawes, and their other team members, Mark Parish is in caring and competent hands, and I look forward to seeing them all flourish, albeit from a distance.

The other major event that occurred in 2025 was the completion of the first of three phases for the Tower Project 'Saving the Heritage, Sustaining the Community'. A celebration event was held on 19th July 2025, at which the incredible achievements of David Lemon, Mel Wall, Sara Puddy and Ginny Power were gratefully acknowledged. Determination and resilience have been key factors in this 10-year marathon, succeeding despite obstacles such as an extended vacancy and a world-wide pandemic. Recovery, growth and full utilisation of the changes that have already been brought about are now needed, before phase two can be engaged with. Thanks to these people and all who have worked with them (not least architect Marcus Chantry), the National Heritage Lottery Fund and all who provided match funding, the heritage of 800 years of history in West Huntspill has been protected, and an equally important future lies ahead – one to which we look with great hope.

Alongside these challenges, our financial teams in all three parishes have continued to give of their best through 2025, seeking to make our financial situations more easily understandable and our financial decisions more robust. I have particularly appreciated the work done on budget forecasting and monitoring and believe that this has enabled all three parishes to have a firmer grasp of their financial affairs. This has involved our PCC Treasurers and several other key personnel in support of them and I am deeply grateful to them all, and indeed to our kind and generous auditor, John Leddy.

On 22nd January, Archdeacon Anne licensed Rev'd. Margaret Hayward as an Associate Priest in our Benefice. Having a clergy colleague on the team has been great, and I was especially grateful for the way in which she stepped-up during my 8-week absence in the summer, while my hip was replaced! Sadly, at the end of the year, Margaret felt that it was time to move on. Our very best wishes and our prayers remain with her, as does our gratitude that she is still able to offer us service-cover when needed. We were also sad to see Mark First School Head Teacher, Lorna Parle, leave us this year – being replaced by Oliver Laken. We wish them both well, in all of their endeavours, and we continue to value each of our schools (their staff and their pupils) and treasure the relationships that we have with them.

2025 was the 'year of many weddings' for The Huntspills & Mark Benefice – with a record 13 weddings across our three churches (7 of them at East Huntspill, which usually has 1 or 2 or maybe even none). Many thanks to our vergers and organists, treasurers and administrator for all the extra work this has entailed. Thanks also to the churchyard teams and bellringers for their contributions to making these events so special. The Church of England wedding liturgy is deeply meaningful and very beautiful, and it has been a privilege to support these couples as

they prepare for their wedding, on the day itself and as they step forward into their married lives. I am also deeply grateful to the clergy who provided cover for the weddings that I was unable to preside at, due to my hip-replacement operation recuperation (Rev'd. Margaret Haywood and Rev'd. Joy Hawes).

Through 2025, our community coffee mornings/cafes and social and fund-raising events have continued to provide a platform for valuable connections to grow. These, along with the Festival Services at Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas are at the fuzzy-edges of our churches where so many important conversations happen, fellowship is encountered, loneliness is attended to and people so often feel able to engage – all this in addition to raising much needed funds. Our three parishes each do this in their own ways and I am very grateful to the 'movers and shakers' that drive us forward – especially the bakers of the cakes, who somehow find time to produce the most wonderful delights that are appreciated by all. I am thankful that after a deeply challenging fund-raising year for East Huntspill last year (due to a myriad of reasons that were well beyond our control!), 2025 proved to be far better.

In addition to all of these things, our highlights this last year have included the following: Freda Carey's final visit before her retirement from CMS; The Farmers' Lunch, supported by the Farming Community Network, with 28 attendees – soup, bread, tea, cake and lots of conversation(!), headed up by Ann Clapp and Margaret Roper and their volunteers; Kelton Black being commended by Bishop Michael as a Local Preacher; The Bible Course being offered across our Benefice, thanks to Yolanda Patten and Kelton Black, in addition to the Lent Discussion Group facilitated by Rev'd. Margaret; a flourishing new community venture called 'Tea & Talks' at West Huntspill; a well-attended Rogation Service for Burnham, Highbridge and Area Churches Together – involving many local farmers and our Diocesan Rural Adviser Rob Walrond; the survival of West Huntspill's Annual Car Show, due to the Diocese writing this event into the new tenant's contract for using the land neighbouring the church; Flying the Somerset Flag on Somerset Day, and being featured on Radio Somerset – involving radio presenter Simon Parkin being one of the first people to use the new handrail in the West Huntspill tower (provided by the Church's Friends Group); completing the replacement of the heat pumps in East Huntspill Church Hall, thanks to a generous benefactor and concerted efforts in grant applications; provision of a community notice board on one of our new estates; Mark First School's end-of-year production in Church of 'The Tale of Three Trees' and West Huntspill's Teddy Bears' Picnic.

Alongside these highlights, the regular nature of our faith life has continued. Gathering to worship God is what we are truly about – sharing the love of Christ with our neighbours, empowered by the Holy Spirit. The events and achievements are great, but being open and available when someone is in need matters just as much, if not more! So much is done, by so many people, to ensure that we remain present, at the heart of our communities – ready, willing and able to serve them, and to serve Christ in so doing. As we look back over 2025, and as we look to the futures that lie ahead, for both of the benefices that we will be part of, may we always take time to listen to God, to follow his lead, and live in his way. Bishop Michael has asked that 2026 become known as a year of prayer – as indeed all years need to be, may the focus on prayer be a true blessing to us, and through us to all those around us.

With love and gratitude in Christ,
Rev'd. Christine Judson



Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council:

Parochial Church Council of
St Peters & All Hallows, West Huntspill

Detailed Statement of Affairs
Year Ended 31 December 2025

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S & ALL HALLOWS, WEST
HUNTSPILL**

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's & All Hallows for the 12 months ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an Independent Examination (IE) is needed. The Charity is preparing Receipts and Payments Accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for IE, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the CC under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the CC. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's unqualified statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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- b. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025
Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving	2a	6,767	-	6,767	7,317
Collections at services		1,395	-	1,395	1,468
All other giving		4,638	-	4,638	5,681
Grants		250	28,798	29,048	61,209
Gift Aid Recovered		3,025	-	3,025	2,821
		<hr/> 16,075	28,798	<hr/> 44,873	78,496
Activities for Generating Funds	2b	13,171	-	13,171	11,128
Investment Income/Interest	2c	2,496	1,706	4,202	4,514
Church Activities	2d	8,174	-	8,174	13,157
Other Receipts	2e	8,300	4,492	12,792	12,291
Total Receipts		<hr/> 48,216	<hr/> 34,996	<hr/> 83,212	<hr/> 119,586
Payments					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share		15,765	-	15,765	17,958
Salaries, wages & honoraria	3a	6,626	1,361	7,987	8,638
Clergy and staff expenses	3b	3,005	-	3,005	2,281
Mission giving and donations	3c	1,630	-	1,630	2,098
Diocesan Assignment Fees	3d	2,693	-	2,693	3,317
		<hr/> 29,719	<hr/> 1,361	<hr/> 31,080	34,292
Cost of generating funds					
Fundraising activities	3e	736	290	1,026	777
Church Expenses					
Church Running Expenses	3f	6,463	4,615	11,078	14,790
Church Utility Bills	3g	4,545	-	4,545	5,056
Other Expenditure	3h	1,380	8,337	9,717	2,812
Churchyard Costs		-	-	-	-
Major Capital Expenditure	3i	2,436	33,607	36,043	64,896
Total Payments		<hr/> 45,279	<hr/> 48,210	<hr/> 93,489	122,623
Net Income/(Expenditure) Before Investment Gains		2,937	(13,214)	(10,277)	(3,037)
Net Gain/(Loss) on Investments		-	-	-	124
Net Income/(Expenditure)		-	-	-	(2,913)
Transfers between funds		95.00	(95.00)	-	-
Net Movement of Funds		<hr/> 3,032	<hr/> (13,309)	<hr/> (10,277)	<hr/> (2,913)
Cash at Bank and in hand 1 Jan		39,406	85,513	124,919	127,832
Cash at Bank and in hand 31 Dec		<hr/> 42,438	<hr/> 72,204	<hr/> 114,642	<hr/> 124,919

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Investments		5,352	5,352	5,621
Tables & Chairs	9,911	-	9,911	9,911
Solar Panels	3,289	-	3,289	3,289
Computer Equipment	1,125	-	1,125	1,125
Kitchen Equipment	921	-	921	921
	15,246	5,352	20,598	20,867
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank Accounts				
Nat West General Fund	11,955	651	12,606	59,324
CBF Account – Bells	-	12,963	12,963	12,402
CBF Account – Miss GM Porter	-	1,340	1,340	1,223
CBF Account – Roof Fund	-	40,853	40,853	20,121
CBF Account – General Fund	30,454	16,317	46,771	30,422
	42,409	72,124	114,533	123,492
Cash				
Church	29	-	29	29
Bell Fund		80	80	80
	42,438	72,204	114,642	123,601
Other Debtors	-	-	-	1,468
Other Creditors	-	-	-	(150)
Total	57,684	77,636.05	135,319.90	145,786

Notes

1. The financial statements of St Peter's & All Hallows PCC, West Huntspill have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
a. Voluntary Receipts				
Envelopes Gift Aided	1,691	-	1,691	2,170
Bankers Orders – Gift Aided	3,930	-	3,930	4,155
Envelopes Non-Gift Aided	818	-	818	669
Bankers Orders – Non-Gift Aided	328	-	328	324
Collections at Services	1,395	-	1,395	1,468
One Off Donations – Gift Aided	330	-	330	350
One Off Donations – Non-Gift Aided	3,072	-	3,072	3,531
Donations / Appeals Non-Gift Aided	1,236	-	1,236	1,800
Grants	250	28,798	29,048	40,209
Legacies	-	-	-	21,000
HMRC Gift Aid	3,025	-	3,025	2,820
	16,075	28,798	44,873	78,496
b. Activities for Generating Funds				
Christmas Fayre	1,195	-	1,195	897
Spring Fayre	554	-	554	471
Christmas Trees	132	-	132	160
Harvest Lunch	288	-	288	414
Car Rally	4,396	-	4,396	5,718
Cream Teas	576	-	576	470
Fete	1,062	-	1,062	1,242
Easy Fundraising	101	-	101	22
Concert	346	-	346	-
Flower Arranging	100	-	100	24
Bingo	142	-	142	197
Raffles	162	-	162	104
Hymnathon	-	-	-	225
Tea & talks	516	-	516	-
VE Day	135	-	135	-
Ice Creams	35	-	35	-
Snook	120	-	120	-
Café	3,311	-	3,311	1,184
	13,171	-	13,171	11,128
c. Investment Income/Bank Interest				
Dividends	155	157	312	343
Bank Interest	2,341	1,549	3,890	4,171
	2,496	1,706	4,202	4,514
d. Church Activities				
Weddings/Funerals	7,974	-	7,974	13,157
Hub Hire	200	-	200	-
	8,174	-	8,174	13,157

e. Other Receipts				
Mark – Administration	1,972	-	1,972	1,832
East Huntspill-Administration	1,105	-	1,105	782
Expenses Contributions	1,981	-	1,981	1,620
Balliol Hall Oil Contribution	713	-	713	1,039
Feed In Tariff	271	-	271	289
VAT Reclaim	-	4,492	4,492.55	5,414
Ecclesiastical Incentive Payment	-	-	-	130
Christmas Cards	159	-	159	196
Organ Covers	-	-	-	647
Farming Network Expenses	69	-	69	-
Childrens Society	-	-	-	42
Friends of St Peters	2,030	-	2,030	-
Balliol College Annuity	-	-	-	300
	8,300	4,492	12,792	12,291

3. Payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
a. Salaries, Wages & Honoraria				
Administration Assistant	4,461	-	4,461	3,855
Activities Co-ordinator	-	1,361	1,361	2,653
Cleaner	795	-	795	780
Organist	1,370	-	1,370	1,350
	6,626	1,361	7,987	8,638
b. Clergy Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	2,133	-	2,133	2,281
Other Clergy Expenses	872	-	872	-
	3,005	-	3,005	2,281
c. Mission: Giving & Donation				
Somerset Churches Trust	30	-	30	30
Childrens Society	534	-	534	507
Christian Aid	576	-	576	840
Thomas Leach	340	-	340	333
Freda Carey Christian Mission	-	-	-	50
Friends Donation	-	-	-	246
CMS Donation	100	-	100	-
National Church's Trust	50	-	50	50
Gratuities & Honoraria	-	-	-	42
	1,630	-	1,630	2,098
d. Diocesan Assignment Fees				
Fees	2,693	-	2,693	3,317
	2,693	-	2,693	3,317
e. Fundraising Activities				
Event Activity Costs	80	290	370	220
Car Rally	656	-	656	557
	736	290	1,026	777

f. Church Running Expenses				
Maintenance	1,397	4,007	5,404	2,346
Insurance	2,668	-	2,668	2,504
Licence	145	-	145	298
Upkeep of Services	267	-	267	1,327
Wedding/Funeral Fees	1,012	-	1,012	2,184
Subscriptions	66	65	131	81
Administration	296	-	296	309
Training	60	-	60	-
IT Expenses	273	543	816	715
Cleaning	13	-	13	54
Depreciation	-	-	-	4072
Organ Repairs	181	-	181	820
Audit Fee	85	-	85	80
	6,463	4,615	11,078	14,790
g. Church Utility Bills				
Electricity	647	-	647	1,070
Oil	3,632	-	3,632	3,793
Water	266	-	266	193
	4,545	-	4,545	5,056
h. Other Expenditure				
Christmas Tree	-	-	-	138
Other Expenditure	-	50	50	79
Café Supplies	-	-	-	149
Priory Learning Trust Coach	-	-	-	180
Hub Supplies	61	-	61	154
Balliol Hall share Car Show profits	1,319	-	1,319	1,548
Overpayment/Refunds	-	-	-	414
Freeline Graphics	-	8,287	8,287	-
Balloil Hall Annuity Contribution EH	-	-	-	150
	1,380	8,337	9,717	2,812
i. Major Capital Expenditure				
Major repairs to church building	2,436	33,607	36,043	64,896
	2,436	33,607	36,043	64,89

4. Funds

	2025 £	2024 £
a. Nat West & CCLA CBF General Deposit General Fund		
Balance at 1 January	73,458	93,085
Income	81,507	118,995
Transfer's from Other Funds	2,295	-
	157,260	212,080
Expenditure	(92,171)	(118,622)
Transfer's to Other Funds	(22,000)	(20,000)
Balance at 31 December	43,089	73,458
b. CCLA CBF Late Miss GM Porter		
Balance at 1 January	1,223	975
Income		
Interest Received	55	93
Investment Income	157	155
	212	248
Expenditure		
Transfer to Nat West General Fund	(95)	-
Balance at 31 December	1,341	1,223

c. CCLA CBF Bell Fund		
Balance at 1 January-CBF	12,402	11,776
Balance at 1 January-Cash	80.00	80
Total	<u>12,482</u>	<u>11,856</u>
Income		
Interest Received	561	625
Donation	-	-
	<u>561</u>	<u>625</u>
Expenditure	-	-
Balance at 31 December-CBF	12,963	12,401
Balance at 31 December-Cash	80	80
Total	<u>13,043</u>	<u>12,481</u>
d. CCLA CBF Roof Fund		
Balance at 1 January	20,121	8
Income		
Transfers from Nat West General Fund	22,000	20,000
Interest Received	932	113
	<u>22,932</u>	<u>20,113</u>
Expenditure	-	-
Transfer to Nat West General Fund	(2,200)	-
Balance at 31 December	<u>40,853</u>	<u>20,121</u>
e. CCLA CBF General Deposit - Church Path		
Balance at 1 January	2,298	2,298
Income	-	-
	<u>2,298</u>	<u>2,298</u>
Expenditure	-	-
Balance at 31 December	<u>2,298</u>	<u>2,298</u>
f. CCLA CBF General Deposit – Mrs Palmer		
Balance at 1 January	14,018	14,018
Income	-	-
	<u>14,018</u>	<u>14,018</u>
Expenditure	-	-
Balance at 31 December	<u>14,018</u>	<u>14,018</u>
g. CCLA CBF General Deposit – Restoration Fund		
Balance at 1 January	1	1
Income	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Expenditure	-	-
Balance at 31 December	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

5. At the start of 2025, West Huntspill PCC decided to move from preparing their Accounts using the Accruals method to preparing their Accounts using the Receipts and Payments Method. To facilitate this transfer the opening Bank position had to be re-instated. A copy of that transaction can be seen below.

Opening 2025 Re-instatement for Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Closing 2024 Position – Accruals Methodology			
Tangible Fixed Assets	3,289	11,957	15,246
Investments	-	5,621	5,621
Current Assets	39,556	85,513	125,069
Liabilities	(150)	-	(150)
	42,695	103,091	145,786
Opening 2025 Position - Receipts and Payments			
Less			
Tangible Fixed Assets	3,289	11,957	15,246
Investments	-	5,621	5,621
	39,406	85,513	124,919
Represented by			
Bank Balances	38,148	85,453	123,601
Prepayments	1,408	60	1,468
Accruals	(150)	-	(150)
	39,406	85,513	124,919

Signed: _____ Date: _____
PCC Treasurer

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Priest in Charge/Church Warden



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Introduction

1. This report has been prepared by John Leddy on behalf of the Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill who are the sponsor, and to whom any queries should be addressed.

Background

2. Huntspill is a village on the Huntspill Level in Somerset, England. The village falls within the district of Sedgemoor, which was formed on 1 April 1974 under the Local Government Act 1972. It lies on the A38 road, 1.5 miles South of Highbridge. The village is the principal settlement in the civil parish of West Huntspill, which also contains the hamlet of Alstone. The ancient parish of Huntspill also included the villages of East Huntspill, Hackness and Bason Bridge, east of the village of Huntspill. The western boundary of the parish was the tidal River Parrett, but changes in the course of the river left some parts of the parish on the west side of the river until 1933, when they were transferred to the civil parish of Otterhampton. In 1949 the Civil Parish of Huntspill was abolished and divided into Huntspill All Saints and West Huntspill. The Parish of Huntspill All Saints was re-named East Huntspill in 1972.

3. The Parish Church of St Peter's & All Hallows is situated in the centre of the village in Church Road. Established by 1208, it was rebuilt around 1400 and extended in the early to mid-15th Century. It was gutted by fire in 1878 and restored over the next two years. It has been designated as a Grade 1 listed building.

4. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows oversees the Parish Church of St Peter's & All Hallows which presently has 32 people on the electoral role, and the parish is rated Category E for the purposes of the Parish Share of the Common Fund.

5. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill was one of three Anglican Church's in the United Benefice of The Huntspill and Mark and included All Saints East Huntspill, Holy Cross Church Mark and the Church of St Peter & All Hallows, West Huntspill. The benefice was formed in 2013 when the Rev Tonya arrived. On her arrival East Huntspill and West Huntspill joined with Mark to form the current Benefice. However, as of 31st December 2025 Holly Cross Church, Mark left the Benefice. The Benefice, now call The Huntspills, comes under the Axbridge Deanery and the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Aim

6. John Leddy is to conduct the Independent Examination (IE) of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025.

Approach

7. Using the Cashbook and records provided by the Treasurer, a set of Accrual Annual Accounts for 2025 was prepared and submitted for approval. At the start of 2025 the PCC decided to move from Accrual accounts back to a Receipts and Payments methodology.

8. Eligibility to examine the accounts and conduct an IE was confirmed from the Accounts prepared.

9. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill Annual Accounts for the period 1st January to 31st December 2025 were examined in accordance with Charity Commission (CC)

guidance, details are at Annex A¹. Additional investigations were conducted where necessary and supporting documentation for the operation of the funds requested if required.

10. As part of the examination discussions were held with the PCC Treasurer to ascertain answers to the CC Directions.

Findings

11. Examination of the annual report confirmed that the gross income of the PCC of St Peters & All Hallows, West Huntspill did not exceed £1 million² and the aggregate value of assets (before deduction of liabilities) did not exceed £3.26 million. Based on the information at Table 1 an Audit was not required. In addition to the upper threshold for an IE, the Gross Income is above the £25,000³ lower threshold set by the CC for an IE. The Church Accounting Regulations do require an external scrutiny of PCC Accounts, so in this case an IE was carried out. Fund Balances are:

Table 1 – PCC of St Peter’s & All Hallows, West Huntspill Balances for 2025

Serial	Fund	Gross Income (£)	Gross Assets (£)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	PCC of St Peter’s & All Hallows	83,212	135,320

12. The Gross Income of the Charity has dropped below the £250,000 threshold required for the accounts to be prepared on an Accruals basis. On inspection of the Charity accounts, the PCC of St Peter’s & All Hallows, West Huntspill have elected to prepare their Accounts on a Receipts and Payments basis.

13. The Gross Income for 2025 is below the £100,000 limit set by the Charity Commission for registration with them as a Charity. However, after consultation with the Charity Commission, the PCC have decided to remain registered. Its Charity registration number is 1199055.

14. **Points from Last Year’s Review.** Last year’s IE Report produced by John Leddy was reviewed. On inspection of that Report no material observations were documented; therefore, no points remain outstanding.

15. Whilst the PCC Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, the examiner may also prepare the statutory accounts on behalf of the Trustees. In line with CC Direction 2 this did not compromise the examiners independence as he ensured that the following requirements of the Direction were met:

- a. The accounting records had been maintained by the PCC Treasurer.
- b. The examiner has no direct involvement in the day-to-day management or administration of the charity.
- c. The trustees reviewed and approved the accounts prepared⁴.

16. **Additional Observations.** The Independent Examiners report is a statement to confirm that the Charity is operating within the accounting and governance tolerances set by the CC. After conducting the IE I have the following observations to report.

¹ Section E of the guidance explains the role, duties and 13 specific directions of an independent examiner in examining the accounts of a charity.

² Charities Act 2011 Chapter 3 Section 144(1).

³ Charities Act 2011 Chapter 3 Section 145(1).

⁴M Wall email dated 9th February 2026

- a. As required by CC Direction 13, the Trustees are to prepare a Trustee's Annual Report & Accounts which must be presented to the Church Membership at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. CC Direction 13 says that the Independent Examiner must see this document and compare it back to the Accounting Information provided. No Trustee's Annual Report was provided.

Recommendations

17. It is recommended that;

- a. After the APCM, a copy of the Trustee's Annual Report is sent to the Independent Examiner for his records.

Conclusion

18. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill has received an unqualified report which can be found at Enclosure 1.

Annex:

- A. The Charity Commission's Directions on the IE of Charity Accounts.

Enclosure:

1. IE Report for 1 Jan to 31 Dec 25 – The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill.

THE CHARITY COMMISSIONS DIRECTIONS ON INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF CHARITY ACCOUNTS

1. The CC produce an examiners' guide to IE of Charity Accounts. It is specifically written for Independent Examiners and explains their role and duties in examining the accounts of a charity. In accordance with Section E of the guidance the 13 specific directions and how they were addressed are as follows:

- a. **Examination and accounting thresholds.** The annual report for the period 1 Jan – 31 Dec 25 was examined to confirm IE thresholds⁵ had not been breached. The Income information was below the Audit requirements, but above the CC guidelines for an IE to be carried out. Therefore, an IE was required for 2025.
- b. **Conflicts of Interest.** The examiner was not influenced or perceived to be influenced in any way as he did not have any close personal relationships with the PCC Members, was not a major donor to the PCC, did not have any control of funds and was not involved in the day to day running of the PCC.
- c. **Documentation.** Working papers were examined and evident. All procedures carried out and any matters arising to support conclusions reached or statements provided in the report have been documented.
- d. **Understanding the charity.** Detailed briefs and free access to all charity documentation ensured a full understanding of the charity's constitution, organisation, accounting systems, activities and nature of its assets, liabilities, incoming resources and application of resources.
- e. **Accounting records.** The charity accounting records have been subject to a review and appear complete and consistent with statutory requirements.
- f. **Comparison with accounting records.** A comparison of the charity's accounts with the accounting records in sufficient detail was carried out which provides a reasonable basis to decide that the accounts are consistent.
- g. **Accruals Basis Checks.** The accounts were checked for related party transactions, and if any were found these were disclosed in the notes to the accounts.
- h. **Accounting policies estimates and judgements.** Reviewed the accounting policies adopted and consider their consistency with the SORP and their appropriateness to the activities of the charity.
- i. **Financial circumstances and Going Concern.** The examiner checked whether the Trustees have considered the financial circumstances of the Charity at the end of the reporting period and have made an assessment of the Charities position as a going concern when approving the Accounts.
- j. **Form and Content of the Accounts.** The examiner carried out procedures as considered necessary to provide a reasonable basis on which to conclude whether or not the accounts have been properly prepared. The examiner checked that they can lawfully

⁵ Gross income greater than £0.025 and not to exceed £0.25M for receipts and payments, gross income not to exceed £1.0M and the aggregate value of assets should not exceed £3.26M otherwise a full audit is required.

prepare Receipts and Payments Accounts, that all accounting statements are present, and the funds of the Charity can be correctly identified.

k. **Analytical Review.** The examiner carried out an analytical review of the current accounts to identify if any entries required further explanation or evidence. The 2025 Accounts were compared with the 2024 Accounts to see if any material changes could be identified.

l. **Compare the Trustees Annual Report with the Accounts.** No Trustee's Annual Report for 2025 was provided for inspection.

m. **Examiner's report.** The IE report can be found at Enclosures 1.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PCC OF ST PETER'S &
ALL HALLOWS, WEST HUNTSPILL**

I report on the accounts of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill for the 12 months ended 31st December 2025, which are set on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an IE is needed. The Charity is preparing Receipts and Payments Accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for IE, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the CC under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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- a. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- b. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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10th February 2026

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**ST PETER & ALL HALLOWS - WEST HUNTSPILL
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

*REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024*

Administrative Information

During the year the following served as Members of the PCC

Priest in Charge/Rector Revd. Christine Judson

Churchwardens Vacant
 Vacant

Assistant Churchwarden Janet Hill
Assistant Churchwarden Mark Saunders
Assistant Churchwarden David Lemon

Deanery Synod
Representatives Mrs Bronwen Wright
 Lynn Wiles

Elected Members Mr David Lemon Vice chair
 Mrs Sylvia Sims (Honorary)
 Mr Nigel Maddocks Churchyard
 Mr Mark Saunders Electoral Roll
 Mrs Mel Wall Treasurer, Data Protection and Safeguarding
 Mrs Bronwen Wright Deanery Synod
 Mrs Lynn Wiles Churches Together & Deanery Synod.
 Mrs Lynne Blackmore

Co-opted Mrs Melissa Wall and Mrs Sylvia Lemon Joint Secretaries
 Mr Richard Tiley (Bell Tower Captain)
 Mrs Margaret Roper Social and Fund Raising
 Mrs Bronwyn Fraley Health and Safety

The PCC, wish to thank Mr Les Roper and Mrs Margaret Roper for managing Flower arranging.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the church representation Rules (Church Parochial Council (Powers) Measure 1956. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St Peter & All Hallows Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating in promoting within the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Achievement & Performance

For the year 2024 there were 35 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 8 were non-residents within the parish.

In connection with the Parish survey to establish the 'Parish Share', the Assistant Churchwardens counted those who attended during October 2024

The agreed adult Church Membership figure was 33 as compared with 32 in 2023.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

33 in 2009	31 in 2012	32 in 2015	30 in 2018
31 in 2010	33 in 2013	34 in 2016	28 in 2019
31 in 2011	32 in 2014	33 in 2017	21 in 2020
26 in 2021	31 in 2022	32 in 2023	33 in 2024

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The full PCC met seven times during the year with an average attendance of 10. Sub-committees met between meetings and items raised reported and discussed as necessary with the full PCC.

WORSHIP

In 2024 we have continued throughout the year with regular services.

SUNDAY

1st	Sunday	3pm @3 Service in the Church
2 nd	“	11.15am Morning Worship,
3 rd	“	11.15am Friends and Family Communion,
4 th	“	11.15am Holy Communion,
5 th	“	Benefice Holy Communion Service (alternates between the parishes of the benefice)

Services were held as per the liturgical calendar, The Harvest Festival was celebrated on the 22nd September, with 31 attending. Our normally well supported Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society was held on the 1st December, with 74 adults and 24 children.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

There were 3 Baptisms and no Confirmations during 2024.

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CHURCHYARD REPORT 2024

The Churchyard committee has not met during the past year. The reason being was that no committee was formed. The running and maintenance of the Churchyard has been undertaken by those who have carried out the work. This appears to be working as the Churchyard has been kept clean and tidy for the past year. The work has been overseen by myself and reported to the PCC.

The work this year has been carried out by myself, Mr Colin Bird and Mr Graham Warnik, with Mr John Inder doing the strimming.

The grass was cut and the churchyard was kept neat and tidy. The adverse weather at the beginning of this year, damaged a number of trees. The main ones at the front of the church lawns. These have been removed the area cleared and is being landscaped to form a rock garden and flower and grass area. The millennium yew trees have been replanted in this area.

The Garden of Rest has been enlarged to give burial space for the future, around three hundred grave plots.

The Churchyard records are now all on computer and work to get them onto the church information board is being completed by Mr Dave Paul.

A 'war graves' sign was applied for and is in place by the main gate. We have seven war graves and have been the subject of research by the Scouts.

Work will continue in the coming year and anyone who wishes to help is welcome.

Nigel Maddocks

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church Electoral Roll now stands at 35, 8 of which are non-residents. Mark Saunders stepped down as Electoral Roll Officer at the end of 2024 and handed over to Lynne Blackmore. The Electoral Roll will be renewed in 2025.

Finance report to end of 2024.

I am pleased to report the Parish Share was paid in full in 2024.

Thank you to all for generous donations made during the year and for the fundraising which is so important to the finances of the church. We saw a slight improvement in the amounts we raised at our various fundraising activities through the year and the Tea & Talks are proving very popular. The Honesty Café and Talking Cafe continue to be very popular with donations being made in cash and via the contactless payment station.

As in previous years a claim was made on all eligible donations via the Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donation schemes. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the Treasurer, or donations can be made by standing order, form available from the Treasurer. If you are a tax payer Gift Aid can be reclaimed on any donation you make at no extra cost to yourself, please sign a Gift Aid declaration or place donations in a completed Gift Aid envelope. Envelopes are available in church.

As a benefice we continue to employ an Admin assistant with the cost split between the 3 parishes. Proceeds from the Café have allowed us to employ a cleaner once a week. We continue to employ an Activity co-ordinator for the Huntspill Hub, the cost being met through the Restoration Project budget, this paid role will cease in 2025.

Reserve amounts held in CBF accounts have been maintained. The PCC holds General Funds and also Reserved Funds which have been donated for a specific purpose. As we continue to try and meet our financial challenges we have also continued to manage the finances for the Restoration Project. The capital works have been mostly completed and we continue to promote the Hub and the community aspect of the project. We look forward to the project being completed and signed off this year. The PCC reviewed the Reserves Policy which will be maintained at a minimum of £4500 being held in the current account at all times.

Once again this year our Audited accounts have been prepared using the accruals system by John Leddy. The accounts will be lodged with the Charity Commission in due course.

Safeguarding Annual report 2024.

The PCC have adopted the House of Bishops guidelines for “Promoting a safer church” and have reviewed our Safeguarding Policy. The PCC has a rolling program to review practice, policies and training. The safeguarding contact details for the church are displayed in the church building. Any concerns should immediately be reported to the Parish Safeguarding Officer, the Rector or via the Diocesan Safeguarding team – details of which are on the diocese website.

The PCC is now using the Parish Dashboard and Safeguarding Hub available to us via the Church of England. We have worked through levels 1 & 2 and have reached level 3 (the highest level) on both. This enables us to generate an action plan to help monitor policies, practice, training and DBS checks. All DBS checks are up to date.

As Parish Safeguarding Officer I have completed all the necessary training required for the role. PCC members have continued to review and complete their required training, which varies according to role. Domestic Abuse Awareness training has been completed online and also in person, in conjunction with a neighbouring parish. Thank you to everyone who has completed training this year, online or in person.

Our parish continues to work closely with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team regarding ongoing safeguarding issues.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO RAISE ANY CONCERNS AS DETAILED ABOVE.

Melissa Wall.

Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Deanery Synod 2024

We began the year with a meeting at Flourish House, Wells on Saturday 27th January, it was well attended and the theme was Proclamation – mission connecting to others. We are all called to be disciples and get alongside other people. God opens doors, so take the opportunities.

In February I joined with Sylvia and David Lemon and went to a deanery meeting at St Peter's Milton, Weston-Super-Mare, which is in the Bath Deanery. Later that month Janet Hill and I went to a Deanery meeting at St John's Taunton. At both these meetings concerns were raised about the cut backs in priest numbers throughout the diocese and the new method for calculating the parish share. Only 20% of benefices pay their full amount and this situation is untenable. There was great concern about what would happen if a parish was unable to find the full amount.

The Synod on May 29th was at St Andrew's, Cheddar and I was away on holiday but Lynn Wiles and Janet Hill went. I gather that Richard Neill spent a long time talking to Yolanda and Karen from Mark about their move in 2025 to be with Wedmore benefice and how this was going to work.

The Deanery Synod meeting on October 16th was at St Peter and All Hallows. We had a lot of PCC members in the Axbridge Deanery attend. The following people from diocesan central services attended – Matthew Pinnock (Finance and Common Fund), Mark Lister (Buildings), Natalie Wainwright (Fundraising and Giving), Julia Hill and Caroline Bruce (General Parish Development) and some members of the Communication Team.

There were a lot of questions and discussion especially about the Faculty System and the common fund.

It was the first time that a Deanery Synod had convened this type of event and I thought it was a tremendous success.

Bronwen Wright

Social report 2024

We have had several tea and talks on many different topics and averaging 30 people at these events.

Our first spring FAYRE with craft tables and ploughman's lunches went well.

We also had a flower demonstration in June from Angie Blackwell from Ilminster using an alternative to oasis, this was attended by many people from across the area.

We held two bingo's in September and December, one successful and the other a little disappointing.

Other events included the summer fete, cream tea, car show, harvest lunch and Christmas fayre.

Let's hope this years events are as successful and supported. We would like to thank all our volunteers for their help.

Bell Report 2024

At present we have 7 members of the Bridgwater Branch of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. Not all these ring on a regular basis and we are helped by ringers from Mark and East Huntspill. We are struggling with numbers for ringing and are in need of more ringers. If anyone is interested in learning to ring they can contact myself.

The chiming mechanism still requires some attention if we wish to use them.

Richard Tiley
Bell Captain

Activity Report 2024

2024 marked the sixth year of St. Peter & All Hallows National Lottery Heritage Funded project and the second full year of my tenure as Activities Co-ordinator. It has been an extremely busy year with many events taking place throughout the year. I was told to keep this brief but so much has taken place – here is a quick canter through the year!

This year we became an official part of the Somerset Coastal Path passport with our own souvenir stamp. We also produced stickers for visitors that have been available alongside the walks leaflets that are a popular source of activity for walkers. This year we are finalising a circular walk leaflet starting and finishing at the Church including a QR code – thank you to everyone involved in proofreading!

In April we had a tea celebration for National Tea day and also launched the Huntspill Heritage Centre, an interactive touchscreen, wall hangings depicting the history of the Church and the Huntspills, a heritage booklet and other heritage products for purchase and a Big Map mat created by children and the donated Victoria County History of Somerset from an archive in the North-West of England that is available for research in the Church and is also available on Heritage Open Days and during other Church events.

In June the Project Team were proud to announce the publication of a booklet that

documents not only the history of St. Peter and All Hallows Church, but also features the history of the Huntspill's, covering topics such as social life in the village and the history behind the Balliol Hall. Many local folk were involved in its creation, and it has proved to be very popular.

July saw us celebrate our Huntspill Heroes for National Thank You Day when we had a fantastic celebration of our local heroes, awarding them with certificates, trophies and of course Heroes chocolates! This really brought all the community together. For the first time we also took centre stage at Burnham-on-Sea public library for two months promoting the Community Café, our local author and all the other activities that take place in the Hub.

Alongside the 2024 car show we became, for the first time, a destination for the national Heritage Open Days and we had the Church open for everyone to come and explore the interactive screen, see the restored painting that survived the fire of 1878 and the historical fragments we found during the restoration of the Church.

In the Autumn of 2024 we welcomed the Scouts who created an amazing Remembrance Sunday collage to add to the spectacular displays produced by Les and Margaret Roper.

They have since been back for a trip up to the Tower and have asked for a Christmas tree for 2025.

The Christmas Tree festival was a huge success this year with no less than 14 trees (in our first year we had 8!) produced by various local businesses and community groups on the theme of the '12 Days of Christmas'. We are already building momentum for Christmas 2025 with requests from 3 new organisations to add to those 14!

The Community Café continues to go from strength to strength with many regulars (50/60 people on average). Thank you to all the volunteers who give up their time to make cakes, act as hosts and hostesses on the Mondays and who organise the occasional raffle! We continue to have the Village Agent present at the Community Café on Monday mornings once a month, and also the services of Dave Paul with his knowledge and expertise with IT for which we are very grateful. We also get occasional visits from the police (social visits!).

It should be noted that as a Project Team we are required to fulfil the activities that are stated (and a contractual requirement under which funding was given) in the Activity Plan which covers the period of project funding; this will end with the conclusion of the project in June 2025. However, this means that beyond this date St. Peter All Hallows will be in a position to explore other exciting events and opportunities as it seeks to become a sustainable and viable community resource. There is lots more to come in 2025 and beyond! We are currently having a Churchyard survey conducted by the Somerset Botany Group (part of the Wilder Churches initiative) to investigate the flora and fauna in the area and we

are finalising interpretation panels for the Churchyard that will feature the findings, alongside historical and natural history for everyone to enjoy.

There are other potential ideas currently being discussed including future musical concerts, a community cinema, further Farmers Lunches, etc. There are exciting times ahead. For those of you who are not aware, owing to my ongoing health issues I am to take early retirement from my full-time job at the University, and consequently Rob and I have sold our house in West Huntspill and will be moving to Axbridge in the very near future. This means that, unfortunately, once my tenure as Activities Co-ordinator finishes in June I will no longer be in the village. However, I will not be very far away to come and support events as they

happen, and we will still be in the same Deanery! Thank you to all of you who have supported me in the role of Activities Co-ordinator and I wish you all well for the future.

Date for your diaries: Saturday 19th July 2025 – Project Celebration

Ginny Power

Activity Co-ordinator

Report on the Tower and Reordering Project 2024

As much of the building and reordering work on the Church is now complete the emphasis turns to using the newly created Hub space for Activities which you will find well described in the Activity Report. During 2024 wall hangings and information panels were installed in the Hub. From these we produced a Heritage Booklet which gives background history of both the Church and the village. The wall hangings have created interest for visitors, and the booklet has proved popular, and has sold steadily to both locals and visitors. A leaflet to promote the Hub has also been created, and circulated to the tourist information centre, library, super-markets and holiday camps.

The Heritage Open Day was held on the 14th September in conjunction with the Annual Car Show and celebrated the wonderful Church building and its long history,

A new Sound System and a permanent projector with retractable screen has been installed to enhance both Church services and talks, with the possibility of a Silver Screen club.

Looking forward to 2025, we are going to purchase a video camera to allow us to record, and even live-stream services, talks, demonstrations and so much more. To allow the projection of videos etc. in the Hub or in fact anywhere we are purchasing a portable projector all paid for by the project.

We are to complete the restoration of stonework on the South lower stage of the tower, which had originally been shelved due to financial constraints. The notice board to the left of the main gate was destroyed in the gales of December so is to be replaced, and the other notice board updated.

As almost the last part of the Interpretation in the Project, we are to have three interpretation panels in the churchyard describing the local wild life and nature, a circular walk and the Church.

It is so nice to see the Church building looking good and being used much more.

Assistant Churchwardens' Report 2024

Looking back over the calendar for 2024 I realise that we became increasingly busy and we have benefited from a much improved website. We appreciate that there are many friends and members of the community who make themselves available, when asked to help, which enables us to run many of the events during the year.

It has been good that the Monday morning café was able to keep open, due to the help of all the volunteers, throughout the year. The Community appreciate the regular visit of the Village Agent, IT help and the police. It is encouraging to hear many comments of appreciation of the facilities we offer each day in our church and there are lovely comments in the Visitors book.

Christian Aid week was especially busy with delivering and collecting envelopes to every house in the parish especially that we now have new residents in the Brue Place area.

The Friends of St Peter and All Hallows church continued successfully to sell "steps" in the Church Tower to fund the installation of a Hand rail and the Faculty was approved and a contractor appointed to carry out the work according to the specification. This work is due to start soon.

A great benefit to our services is the purchase of new hymn books entitled 'Hymns Ancient and Modern - Hymns and Songs for refreshing worship'. They were bought with money raised in the past and a legacy. It is good to see people are enjoying handling the books and it is an eco-friendly way of saving the paper and ink wastage each week.

During the year after much discussion it was decided, to aid the Finances of the Diocese, that our Deanary should reduce the number of clergy from nine to seven. To achieve this Rev. Chris has agreed to be part time Rector for All Saints Church in East Huntspill and St Peter and All Hallows Church, West Huntspill from the end of 2025 when Holy Cross Church, Mark will be linked to their neighbouring Benefice.

Obviously it will be challenging for everyone concerned with running the churches but with trusting in our Lord's guidance and by working together our Christian witness will continue to thrive.



RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024

2024 was a leap year that was marked by historic elections and global unrest. People in more than 60 countries, representing almost 50 percent of the world's population, went to the polls in 2024. Voters in Mexico and the United Kingdom chose new leaders, with Keir Starmer's Labour Party winning a landslide victory, while a former U.S. president was elected to a second term in the White House. In the UK, King Charles and Princess Kate both needed time away from their Royal duties while they underwent cancer treatment. Military conflicts continued as the Russia-Ukraine War entered its third year and the fighting surrounding the Israel-Hamas War spread. A number of natural disasters also made headlines, most notably Hurricane Helene and flooding in Spain and in many parts of Britain. Prominent deaths in 2024 included the Russian Opposition Leader, Aleksey Navalny, and American record producer Quincy Jones. Pop star, Taylor Swift wrapped up her record-setting world tour, and the film 'Oppenheimer' was the big winner at the Oscars. Developments in Space Exploration continued, as they did in Artificial Intelligence – bringing both amazement and concern. Climate change also continued, with another 'hottest year on record', and the average global temperature proved to be 1.5° C hotter than during pre-industrial times. Truly a year of transformation, global engagement and apprehension, despite the world coming together for the Olympic and Paralympic games in Paris.

From a national church perspective, 'safeguarding' has been key, with challenging reports and the resignation of Justin Welby as the Archbishop of Canterbury. Living in Love & Faith, and the opt-in Prayers of Love and Faith have also met with much division across the church. Within our Diocese, Deanery, Benefice and Parishes, this year has been one of clarification, development, consolidation and adjustment to changes brought forward from 2023. Bishop Michael has continued to develop the Diocesan Vision of 'Living and telling the story of Jesus' by identifying four building blocks: 1. Valuing and cherishing the people we already have, 2. Growing new worshipping communities, 3. Developing shared local ministry and 4. Encouraging everyone to keep growing in faith. He then extended this to challenge everyone to grow their church and to transform their community. Financial challenges have continued, with a New Benefice Share system being developed through 2024, and put in place for 2025. The ramifications of this new system are significant in terms of Parish share increases – for Mark and East Huntspill as of 2025, and for West Huntspill from 2026. Further development of The Axbridge Deanery Plan, in response to the need to decrease our clergy numbers from 9 to 7, has been challenging but some progress has been made and some clarity found.

For our own Benefice, 31st December 2025 has now been set as the date for Mark Parish to join with the Isle of Wedmore Team and The Huntspills to continue together, with my role as their Rector being reduced to a half-time post. Having a date to work toward has made this seem more real and has enabled us to start to plan for a smooth transition. In addition to my own hours being reduced, this change will also necessarily reduce the hours of our Benefice Administrator, Sara Puddy. I would like to acknowledge Sara's faithful commitment to the Benefice vision for 'The Huntspills & Mark'. Through continually seeking to increase communication, using the shared website calendar as a means to co-ordinate activities, producing and maintaining a worship calendar for the year and many more actions Sara has worked tirelessly to enable our three parishes to function as one entity, whilst maintaining their own diversity. As Rector, I am deeply grateful for all that she has done and continues to do in this arena, and I am in no doubt that her commitment to this will make it possible for us to translate into the new arrangement as smoothly as possible. Once this has been done, the financial challenges for Mark parish will, I hope, be reduced, however for The Huntspills they will be significantly increased, due to the additional penalties being applied to part-time posts. Particularly when this situation has been brought about by a Deanery Plan, it seems seriously unjust that they should be left to shoulder this burden alone and I hope and pray that both the Deanery and the Diocese will recognise this. On a more positive note, I would like to pay tribute to our financial teams in all three parishes for the hard work and determination that they have shown through 2024, as we have sought to make our financial situations more easily understandable and our financial decisions more securely made. I have particularly appreciated the work done on budget forecasting and monitoring and believe that this has enabled all three parishes to have a firmer grasp of their financial affairs. This has involved our PCC Treasurers and several other key personnel in support of them and I am deeply grateful to them all, and indeed to our kind and generous auditor, John Leddy.

Through 2024, a thriving aspect of ministry in all three parishes of our benefice has been the community coffee mornings/cafes and social and fund-raising events. These, along with the Festival Services at Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas are at the fuzzy-edges of our churches where so many important conversations happen, fellowship is encountered, loneliness is attended to and people so often feel able to engage – all this in addition to raising much needed funds. Our three parishes each do this in their own ways and I am very grateful to the 'movers and shakers' that drive us forward – especially the bakers of the cakes, who somehow find time to produce the most wonderful delights that are appreciated by all.

An important change in 2024 concerned our three websites. For many years these had been hosted by Rev Simon Bale, Curate in Highbridge in 2013-2016. This arrangement was very generous of Simon, but did result in significant difficulties. In 2024, thanks to the incredible hard work of Sabina Brooks, we moved to a more efficient arrangement of one basic website, with each parish having their own access point, hosted locally. The new site is looking good, though is always a work in progress – so please do continue to feed back any thoughts you have. Huge thanks to Sabina for her tireless commitment to this project.

Some of our highlights this last year have been: Mark First School's Nativity at Holy Cross – where they made good use of the enormous Christmas Tree – donated by a villager – for their presentation of Christmas wreaths, each illustrating a different aspect of Christmas. Kelton Black starring in a promotional

video encouraging others to engage with the New Pathway to Ministry being pioneered by our Diocese. Sharing the historic 'Huntspill Bible' with pupils at East & West Huntspill School during a session considering how 'The Bible' was formed, as part of their Religious Education. Participating in Interfaith Studies in Mark, East Brent and Lympham Primary Schools as they considered different faith approaches to 'Light'. Provision of Safeguarding Training in-person in our Benefice, made possible thanks to Sabina Brooks. Engagement with the Diocesan Rural Ministry Focus Group and Magnificat Parishes Group, providing support, aiding communication and raising awareness. The total surprise of discovering a complete set of Nativity costumes produced over-night by a member of the craft group that meet in Huntspill Hub – they transformed the Nativities and were a blessing beyond measure!

Outreach through the pastoral offices remains a hugely important aspect of our being. Across the three villages we baptised 10 children and 2 adults, held 8 weddings and conducted 31 funerals (plus 7 interment of ashes only).

Generally, when people attend these events there is a great deal of good will toward the church, and a feeling of belonging is felt. We have sought to maintain our contacts with one aspect of this through Annual Baptism Celebration Services – to which we invite all those who have been baptised recently. These went well this year – the attendance level remains quite low, but any who do come seem to enjoy the service. Our vergers play a key role in all of these services and I am hugely grateful to them for this. Ministering among people at such important times of their lives is always a privilege. Management of our churchyards supports the life of our churches and our villages and mostly happens unseen. Mark's closed churchyard is now maintained by Somerset County Council Maintenance Programme, and although the first cut of the grass was very late in happening this year, this has since improved. East Huntspill Parish Council have continued to support their churchyard with a much-appreciated donation, making it possible for us to provide care for the village's only burial ground – this year Nick and Heather Baker took this on and have done a magnificent job. West Huntspill Parish Council made again a donation toward the upkeep of the machinery used by the team in that place – a small team that does a marvellous job caring for the huge and varied churchyard. In addition to this, all of our churchyards benefit hugely from every hour of care that is provided by other volunteers. You know who you are – and on behalf of all of our villagers, past and present, 'THANK YOU!'.

Ministry and outreach to young people in our parishes remains a priority. Karen Moncrieff and Yolanda Patten run a small but very positive monthly Youth Group, which is valued by those who attend, and a welcoming gateway to further church involvement. All three of our churches seek to engage with the families and children in their parishes and have developed their children's areas to express their welcome. Attendance at our all-age services varies, according to their timing, but they seem to be making progress. Use of technology, particularly data-projector and screen, is often helpful with this. Involvement in schools has continued to be valued and developed. In January, Mark First and Pre-School received a very positive SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) report and in October many pupils from Mark School attended the Harvest Festival in Church, together with their Head Teacher. This was in addition to the regular Christmas visits, and clergy assemblies, involvement in lessons etc. that happen for all the schools across the Benefice. Sadly, since then, their Head Teacher has not been well – our thoughts and prayers remain with her, and with all at the school as they undergo a change of Head Teacher.

It was with deep sadness that we learned of the death of Rev Ian Girling in April 2024, after a comparatively short illness. He was a delightful priest, very supportive of our Benefice, and provided both cover and encouragement - he is deeply missed, but we know that he is now with the Lord. Through 2024 our Lay Worship Assistant Team grew, as Kelton and Sharon Black were commended for this ministry and joined Jon Glauert, Pat Morgan, Yolanda Patten and Mark Saunders. As a Ministry Team we meet bi-monthly to support each other, to learn together and to discern God's guidance. I am very grateful to each one of them for all that they do to serve God across our Benefice. Thanks to the generosity of his incumbent, Rev Martin Little in Highbridge, by the end of 2024 we were pleased to welcome Canon Richard Eyre (retired from Lincolnshire) as an occasional priest, providing cover and extra duties. Although his primary commitment is to Highbridge parish, we are delighted to have him also minister amongst us. Rev Joy Hawes has also stepped in to help with holiday cover when needed, despite her main commitment being to The Isle of Wedmore Benefice. Rev Christine Nelmes continues to regularly read the gospel at Mark Church, which is much appreciated by us all, as is her constant encouragement. As 2024 came to a close we were looking forward to welcoming an associate priest, Rev Margaret Hayward, coming to join us in January 2025, offering 1 or 2 days ministry a week. We were also looking forward to Kelton Black being commended as a Local Preacher and Louise Trott pursuing the Lay Pastoral Assistant training. Musically, our organists continue to do a sterling job – Sue Elsworth at East Huntspill, David Hill at West Huntspill and Nigel Parkin at Mark – and we are very grateful to them all. Likewise, our Bell Ringers – those who are part of the regular crew, and those who step in from elsewhere to enable the bells to be rung – it is always such a joy to hear the bells at Mark and West Huntspill and the chimes at East Huntspill...THANK YOU!

Following on from the building works conducted at Mark and West Huntspill churches last year, these churches have sought to develop their activities to make full use of the facilities now available. For East Huntspill, 2024 saw the church being decorated, and some repairs made, along with a replacement of one of the heat pumps in the church hall. Heat pumps had been placed in the hall over twenty years ago, which sounds quite ahead of the time. The West Huntspill project: 'Saving the heritage, sustaining the community' has continued to progress, moving into a time of evaluation, as the project nears its final stage. The small team heading this up have given of their best for a very long period of time, and as the project draws to a close next year we have much to be grateful to them for. Thankfully Dave Paul stepped in as Chair of the Classic & Vintage Vehicle Show at West Huntspill, and I have been working with him this year to tackle the difficulty of venue for this show, as the tenant farmers who so generously supporting both this show and West Huntspill's Horticultural Show each year with the provision of the field decided to lay down their tenancy. By the end of 2024 we were hopeful that this had been resolved, and we are now confident of this.

This report may seem rather long, but in many ways I have only just started! There are so many other contributions to the life and being of our churches and communities in The Huntspills & Mark that I have not yet mentioned, and I hope you will forgive this. That it is difficult to select the things to include is surely a sign of a vibrant fellowship – one that I am honoured to serve.

Thank you for all that you are doing and being within our life together. May God continue to lead us onward, through the changes that lie ahead, and empower us all to become everything that we have been created to be!

With love and gratitude in Christ,
Rev'd. Christine Judson.

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Parochial Church Council of
St Peters & All Hallows, West Huntspill

Detailed Statement of Affairs
Year Ended 31 December 2024

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S & ALL HALLOWS, WEST
HUNTSPELL**

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's & All Hallows for the 12 months ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an Independent Examination (IE) is needed. The Charity is preparing Accrual based Accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for IE, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the CC under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the CC. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

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:

- a. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- b. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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10th March 2025

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Statement of Financial Activity for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Income	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Voluntary Receipts	2a	38,552	39,944	78,496	175,147
Activities for Generating Funds	2b	11,128	-	11,128	8,860
Investment Income/Interest	2c	3,527	986	4,513	2,837
Church Activities	2d	13,157	-	13,157	10,900
Other Receipts	2e	6,877	5,414	12,291	22,400
Total Income		73,241	46,344	119,585	220,144
Payments					
Church Activities	3a	31,639	2,653	34,292	29,841
Cost of generating funds	3b	684	93	777	2,889
Church Expenses	3c	15,303	4,543	19,846	24,285
Other Expenditure	3d	2,274	538	2,812	10,088
Major Capital Expenditure	3e	-	64,896	64,896	190,113
Total Payments		49,900	72,723	122,623	257,216
Net Income/(Expenditure) Before Investment Gains		23,341	(26,378)	(3,037)	(37,072)
Net Gain/(Loss) on Investments	5b	-	124	124	446
Net Income/(Expenditure)		23,341	(26,254)	(2,913)	(36,626)
Transfers between funds	4a	(20,000)	20,000	-	-
Net Movement of Funds		3,341	(6,254)	(2,913)	(36,625)
Total Funds Brought Forward		39,353	109,346	148,699	185,324
Total Funds Carried Forward		42,694	103,092	145,786	148,699

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	5b	5,621	5,497
Tangible	5a	15,246	19,318
		20,867	24,815
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		-	-
Debtors	6a	-	396
Prepayments	6b	1,468	1,447
Bank Accounts	6c	123,492	122,132
Cash in hand	6c	109	109
		125,069	124,084
LIABILITIES			
Creditors – Falling due within one year	7a	150	200
		124,919	123,884
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			
		145,786	148,699
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted	8	42,694	39,353
Restricted	8	103,092	109,346
		145,786	148,699

Cash Flow Statement as at 31 December 2024

	2024	
	£	£
Net Cash from operating activities		(3,154)
Cashflows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rent from investments	4,514	
Interest paid	-	
Proceeds from the sale of; Tangible fixed assets	-	
Tangible fixed investments	-	
Purchase of Tangible fixed assets for the use of the PCC	-	
Fixed assets investments	-	
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		4,514
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		1,360
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		122,241
Cash & cash equivalents at 31 December		<u>123,601</u>
Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) before investment gains		
Net income before investment gains 31 December		(3,037)
Adjustments for;		
Depreciation		4,072
Loss on the disposal of Fixed Assets		-
Dividends, Interest and rent from investments		(4,514)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		375
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors		(50)
Net cash provided/(used in) operating activities		<u>(3,154)</u>
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand		109
Notice deposits		123,492
		<u>123,601</u>

Notes

1. Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, it is also the first year that they have been prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

Assets

Consecrated and benefice property.

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of charity by section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Moveable church furnishings

These are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's inventory in any case.

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and at least £1,000. They are valued at Cost or else, for gifts – in kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over the estimated useful lives as follows.

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|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| • Solar Panels | Straight Line | 15 years |
| • IT Equipment | Straight Line | 4 years |
| • Tables & Chairs | Straight Line | 10 years |
| • Kitchen Equipment | Straight Line | 5 years & 10 years |

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets currently exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or those value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at PCC's best estimate of market value.

Short Term Deposits

These are the cash held on deposit either with the CCLA or at the Bank,

Funds

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the Trustee's Report.

Restricted Funds

These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and detail of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

2. Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
a. Voluntary Receipts				
Envelopes Gift Aided	2,170	-	2,170	1,806
Bankers Orders – Gift Aided	4,155	-	4,155	3,965
Envelopes Non-Gift Aided	669	-	669	364
Bankers Orders – Non-Gift Aided	324	-	324	300
Collections at Services	1,468	-	1,468	1,996
One Off Donations – Gift Aided	350	-	350	341
One Off Donations – Non-Gift Aided	3,531	-	3,531	1,964
Donations / Appeals Gift Aided	-	-	-	-
Donations / Appeals Non-Gift Aided	1,800	-	1,800	2,854
Individual Donations	-	-	-	-
Grants	265	39,944	40,209	159,266
Legacies	21,000	-	21,000	-
HMRC Gift Aid	2,821	-	2,821	2,291
	38,553	39,944	78,497	175,147
b. Activities for Generating Funds				
Christmas Fayre	897	-	897	710
Spring Fayre	470	-	470	-
Christmas Tree Festival	160	-	160	80
Harvest Lunch	414	-	414	480
Car Rally	5,718	-	5,718	5,267
Cream Teas	470	-	470	327
Fete	1,242	-	1,242	1,162
Easy Fundraising	22	-	22	79
Concert	-	-	-	47
Flower Arranging	24	-	24	-
Bingo	197	-	197	-
Raffles	104	-	104	-
Hymnathon	225	-	225	-
Jumble Sale	-	-	-	220
Café	1,185	-	1,185	488
	11,128	-	11,128	8,860
c. Investment Income/Bank Interest				
Dividends	151	191	342	113
Bank Interest	3,376	795	4,171	2,724
	3,527	986	4,513	2,837
d. Church Activities				
Weddings/Funerals/Baptisms	13,157	-	13,157	10,900
Retired Clergy/Vacancy Fees	-	-	-	-
	13,157	-	13,157	10,900
e. Other Receipts				
Mark – Administration	1,832	-	1,832	1,441
East Huntspill-Administration	782	-	782	727
Expenses Contributions	1,620	-	1,620	1,726
Balliol Hall Oil Contribution	1,039	-	1,039	868
Feed In Tariff	289	-	289	184
Slimming World Hub Hire	-	-	-	30
Bath & Wells DBF	-	-	-	47
Giving Envelopes	-	-	-	25
Heras Fenning Sale	-	-	-	152
Utility Warehouse Refund	-	-	-	295
VAT Reclaim	-	5,414	5,414	13,731
Licence Contribution	-	-	-	7

Ecclesiastical Incentive Payment	130	-	130	-
Part NHLF Electric Refund	-	-	-	2,196
Christmas Cards	196	-	196	124
Organ Covers	647	-	647	-
Easy Fund Raising	-	-	-	122
Payment Correction	-	-	-	425
Childrens Society	42	-	42	-
Balliol College Annuity	300	-	300	300
	6,877	5,414	12,291	22,400

3. Expenditure

a. Church Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Parish Share	17,958	-	17,958	15,763
Salaries, Wages & Honoraria				
Administration Assistant	3,855	-	3,855	3,354
Activities Co-ordinator	-	2,653	2,653	2,333
Cleaner	780	-	780	330
Organist	1,350	-	1,350	1,280
	5,985	2,653	8,638	7,297
Clergy Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	2,281	-	2,281	2,364
Other Clergy Expenses	-	-	-	-
	2,281	-	2,281	2,364
Mission: Giving & Donation				
Somerset Churches Trust	30	-	30	12
Childrens Society	507	-	507	734
Christian Mission Society	-	-	-	50
Christian Aid	840	-	840	-
Thomas Leach	333	-	333	-
Freda Carey Christian Mission	50	-	50	-
Friends Donation	246	-	246	-
National Church's Trust	50	-	50	25
Gratuities & Honoraria	42	-	42	-
RBL Poppy Appeal	-	-	-	-
	2,098	-	2,098	821
Diocesan Assignment Fees	3,317	-	3,317	3,596
Total Church Activities	31,639	2,653	34,292	29,841

b. Fundraising Activities

Event Activity Costs	127	93	220	774
Balliol Car Share	-	-	-	1,193
Thomas Leach Cards	-	-	-	326
Car Rally	557	-	557	596
	684	93	777	2,889

c. Church Running Expenses

Maintenance	866	1,481	2,347	5,917
Insurance	2,504	-	2,504	3,117
Licence	208	90	298	163
Upkeep of Services	1,327	-	1,327	368
Wedding/Funeral Fees	2,183	-	2,183	1,493
Subscriptions	27	54	81	84
Administration	309	-	309	528
IT Expenses	225	490	715	583

Cleaning	54	-	54	86
Depreciation	1,644	2,428	4072	4,072
Loss on the Disposal of Assets	-	-	-	-
Organ Repairs	820	-	820	546
Audit Fee	80	-	80	175
	10,247	4,543	14,790	17,183

Church Utility Bills

Electricity	1,070	-	1,070	3,693
Oil	3,793	-	3,793	3,185
Water	193	-	193	224
	5,056		5,056	7,102

Total Church Running Costs

	15,303	4,543	19,846	24,285
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d. Other Expenditure

Christmas Tree	60	78	138	213
Other Expenditure	35	44	79	-
Café Supplies	35	114	149	-
Priory Learning Trust Coach	-	180	180	-
Hub Supplies	33	122	154	-
Balliol Hall share Car Show profits	1,548	-	1,548	-
Overpayment/Refunds	413	-	413	725
Freeline Graphics	-	-	-	9,000
Balloil Hall Annuity Contribution EH	150	-	150	150
	2,274	538	2,812	10,088

e. Major Capital Expenditure

Major repairs to church buildings	-	64,896	64,895	190,113
	-	64,896	64,895	190,113

4. Analysis of Fund Movements

	2024 £	2023 £
a. Nat West & CCLA CBF General Deposit General Fund		
Balance at 1 January	93,085	143,636
Income	118,995	307,798
Transfers from Other Funds		45
	212,080	451,479
Expenditure	(118,621)	(358,395)
Transfers to Other Funds	(20,000)	-
Balance at 31 December	73,458	93,084
b. CCLA CBF Late Miss GM Porter		
Balance at 1 January	975	877
Income		
Interest Received	93	30
Investment Income	155	113
	248	143
Expenditure		
Transfer to Nat West General Fund	-	(45)
Balance at 31 December	1,223	975

c.	CCLA CBF Bell Fund		
	Balance at 1 January-CBF	11,777	11,411
	Balance at 1 January-Cash	80	80
	Total	<u>11,857</u>	<u>11,491</u>
	Income		
	Interest Received	625	366
	Donation	-	-
		<u>625</u>	<u>366</u>
	Expenditure		
	Balance at 31 December-CBF	12,402	11,777
	Balance at 31 December-Cash	80	80
	Total	<u>12,482</u>	<u>11,857</u>
d.	CCLA CBF Roof Fund		
	Balance at 1 January	8	8
	Income		
	Transfers from Nat West General Fund	20,000	-
	Interest Received	113	-
		<u>20,113</u>	<u>8</u>
	Expenditure		
	Transfer to Nat West General Fund	-	-
	Balance at 31 December	<u>20,121</u>	<u>8</u>
e.	CCLA CBF General Deposit - Church Path		
	Balance at 1 January	2,298	2,298
	Income		
		-	-
		<u>2,298</u>	<u>2,298</u>
	Expenditure		
		-	-
	Balance at 31 December	<u>2,298</u>	<u>2,298</u>
f.	CCLA CBF General Deposit – Mrs Palmer		
	Balance at 1 January	14,018	14,018
	Income		
		-	-
		<u>14,018</u>	<u>14,018</u>
	Expenditure		
	Transfer to Other Funds	-	-
	Balance at 31 December	<u>14,018</u>	<u>14,018</u>
g.	CCLA CBF General Deposit – Restoration Fund		
	Balance at 1 January	1	1
	Income		
		-	-
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	Expenditure		
		-	-
	Balance at 31 December	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

5. Fixed Assets

5a – Tangible

	Solar Panels	IT Equipment	Tables & Chairs	Kitchen Equipment	Total £
Cost of valuation					
As at 31 Jan 24	8,221	3,076	14,156	1,653	27,106
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Additions at Cost	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 Dec 24	<u>8,221</u>	<u>3,076</u>	<u>14,156</u>	<u>1,653</u>	27,106
Depreciation					
As at 31 Jan 24	3,288	1,182	2,830	488	7,788
Withdrawn on Disposal	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	1,644	769	1,415	244	4,072
As at 31 Dec 24	<u>4,932</u>	<u>1,951</u>	<u>4,245</u>	<u>732</u>	11,860
Net Book Value					
At 1 Jan 24	4,933	1,894	11,326	1,165	19,318
At 31 Dec 24	3,289	1,125	9,911	921	15,246

5b – Investments

	£
Market Value at 1 Jan 24	5,497
Disposal	-
Purchases	-
Net Gain/(Loss)	<u>124</u>
Market Value at 31 Dec 24	<u>5,621</u>

The investment is made up of 276.98 Income Units in the COIF Charities Investment Fund.

6. Current Assets

6a. Debtors

	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	Total £	2023 £
Rectors Expenses				-
SumUp Receipt	-	-	-	100
Grant Receipt	-	-	-	-
VAT Reclaim	-	-	-	-
Oher Debtors	-	-	-	296
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>396</u>

6b. Prepayments

	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	Total £	2023 £
Licences	-	-	-	37
IT Expenses	-	60	60	-
Utilities	1,114	-	1,114	1,262
Maintenance	258	-	258	105
Subscriptions	36	-	36	43
	<u>1,408</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>1,468</u>	<u>1,447</u>

6c. Bank & Cash

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 £	2023 £
Bank Accounts				
Nat West General Fund	24,014	35,310	59,324	86,169
CBF Account – Bells	-	12,402	12,402	11,777
CBF Account – Miss GM Porter	-	1,223	1,223	975
CBF Account – Roof Fund	-	20,121	20,121	8
CBF Account – General Fund	14,105	16,317	30,422	23,203
	38,119	85,373	123,492	122,132
Cash				
Church	29	-	29	29
Bell Fund	-	80	80	80
	38,148	85,453	123,601	122,241

7. Liabilities

7a. Creditors – Amounts falling due within 12 months.

	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	Total £	2023 £
Construction Payment	-	-	-	-
Balliol Hall Grant	-	-	-	150
Christian Mission Society	-	-	-	50
Fees	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	200

7b. Accruals

	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	Total £	2023 £
Organist Fees	150	-	150	-
	150	-	150	-

8. Summary of Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	3,289	11,957	15,246
Investments	-	5,621	5,621
Current Assets	39,556	85,513	125,069
Liabilities	(150)	-	(150)
	42,695	103,091	145,786

Signed: _____ Date: _____
PCC Treasurer

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Priest in Charge/Church Warden



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S & ALL HALLOWS, WEST HUNTSPELL 2024 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Introduction

1. This report has been prepared by John Leddy on behalf of the Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill who are the sponsor, and to whom any queries should be addressed.

Background

2. Huntspill is a village on the Huntspill Level in Somerset, England. The village falls within the district of Sedgemoor, which was formed on 1 April 1974 under the Local Government Act 1972. It lies on the A38 road, 1.5 miles South of Highbridge. The village is the principal settlement in the civil parish of West Huntspill, which also contains the hamlet of Alstone. The ancient parish of Huntspill also included the villages of East Huntspill, Hackness and Bason Bridge, east of the village of Huntspill. The western boundary of the parish was the tidal River Parrett, but changes in the course of the river left some parts of the parish on the west side of the river until 1933, when they were transferred to the civil parish of Otterhampton. In 1949 the Civil Parish of Huntspill was abolished and divided into Huntspill All Saints and West Huntspill. The Parish of Huntspill All Saints was re-named East Huntspill in 1972.

3. The Parish Church of St Peter's & All Hallows is situated in the centre of the village in Church Road. Established by 1208, it was rebuilt around 1400, and extended in the early to mid-15th Century. It was gutted by fire in 1878 and restored over the next two years. It has been designated as a Grade 1 listed building.

4. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows oversees the Parish Church of St Peter's & All Hallows which presently has 26 people on the electoral role, and the parish is rated Category E for the purposes of the Parish Share of the Common Fund.

5. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill is currently one of three Anglican Church's in the United Benefice of The Huntspill and Mark and includes All Saints East Huntspill, Holy Cross Church Mark and the Church of St Peter & All Hallows, West Huntspill. The benefice was formed in 2013 when the Rev Tonya arrived. On her arrival East Huntspill and West Huntspill joined with Mark to form the current Benefice. The Benefice comes under the Axbridge Deanery and the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Aim

6. John Leddy is to conduct the Independent Examination (IE) of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024.

Approach

7. Using the Cashbook and records provided by the Treasurer, a set of Accrual Annual Accounts for 2024 was prepared and submitted for approval.

8. Eligibility to examine the accounts and conduct an IE was confirmed from the Accounts prepared.

9. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill Annual Accounts for the period 1st January to 31st December 2024 were examined in accordance with Charity Commission (CC)

guidance, details are at Annex A¹. Additional investigations were conducted where necessary and supporting documentation for the operation of the funds requested if required.

10. As part of the examination discussions were held with the PCC Treasurer to ascertain answers to the CC Directions.

Findings

11. Examination of the annual report confirmed that the gross income of the PCC of St Peters & All Hallows, West Huntspill did not exceed £1 million² and the aggregate value of assets (before deduction of liabilities) did not exceed £3.26 million. Based on the information at Table 1 an Audit was not required. In addition to the upper threshold for an IE, the Gross Income is above the £25,000³ lower threshold set by the CC for an IE. The Church Accounting Regulations do require an external scrutiny of PCC Accounts, so in this case an IE was carried out. Fund Balances are:

Table 1 – PCC of St Peter’s & All Hallows, West Huntspill Balances for 2024

Serial	Fund	Gross Income (£)	Gross Assets (£)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	PCC of St Peter’s & All Hallows	119,585	145,786

12. The Gross Income of the Charity has dropped below the £250,000 threshold required for the accounts to be prepared on an Accruals basis. On inspection of the Charity accounts, the PCC of St Peter’s & All Hallows, West Huntspill have elected to prepare their Accounts on an Accruals basis.

13. The Gross Income for 2024 is above the £100,000 limit set by the Charity Commission for registration with them as a Charity. Its Charity registration number is 1199055.

14. **Points from Last Year’s Review.** Last year’s IE Report produced by John Leddy was reviewed. On inspection of that Report no material observations were documented; therefore, no points remain outstanding.

15. Whilst the PCC Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, the examiner may also prepare the statutory accounts on behalf of the Trustees. In line with CC Direction 2 this did not compromise the examiners independence as he ensured that the following requirements of the Direction were met:

- a. The accounting records had been maintained by the PCC Treasurer.
- b. The examiner has no direct involvement in the day-to-day management or administration of the charity.
- c. The trustees reviewed and approved the accounts prepared⁴.

16. **Additional Observations.** The Independent Examiners report is a statement to confirm that the Charity is operating within the accounting and governance tolerances set by the CC. After conducting the IE I have the following observations to report.

- a. As required by CC Direction 13, the Trustees are to prepare a Trustee’s Annual Report & Accounts which must be presented to the Church Membership at the Annual Parochial

¹ Section E of the guidance explains the role, duties and 13 specific directions of an independent examiner in examining the accounts of a charity.

² Charities Act 2011 Chapter 3 Section 144(1).

³ Charities Act 2011 Chapter 3 Section 145(1).

⁴M Wall email dated 10th March 2025.

Church Meeting. CC Direction 13 says that the Independent Examiner must see this document and compare it back to the Accounting Information provided. No Trustee's Annual Report was provided.

Recommendations

17. It is recommended that;

a. After the APCM, a copy of the Trustee's Annual Report is sent to the Independent Examiner for his records.

Conclusion

18. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill has received an unqualified report which can be found at Enclosure 1.

Annex:

A. The Charity Commission's Directions on the IE of Charity Accounts.

Enclosure:

1. IE Report for 1 Jan to 31 Dec 24 – The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill.

THE CHARITY COMMISSIONS DIRECTIONS ON INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF CHARITY ACCOUNTS

1. The CC produce an examiners' guide to IE of Charity Accounts. It is specifically written for Independent Examiners and explains their role and duties in examining the accounts of a charity. In accordance with Section E of the guidance the 13 specific directions and how they were addressed are as follows:

- a. **Examination and accounting thresholds.** The annual report for the period 1 Jan – 31 Dec 24 was examined to confirm IE thresholds⁵ had not been breached. The Income information was below the Audit requirements, but above the CC guidelines for an IE to be carried out. Therefore, an IE was required for 2024.
- b. **Conflicts of Interest.** The examiner was not influenced or perceived to be influenced in any way as he did not have any close personal relationships with the PCC Members, was not a major donor to the PCC, did not have any control of funds and was not involved in the day to day running of the PCC.
- c. **Documentation.** Working papers were examined and evident. All procedures carried out and any matters arising to support conclusions reached or statements provided in the report have been documented.
- d. **Understanding the charity.** Detailed briefs and free access to all charity documentation ensured a full understanding of the charity's constitution, organisation, accounting systems, activities and nature of its assets, liabilities, incoming resources and application of resources.
- e. **Accounting records.** The charity accounting records have been subject to a review and appear complete and consistent with statutory requirements.
- f. **Comparison with accounting records.** A comparison of the charity's accounts with the accounting records in sufficient detail was carried out which provides a reasonable basis to decide that the accounts are consistent.
- g. **Accruals Basis Checks.** The accounts were checked for related party transactions, and if any were found these were disclosed in the notes to the accounts.
- h. **Accounting policies estimates and judgements.** Reviewed the accounting policies adopted and consider their consistency with the SORP and their appropriateness to the activities of the charity.
- i. **Financial circumstances and Going Concern.** The examiner checked whether the Trustees have considered the financial circumstances of the Charity at the end of the reporting period and have made an assessment of the Charities position as a going concern when approving the Accounts.
- j. **Form and Content of the Accounts.** The examiner carried out procedures as considered necessary to provide a reasonable basis on which to conclude whether or not the accounts have been properly prepared. The examiner checked that they can lawfully

⁵ Gross income greater than £0.025 and not to exceed £0.25M for receipts and payments, gross income not to exceed £1.0M and the aggregate value of assets should not exceed £3.26M otherwise a full audit is required.

prepare Receipts and Payments Accounts, that all accounting statements are present, and the funds of the Charity can be correctly identified.

k. **Analytical Review.** The examiner carried out an analytical review of the current accounts to identify if any entries required further explanation or evidence. The 2024 Accounts were compared with the 2023 Accounts to see if any material changes could be identified.

l. **Compare the Trustees Annual Report with the Accounts.** No Trustee's Annual Report for 2024 was provided for inspection.

m. **Examiner's report.** The IE report can be found at Enclosures 1.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PCC OF ST PETER'S &
ALL HALLOWS, WEST HUNTSPILL**

I report on the accounts of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill for the 12 months ended 31st December 2024, which are set on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an IE is needed. The Charity is preparing Receipts and Payments Accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for IE, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the CC under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the CC. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's unqualified 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:

- a. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- b. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Leddy FCMA CGMA CPFA
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John Leddy
John Leddy
10th March 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST HUNTSPILL

England & Wales - Charity number 1199055

Accounts

The Parish Church of St Peter & All Hallows, West Huntspill



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: ANNUAL REPORT ***For the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2023***

The Parish Church of St Peter & All Hallows West Huntspill is situated to the west of the village and main A38 in Church Road and is part of the Axbridge Deanery in the diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. Correspondence address: Huntspill Rectory, Church Road, West Huntspill, Highbridge, Somerset. TA9 3RN

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity with The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Huntspill No 1199055

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**ST PETER & ALL HALLOWS - WEST HUNTSPILL
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

*REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023*

Administrative Information

During the year the following served as Members of the PCC

Priest in Charge/Rector Revd. Christine Judson

Churchwardens Vacant
 Vacant

Deputy Churchwarden Janet Hill
Deputy Churchwarden Mark Saunders
Deputy Churchwarden David Lemon

Deanery Synod
Representatives Mrs Bronwen Wright
 Mrs Bronwyn Fraley

Elected Members	Mr David Lemon	Vice chair
	Mrs Sylvia Sims	(Honorary)
	Mr Nigel Maddox	Churchyard
	Mr Geoff Bryant	
	Mr Mark Saunders	Electoral Roll
	Mrs Mel Wall	Treasurer, Data Protection
	Mrs Bronwen Wright	Churches Together

Mrs Lynn Wiles Churches Together

Co-opted	Mrs Melissa Wall and Mrs Sylvia Lemon	Joint Secretaries
	Mr Richard Tiley	(Bell Tower Captain)
	Mrs Margaret Roper	Social and Fund Raising
	Mrs Bronwyn Fraley	Health and Safety, and Safeguarding

The PCC, wish to thank Mr Les Roper and Mrs Margaret Roper for managing Flower arranging.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the church representation Rules (Church Parochial Council (Powers) Measure 1956. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the

Objectives and Activities

St Peter & All Hallows Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating in promoting within the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Achievement & Performance

For the year 2023 there were 32 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 6 were non-residents within the parish.

In connection with the Parish survey to establish the 'Parish Share', the Churchwardens were unable to count those who attended during April so counted during October 2023

The agreed adult Church Membership figure was 32 as compared with 31 in 2022.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

33 in 2009	31 in 2012	32 in 2015	30 in 2018
31 in 2010	33 in 2013	34 in 2016	28 in 2019
31 in 2011	32 in 2014	33 in 2017	21 in 2020
26 in 2021	31 in 2022	32 in 2023	

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The full PCC met seven times during the year with an average attendance of 10. Sub-committees met between meetings and items raised reported and discussed as necessary with the full PCC.

WORSHIP

In 2023 we have continued throughout the year with regular services.

SUNDAY

1st	Sunday	3pm @3 Service in the Church
2 nd	“	11.15am Morning Worship,
3 rd	“	11.15am Friends and Family Communion,
4 th	“	11.15am Holy Communion,
5 th	“	Benefice Holy Communion Service (alternates between the parishes of the benefice)

Services were held as per the liturgical calendar, The Harvest Festival was celebrated on the 24th September and our normally well supported Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society was held on the 3rd December, with 72 adults and 22 children.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

There were 6 Baptisms and 3 Confirmations during 2023.

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. CHURCHYARD REPORT

The Churchyard committee has not met during the past year. The reason being was that no committee was formed. The running and maintenance of the Churchyard has been undertaken by those who have carried out the work. This appears to be working as the Churchyard has been kept clean and tidy for the past year. The work has been overseen by myself and reported to the PCC.

The last year has seen big changes in the running and maintenance of the Churchyard. The help from Huntspill Projects has ended, and I thank them for all passed help. The Churchyard is now maintained by myself. Mr Colin Bird, Mr Graham Warneck and Mr John Indder. We have kept the Churchyard neat and tidy for all who wish to use it.

The mowers have been maintained and serviced by Colin. The big sit on mower has been away with Ian Tiley and it would appear that it has come to the end of its life. If it can be fixed then it could last a while longer and will not need to be replaced.

The recording of the Churchyard records, which are on computer, has been put onto one spread sheet so that it can be transferred to the desk in Church. Mr Dave Paul has done all the hard work and it should be up and running in the new year. This will mean anyone looking for a grave can find it for themselves.

The next big change is the enlargement of the garden of rest. As we had run out of space I have enlarged it to cover space around the existing garden of rest. We now have 300 plus spaces. The entire garden has been renumbered in a grid with reference to the old numbers. All on the new spread sheet. I wish to thank all those who help, as I could not do it alone. The Churchyard is for all to enjoy.

Anyone who would like to help please contact me and come along on a Tuesday.

Nigel Maddocks

I am pleased to report the Parish Share was paid in full in 2023. Finances continue to cause concern as bills of all kinds continue to rise in the face of the Cost of Living Crisis, it is a real struggle to try to keep up.

Thank you to all for generous donations made during the year and for the fundraising which is so important to the finances of the church. The new initiative of Tea & Talks is going well. The Honesty Café and Monday café continue to be very popular with donations being made in cash and via the contactless payment station. As in previous years a claim was made on all eligible donations via the Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donation schemes.

Envelopes for regular giving are available from the Treasurer, or donations can be made by standing order, form available from the Treasurer. If you are a tax payer Gift Aid can be reclaimed on any donation you make at no extra cost to yourself, please sign a Gift Aid declaration or place donations in a completed Gift Aid envelope. Envelopes are available in church.

As a benefice we continue to employ an Admin assistant with the cost split between the 3 parishes. We continue to employ an Activity co-ordinator for the Huntspill Hub, the cost being met through the Restoration Project budget. Reserve amounts held in CBF accounts have been maintained. The PCC holds General Funds and also Reserved Funds which have been donated for a specific purpose.

As we continue to try and meet our financial challenges we have also continued to manage the finances for the Restoration Project. The capital works have been completed and we continue to promote the Hub and the community aspect of the project.

The PCC reviewed the Reserves Policy which will be maintained at a minimum of £4500 being held in the current account at all times. Once again this year our Audited accounts have been prepared using the accruals system by John Leddy. The accounts will be lodged with the Charity Commission in due course.

The PCC have adopted the House of Bishops guidelines for “Promoting a safer church” and have reviewed our Safeguarding Policy. The PCC has a rolling program to review practice, policies and training.

The safeguarding contact details for the church are displayed in the church building. Any concerns should immediately be reported to the Parish Safeguarding Officer, the Rector or via the Diocesan Safeguarding team – details of which are on the diocese website.

The PCC is now using the Parish Dashboard and Safeguarding Hub available to us via the Church of England. We have worked through levels 1 & 2 and have reached level 3 (the highest level) on both. This enables us to generate an action plan to help monitor policies, practice, training and DBS checks. All DBS checks are up to date.

As Parish Safeguarding Officer I have completed all the necessary training required for the role. PCC members have continued to review and complete their required training, which varies according to role. Domestic Abuse Awareness training has been completed online and also in person, in conjunction with a neighbouring parish. Thank you to everyone who has completed training this year, online or in person.

Our parish continues to work closely with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team regarding ongoing safeguarding issues.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO RAISE ANY CONCERNS AS DETAILED ABOVE.

Melissa Wall.

Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Since my last yearly report in 2023, the following still applies:

Copies of generic Risk Assessments for regular activities, and a copy of the Health and Safety Policy are stored in a lever arch file which is kept in the vestry. I also maintain copies at home electronically. Any new activities for which we have no risk assessment will be completed by myself prior to the event. These are then added to the file. These will increase as the “hub” develops.

Since the refurbishment and improvement works to the Church have been completed I am confident that currently there are no major Health and Safety issues.

I am in and around the church and churchyard several times a week and use the opportunity for a visual inspection.

For the future I want to look at the Health and Safety Policy to simplify it, and make it less onerous. Also to consider, now that the repairs and refurbishment of the church has been completed, the frequency of Health and Safety Inspections.

If there are any issues or you have concerns about Health and Safety then please do report them to me.

Bronwyn Fraley
Health and Safety

Report for CHURCHES TOGETHER 2023

Bronwen Wright

On January 22nd the Churches came together at 6.00 p.m. at Burnham Baptist Church for Christian Unity. The attendance was good.

On March 3rd at 2.00 p.m. we met at St. John's Hall, Highbridge for the 'Women's World Day of Prayer' service.

Over the Easter April 4th-10th 3 Crosses were erected on Brent Knoll and a Service was held.

In November churches met at the Roman Catholic Church in Burnham. We were introduced to the new Roman Catholic Priest for Bridgwater and Burnham followed by a Service 'Prayers for Peace' led by Pat Nicholls and Revd. Martin Little.

Pat Nicholls was re-elected to be Chair and Rosemary Gilling – Secretary with Ann Storey as Treasurer.

Donations had been made to St. John's, Highbridge and the Baptist Church for outreach work, especially with young people.

**Report for
AXBRIDGE DEANERY SYNOD 2023
*Bronwen Wright***

The first meeting of the year was at Bagley Baptist Church on Saturday January 28th at 10.30 a.m.

Richard Neal welcomed everyone and reminded us that the original mission plan was too long and complicated so now there were five points.

- (1) Proclaim the Good News.
- (2) Baptise and nurture Church Ministry.
- (3) Respond to human need – loving kindness.
- (4) Help to change Society – unjust structures.
- (5) Safeguard the integrity of Creation

Both speakers that morning were talking about 'Safeguarding Creation.' They were Lesley Millard of St. Mary's, Berrow, Lay Pastoral Assistant and Mayor of Burnham-on-Sea Adrian Halkin from Bristol University.

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Adrian explained that Antarctica was warming quickly, Sea levels were rising. The eco system generally was towards warmer and wetter weather. There would be more air and water contamination and air level was carbon intensive. How we lived our lives needed to be under the microscope as never before and Churches had a contribution to make.

2015 a Papal document had been made on Creation and Social Justice. In 2020 the General Synod of the Church of England had voted for net zero by 2030.

How do we value what we have been given? It was the young who were driving this along. Churchyards and land owned by the Church were very important as nature habitats.

Lesley Millard spoke of practical ways we can reduce energy and waste. A better use of fuel in our Churches, eco-friendly light bulbs, repair instead of throwing away. Encourage people to walk and cycle, car sharing.

Food waste – work together to form food pantries. Become plastic free zones. Plant native flowers in our Church yards. Erect bird boxes. Encourage Youth groups on walking trails. Work with Sedgemoor Botany Group and Somerset Wildlife Trust.

After the talks we split into groups to share our thoughts on the wild life in our Churchyards.

We also started the discussion on the new Deanery Plan where Axbridge Deanery had to lost 2 stipendiary Priests. Revd. Stuart Binns (Cheddar) said it was hard on the Clergy and Congregations to shoulder the cut backs, when it was the bad investments and financial planning of the Church of England to blame.

DEANERY SYNOD MEETING

March 22nd 2025

St. Andrew's Church, Burnham-on-Sea.

The Church was packed. Between January and March the Deanery Plan had been circulated and discussed among each PCC. Each representative had three minutes to speak on the proposal. Virtually everyone rejected the idea of a pool of Clergy; they wanted their own Parish Priest, even if this meant sharing among more Churches. The acting Archdeacon and members of the DMPG were left in no doubt about the strength of feeling and that a new proposal had to be made.

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DEANERY SYNOD MEETING

September 11th 2023

Wedmore Village Hall

This was billed as a Meeting to talk to the Bishops but only Bishop Ruth was there. Between March and September much work had been done on the Deanery Plan and was now as attached.

People were happy with this plan and we hope this is what will come about in 2025.

We were sad to say 'Goodbye' to Bishop Ruth as she takes up her new appointment as Bishop of Coventry. She will be sorely missed in Somerset.

Bronwen Wright.

DEANERY SYNOD ORGANISATION

Passed by 30 Lay representatives and all Clergy. No abstentions

EASTERN HALF.

Axbridge St. Johns to join with Shipham, Rowberrow and Crooks Peak into a single Benefice. (Full Time Post)

Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke (Full time)

Isle of Wedmore Benefice, Holy Cross, Mark (Full time)

PEW Benefice to join Coxley, Henton and Wookey and move to Shepton Mallett Deanery (half post).

WESTERN HALF.

Berrow & Brean and Three Saints (Full time post)

Burnham (Full time)

Highbridge (Full time)

Huntspills (Half time)

Social report 2023

We tried a new event in March a jumble sale and tabletop sale The jumble was a bit of a disappointment but the table top and refreshments made us most profit.

We held our usual summer fete, cream tea and car rally The harvest lunch was well supported and a lot of outsiders came, All enjoyed the meal. They didn't want to leave. We have already had enquiries for tickets for this year. Our final event was a Christmas fare

In June we had our first tea and talk,

A suggestion from Bronwyn Wright to try. We are averaging 30 people some new faces coming along, we had more talks in August October and December.

Bronwen and Janet have been organising the speakers and dates, A brilliant help to me. we are a small group trying to find ways to raise funds and still keep it interesting We are planning more talk this year for 2024. Hopefully it will be a successful year with us all working together. Any suggestions, ideas or help would be very welcome

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Report on the Tower and Reordering Project 2023

The Huntspill Hub was officially opened on the 10th December 2022 with more than fifty people attending, including representatives from the DAC, B2 Architects, Ellis & Co as well as much of the Project Team.

All the scaffolding came down in the New Year, to reveal a much better looking tower with the stonework all tidied up, and the large circular plates of the tie rods shining in the winter sunshine. Hopefully we will not have any falling stone any more.

The school children from West Huntspill Primary visited us in January while the last of the scaffolding was still in place, and the older ones were able to go up and see the repaired stonework at close quarter.

It was March 2023 before the main contractor Ellis & Co left the Church, and May before we received the completion certificate, with the internal walls of the main part of the Church, an addition to the original contract, decorated in February. Finally in the autumn the inside of the base of the tower was redecorated and the plaster repaired. The inside of the Church looked so much better, it was possibly in the late 1970's that it was last decorated.

Now that the building work was finished we were able to concentrate on, what some of us found the most exciting part, the 'Reordering'. The touch-screen TV was updated, and additions were added, including 360 degrees views of both the inside and outside of the Church and churchyard, including views of the inside of the tower, and panoramic views from the top of the tower. John Lamb's vast collection of historical photographs and information was also added.

On the 1st July we had our first Art exhibition in the Hub as part of the Summer Fayre. The Exhibition with teas, coffee and cake worked really well.

In September a floor map of the village, designed by the children of West Huntspill Primary School with help from a local artist was installed.

The two oil paintings of St Peter healing the Cripple and Charles II coat of arms, with the four Charity Boards were repaired and conserved during 2023, to be returned in February 2024. Wall hangings with historical information about the Church, Village and surrounding area, were designed and text checked, before printing and installing in the Church in March 2024.

Throughout the year the Monday Morning Community cafe has been very popular, usually attracting between 40 and 50 people and making good use of the new flexible space.

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Bell Report 2023

At present we have 7 members of the Bridgwater Branch of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. We lost 2 members this year but gained 2 so still have 7 members. We have had 4 people come along in the past year as learners to try ringing unfortunately 3 have decided not to carry on for various reasons. Not all these ring on a regular basis and we are helped by ringers from Mark Burnham on sea and East Huntspill. We are struggling with numbers for ringing and are in need of more ringers. If anyone is interested in learning to ring they can contact myself.

I am looking to have an inspection/service on the bells carried out before we can start ringing again. I am trying to to have this done before the end of April. We hope to start ringing in May.

The chiming mechanism still requires some attention.

Richard Tiley
Bell Captain

Deputy Churchwarden's report For APCM 18th May 2024

At the last APCM 20 th May 2023 I joined David Lemon and Mark Saunders as a Deputy Churchwarden to share Churchwarden duties. We all went to the Archdeacon's Visitation at St John's, Highbridge on 13 th June and we share being present at the Benefice Churchwarden's meetings which are held at All Saints church, East Huntspill.

It has been good to have the Christian teaching, care and dedication of the Rev Christine Judson with us now for at least two years and to have Mark Saunders help in covering the services every month. We are gradually seeing new faces joining our services and are fortunate to have a good team of people for reading the lessons and giving the intercessions but would welcome any extra people to join the rota. Sylvia Lemon keeps us very well informed with the regular rotas and we appreciate everyone's reliable commitment. We enjoy welcoming other congregation from All Saints, East Huntspill and Holy Cross, Mark when we have a Benefice service, and special quiet times at Lenten Peace and Advent Peace.

Many of us like to linger after the service to enjoy the drinks and biscuits provided by Margaret helped usually by Judith; it is a good social time and gives David Hill a chance to talk over the music he enjoys playing at the services.

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Inevitably with such a large building there is often maintenance work that needs doing and Mark Saunders has helped often with repairing leaks and windows or even replacing a door where necessary or painting a damaged wall.

The church always looks wonderful when at special festivals the Flower team, headed by Leslie Roper work magic with many flower arrangements so we are very appreciative of the hours that are spent to achieve the beauty for us to enjoy not only at the services but for anyone who visits the church now that it is open everyday.

This will include many of the local community who visit the Monday morning café which is proving very successful and a great chance for people to enjoy meeting old friends and to meet new neighbours. Once again we are indebted to all the work put in by Melissa Wall and David Lemon with the ongoing project work including setting up the café and those who man the café and make cakes voluntarily.

Ginny Power is arranging visits to The Hub one example being children from West Huntspill Primary Academy who visited in January. We also realise that many people visit to tend the graves of past relatives. The visitors, like all of us, enjoy the atmosphere provided in a well-tended churchyard which is in the care of our Churchyard manager, Nigel Maddocks and his great team

There was a period this year when it was not safe to ring the bells due to the poor state of the Tower and we now are enjoying the return of the bell ringing thanks to the ringers and their captain, Richard Tiley.

There is progress being made on the application of a Faculty for a new Sound System in the church and a Hand rail for the inside of the Church Tower steps.

Unfortunately Geoff. Bryant had to stand down from the PCC, due to ill health, after serving on it for 33 years. We are all very grateful for his dedication in supporting St Peter and All Hallows Church.



RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

2023 was officially the hottest year on record – at last, it seems that we are taking Global Warming and the Climate Crisis seriously, with the hope that our responses will not prove to be too little, too late. On 22nd February the Russian invasion of Ukraine entered its second year and on 7th October the Hamas attack on Israel resulted in roughly 1200 Israeli deaths, catapulting the region into a devastating war on terror, that has become terror itself. The World's adjustment to covid has continued, with detrimental effects on the economy, adding to those due to Brexit for our nation, and earthquakes in Turkey and Syria wreaked havoc.

Whatever your feelings concerning our Prime Minister, the fact that we had the same one for the entire year was a notable contrast to the previous year. On 6th May King Charles III's coronation was celebrated, our first coronation since 1953, with a weekend of festivities and a Bank Holiday dedicated to 'volunteering'. We were proud to host the Eurovision Song Contest in Liverpool (on behalf of Ukraine), where our own Mae Muller achieved 24 points with 'I wrote a song', and The Lionesses took us to our first Football World Cup Final since 1966! Against this back drop our benefice, our parishes, our villages and our own lives traversed their own particular paths.

As our relatively new Diocesan Bishop (The Right Rev'd. Michael Beasley) settled in, he and Bishop Ruth sought to interact effectively across the Diocese - particularly through the 'Everyone, Everywhere, Growing in Faith' Archdeaconry Days, Deanery Gatherings, Clergy Chapters and special conferences like the Rural Ministry Forum held at Bagley and the Rural Perspective Bishops' Day that we were invited to take part in. Whilst maintaining the essence of our current Diocesan Vision, Bishop Michael has sought to gently refresh it in a practical, inclusive, down-to-earth sort of way. Along with many Dioceses, Bath & Wells has continued to face difficult times financially this year, resulting in two areas of change being explored - a reduced pastoral deployment of clergy and an alternative common fund methodology. These are both still being worked out and have proved to be deeply challenging, particularly their independent considerations. As a Deanery, we were asked to put forward a deployment plan that would take us from our 9 stipendiary clergy down to 7, which we did. This plan involves several drastic changes, including the splitting of our own Benefice - with Mark Parish joining the Isle of Wedmore Team and The Huntspills continuing together with a part-time Rector. The Common Fund negotiations have then come into play, with a fundamental change from 'give as you can, receive as you need', to a more transactional model of 'paying for what you receive', albeit it with an encouragement to also pay into 'a generosity pot' to help those who are unable to meet their own ministry costs. This different approach has potentially scuppered our Deanery Plan - though we currently await guidance on this. We were sad to say 'goodbye' to Bishop Ruth, albeit temporarily, when she was seconded to Coventry Diocese in Advent this year - she remains in our prayers, as I am sure we do in hers.

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This year's highlights in our Benefice of The Huntspills & Mark have included the following: We took part in an **Elizabethan** (*as in Elizabeth I*) **Communion**, where Mark Parish's period chalice joined two others of the same era, at the centre of an historic eucharistic celebration. We **welcomed children** from West Huntspill School to find out about how their church is 'Saving the Heritage & Sustaining the Community'. They were able to go onto the scaffolding, speak to **the craftsmen** about their work, as well as exploring the church and learning about the **bats and other wildlife**. By the end of the year, when they returned for their Carol Service, the **floor map** that they had designed, with the help of an artist was also in place! Harvest Celebrations were once more extensive with a stunning **Flower Festival** at Mark and beautiful Harvest decorations at The Huntspills, East & West Huntspill Schools' Organic Farm visits which incorporated their **Harvest Services held in a barn**, the return of Mark **Harvest Home** (first time since the covid pandemic), involvement in Cote Harvest Supper at East Huntspill, **Harvest Services and Meals** at all three churches and much charitable support for the local food bank and for other charities near and far. We were delighted to prepare and support three **adult confirmation** candidates who were confirmed at Wells cathedral, along with 83 others! We introduced an **annual 'Baptism Celebration'** service (inviting those who had recently been baptised to come and take part) and made use of the newer Baptism liturgy in two Friends and Family Baptisms for

youngsters who already attend regularly. A **silhouette Soldier** was gifted by Mark Royal British Legion to each of our churches for external display, which helped support our Remembrance activities, and we were joined by **two little donkeys** on Palm Sunday. St Peter & **All Hallows Church** welcomed Highbridge and Huntspill Cub Scouts to celebrate **Halloween** and two new regular fundraising events found their feet – **Film Nights** and **Tea & Talk** afternoons.

In two of our three churches, **building projects were completed in 2023**. These represent a decade of commitment and hard work from so many people, and particularly the small, very effective teams that drove things forward. We are deeply grateful for the **inspiration** that initiated these projects so long ago, the **funding** that was secured to make them possible, the **advice and guidance** received along the way, the **patience** of all as adaptations were made during the work, but most of all for the **sheer perseverance** of those who did not give up, despite covid and an extended vacancy. All three of our churches now have decent toilets, appropriate community space and functional food preparation facilities and we can focus on making full use of them! **Evaluations and Grant Reports** continue to be done, the **Activity Plan** at West Huntspill is being followed and developed, we are growing in our community engagement and really enjoying sharing our experiences with those just embarking on similar paths. Our Ministry Team went through some changes in 2023. Due to commitments to his own parish church that has been in vacancy, **Rev Richard Sigrist** bowed out of offering us his services, and **Rev Steve Hartree** did likewise due to increasing ill health. We are deeply grateful to them both and continue to consider them part of our Church Family. **Rev Ian Girling** was able to be with us for three Sundays and his ministry was much appreciated, as was that of **Rev Joy Hawes** when she presided at a communion service at Holy Cross Church. **Rev Christine Nelmes** remains a great encourager and regularly reads the gospel at Mark Church, which is much enjoyed by us all. Our Lay Worship Assistant Team was sad to lose **Jill Woolley**, whose enthusiastic and creative ministry was much appreciated, but is in the process of gaining **Kelton and Sharon Black** through the new pathway – indeed we have been pleased to have helped with the development of this. In the meantime, **Jon Glauert, Pat Morgan, Mark Saunders & Yolanda Patten** received their renewed Bishop's Commendations, have continued to serve the

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Benefice faithfully and are a source of great delight to us all. Musically, we were sad to say goodbye to **Derek Jones**, organist at Mark, but grateful to **Nigel Parkin** for stepping up from occasional to full time organist in his place. Together with David Hill at West Huntspill and Sue Elsworth at East Huntspill, they have generously shared their musical skills with us and we are deeply grateful to them all.

Outreach through the **pastoral offices** remains a hugely important aspect of our being. Across the three villages we baptised 18 people, held 5 weddings and conducted 26 funerals (plus 8 interment of ashes only). Our **vergers play** a key role in these services and I am hugely grateful to them for this. Ministering among people at such important times of their lives is always a privilege. Management of our **churchyards** supports the life of our churches and our villages and mostly happens unseen. This year Mark's closed churchyard was taken back under the County Maintenance Programme. **East Huntspill Parish Council** have continued to support their churchyard with a much appreciated donation, making it possible for us to provide care for the village's only burial ground, and **West Huntspill Parish Council** made again a donation toward the upkeep of the machinery used by the team in that place. In addition to this, our churchyards benefit hugely from every hour of care that is provided by volunteers. You know who you are – and on behalf of all of our villagers, '**THANK YOU!**'

There is a sense in which to single out anyone is to risk leaving out everyone else. I would, however, like to draw particular attention to two roles within our churches that I believe deserve our special thanks, appreciation and wisdom. Over the years the demands made of Churchwardens and of P.C.C. Treasurers have grown exponentially. I would like to thank all those who have served in these roles in 2023, whether holding the actual office, or a part of it e.g. Assistant or Deputy Churchwarden, or Money Manager of any kind. The enormity of these roles understandably leads to difficulties filling them. I believe that the way forward is to think creatively and to fathom out ways to share the load, so that all might be enabled to flourish. Let's make sure that we care for each other, express our appreciation to all who serve in these capacities and remain open to new ways of being.

Alongside the more spectacular events, the day-to-day parish life has continued to flourish as relationships have developed and the fuzzy-edges of church (social/fund-raising events, cafes etc) have provided helpful meeting places. So often it is in the small things that great strides occur, for example when we asked the Coffee Morning crowd to construct the Christingle Boxes for the school pupils, when we invited local organisations to decorate a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival and when a lonely, grieving lady was encouraged to step beyond her comfort zone and get involved in helping others. It is when we have felt lacking, for example when we haven't been able to figure out where to find a Treasurer or a Car Show Chairperson, that we have asked others for help and been bowled over by their response. We are often concerned that we don't attract many children to attend church regularly, but we have wide-open doors for us to go into our schools – where assembly, collective worship, involvement in inter-faith weeks, festival celebrations and Leavers' services, opportunities to serve on Governing Bodies/Academy Councils and to support and encourage pupils, staff and parents all abound. I am pleased to do as many of these things as time allows, but there will always be plenty of space for others to come and join in, with training available as needed.

In the dim and distant past, churches were sometimes criticised for being insular, cliquy and separate from their communities. These days we have the chance to be catalysts in order to serve and grow the communities of which we are a part.

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Each of our three villages are quite different in character, with their own challenges and their own opportunities. No matter what other changes may come our way, may we always seek to be positive agents of welcome and wellbeing, people of peace and hope, and faithful witnesses to the love of God, made known in Jesus Christ, empowered through the Holy Spirit and intended for everyone to encounter.

Thank you for all that you are doing and being within our life together.

May God empower us all to become everything that we have been created to be!

With love in Christ,

Rev'd. Christine Judson

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Parochial Church Council of
St Peters & All Hallows, West Huntspill

Detailed Statement of Affairs
Year Ended 31 December 2023

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S & ALL HALLOWS, WEST
HUNTSPILL**

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's & All Hallows for the 12 months ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an Independent Examination (IE) is needed. The Charity is preparing Accrual based Accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for IE, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the CC under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the CC. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's unqualified statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- a. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- b. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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10th March 2024

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Statement of Financial Activity for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Income	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Voluntary Receipts	2a	16,131	159,016	175,147	703,968
Activities for Generating Funds	2b	8,860	-	8,860	8,179
Investment Income/Interest	2c	2,328	509	2,837	997
Church Activities	2d	10,900	-	10,900	8,660
Other Receipts	2e	8,669	13,731	22,400	113,234
Total Income		46,888	173,256	220,144	835,038
Payments					
Church Activities	3a	27,508	2,333	29,841	26,635
Cost of generating funds	3b	2,889	-	2,889	1,645
Church Expenses	3c	15,808	8,477	24,285	19,211
Other Expenditure	3d	1,088	9,000	10,088	19,462
Major Capital Expenditure	3e	-	190,113	190,113	661,922
Total Payments		47,293	209,923	257,216	728,875
Net Income/(Expenditure) Before Investment Gains		(405)	(36,667)	(37,072)	106,163
Net Gain/(Loss) on Investments	5b	-	446	446	(645)
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(405)	(36,221)	(36,626)	
Transfers between funds	4a	45.00	(45.00)	-	-
Net Movement of Funds		(360)	(36,265)	(36,625)	105,518
Total Funds Brought Forward		39,713	145,611	185,324	79,806
Total Funds Carried Forward		39,353	109,346	148,699	185,324

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	5b	5,497	5,051
Tangible	5a	19,318	21,965
		24,815	27,016
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		-	-
Debtors	6a	396	88,559
Prepayments	6b	1,447	2,305
Bank Accounts	6c	122,132	172,220
Cash in hand	6c	109	109
		124,084	263,193
LIABILITIES			
Creditors – Falling due within one year	7a	200	104,885
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		123,884	158,308
TOTAL NET ASSETS		148,699	185,324
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted	8	39,353	39,713
Restricted	8	109,346	145,611
		148,699	185,324

Cash Flow Statement as at 31 December 2023

	£	2023	£
Net Cash from operating activities			(51,501)
Cashflows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rent from investments	2,837		
Interest paid	-		
Proceeds from the sale of; Tangible fixed assets	-		
Tangible fixed investments	-		
Purchase of Tangible fixed assets for the use of the PCC	(1,425)		
Fixed assets investments	-		
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities			1,412
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			(50,088)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January			172,329
Cash & cash equivalents at 31 December			<u>122,241</u>
Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) before investment gains			
Net income before investment gains 31 December			(37,072)
Adjustments for;			
Depreciation			4,072
Loss on the disposal of Fixed Assets			-
Dividends, Interest and rent from investments			(2,837)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors			89,021
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors			(104,685)
Net cash provided/(used in) operating activities			<u>(51,501)</u>
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash in hand			109
Notice deposits			122,132
			<u>122,241</u>

Notes

1. Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, it is also the first year that they have been prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

Assets

Consecrated and benefice property.

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of charity by section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Moveable church furnishings

These are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's inventory in any case.

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and at least £1,000. They are valued at Cost or else, for gifts – in kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over the estimated useful lives as follows.

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|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| • Solar Panels | Straight Line | 15 years |
| • IT Equipment | Straight Line | 4 years |
| • Tables & Chairs | Straight Line | 10 years |
| • Kitchen Equipment | Straight Line | 5 years & 10 years |

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets currently exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or those value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at PCC's best estimate of market value.

Short Term Deposits

These are the cash held on deposit either with the CCLA or at the Bank,

Funds

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the Trustee's Report.

Restricted Funds

These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and detail of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

2. Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
a. Voluntary Receipts				
Envelopes Gift Aided	1,806	-	1,806	2,243
Bankers Orders – Gift Aided	3,965	-	3,965	3,310
Envelopes Non-Gift Aided	364	-	364	543
Bankers Orders – Non-Gift Aided	300	-	300	300
Collections at Services	1,996	-	1,996	1,452
One Off Donations – Gift Aided	341	-	341	728
One Off Donations – Non-Gift Aided	1,964	-	1,964	487
Donations / Appeals Gift Aided	-	-	-	20
Donations / Appeals Non-Gift Aided	2,854	-	2,854	1,408
Individual Donations	-	-	-	-
Grants	250	159,016	159,266	691,140
Legacies	-	-	-	-
HMRC Gift Aid	2,291	-	2,291	2,337
	16,131	159,016	175,147	703,968
b. Activities for Generating Funds				
Christmas Fayre	710	-	710	876
Christmas Tree Festival	80	-	80	100
Tabletop sale for Ukraine	-	-	-	662
Harvest Lunch	480	-	480	610
Car Rally	5,267	-	5,267	4,248
Cream Teas	327	-	327	335
Fete	1,162	-	1,162	960
Easy Fundraising	79	-	79	41
Concert	47	-	47	90
Coffee Morning	-	-	-	207
Jumble Sale	220	-	220	-
Café	488	-	488	-
Monks/Slimming World	-	-	-	50
	8,860	-	8,860	8,179
c. Investment Income/Bank Interest				
Dividends	38	75	113	300
Bank Interest	2,290	434	2,724	697
	2,328	509	2,837	997
d. Church Activities				
Weddings/Funerals/Baptisms	10,900	-	10,900	8,575
Retired Clergy/Vacancy Fees	-	-	-	85
	10,900	-	10,900	8,660
e. Other Receipts				
Mark – Administration	1,441	-	1,441	1,405
East Huntspill-Administration	727	-	727	557
Expenses Contributions	1,726	-	1,726	1,898
Balliol Hall Oil Contribution	868	-	868	1,342
Feed In Tariff	184	-	184	218
Slimming World Hub Hire	30	-	30	-
Bath & Wells DBF	47	-	47	-
Giving Envelopes	25	-	25	-
Heras Fenning Sale	152	-	152	-
Utility Warehouse Refund	295	-	295	-
VAT Reclaim	-	13,731	13,731	106,135
Licence Contribution	7	-	7	-
Monthly S/O Cards	-	-	-	125
Part NHLF Electric Refund	2,196	-	2,196	-
Christmas Cards	124	-	124	29

J & J Walker – Pews	-	-	-	1,000
Easy Fund Raising	122	-	122	163
Payment Correction	425	-	425	62
Balliol College Annuity	300	-	300	300
	8,669	13,731	22,400	113,234

3. Expenditure

a. Church Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Parish Share	15,763	-	15,763	15,513
Salaries, Wages & Honoraria				
Administration Assistant	3,354	-	3,354	3,120
Activities Co-ordinator	-	2,333	2,333	1,167
Cleaner	330	-	330	-
Organist	1,280	-	1,280	1,745
	4,964	2,333	7,297	6,032
Clergy Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	2,364	-	2,364	2,321
Other Clergy Expenses	-	-	-	39
	2,364	-	2,364	2,360
Mission: Giving & Donation				
Somerset Churches Trust	12	-	12	30
Burnham Brass Band	-	-	-	50
DEC Ukraine	-	-	-	663
Childrens Society	734	-	734	-
Christian Mission Society	50	-	50	-
National Church's Trust	25	-	25	50
RBL Poppy Appeal	-	-	-	30
	821	-	821	823
Diocesan Assignment Fees	3,596	-	3,596	1,907
Total Church Activities	27,508	2,333	29,841	26,635
b. Fundraising Activities				
Event Activity Costs	774	-	774	-
Balliol Car Share	1,193	-	1,193	1,302
Thomas Leach Cards	326	-	326	306
Car Rally	596	-	596	37
	2,889	-	2,889	1,645
c. Church Running Expenses				
Maintenance	1,201	4,766	5,917	343
Insurance	2,507	610	3,117	3,663
Licence	163	-	163	243
Upkeep of Services	368	-	368	110
Wedding/Funeral Fees	1,493	-	1,493	645
Subscriptions	84	-	84	10
Administration	528	-	528	532
IT Expenses	456	127	583	1,879
Cleaning	86	-	86	-
Depreciation	1,644	2,428	4,072	3,716
Loss on the Disposal of Assets	-	-	-	3,214
Organ Repairs	-	546	546	653
Audit Fee	175	-	175	55
	8,706	8,477	17,183	

Church Utility Bills

Electricity	3,693	-	3,693	1,551
Oil	3,185	-	3,185	2,484
Water	224	-	224	113
	7,102	-	7,102	4,148

Total Church Running Costs

15,808	8,477	24,285	19,211
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d. Other Expenditure

Christmas Tree	213	-	213	280
10% Grant Contribution	-	-	-	9,970
Overpayment/Refunds	725	-	725	62
Freeline Graphics	-	9,000	9,000	9,000
Balloil Hall Annuity Contribution EH	150	-	150	150
	1,088	9,000	10,088	19,462

e. Major Capital Expenditure

Major repairs to church buildings	-	190,113	190,113	661,921
	-	190,113	190,113	661,921

4. Analysis of Fund Movements

	2023	2022
	£	£
a. Nat West & CCLA CBF General Deposit General Fund		
Balance at 1 January	143,636	28,059
Income	307,798	746,162
Transfers from Other Funds	45	11,240
	<u>451,479</u>	<u>785,461</u>
Expenditure	(358,395)	(636,825)
Transfers to Other Funds	-	(5,000)
Balance at 31 December	<u>93,084</u>	<u>143,636</u>
b. CCLA CBF Late Miss GM Porter		
Balance at 1 January	877	716
Income		
Interest Received	30	11
Investment Income	113	150
	<u>143</u>	<u>877</u>
Expenditure		
Transfer to Nat West General Fund	(45)	-
Balance at 31 December	<u>975</u>	<u>877</u>
c. CCLA CBF Bell Fund		
Balance at 1 January-CBF	11,411	11,263
Balance at 1 January-Cash	80	80
Total	<u>11,491</u>	<u>11,343</u>
Income		
Interest Received	366	148
Donation	-	-
	<u>366</u>	<u>148</u>
Expenditure	-	-
Balance at 31 December-CBF	<u>11,777</u>	<u>11,411</u>
Balance at 31 December-Cash	80	80
Total	<u>11,857</u>	<u>11,491</u>
d. CCLA CBF Roof Fund		

	Balance at 1 January	8	6,240
	Income	-	-
	Transfers from Nat West General Fund	-	5,000
	Interest Received	-	8
		8	11,248
	Expenditure		
	Transfer to Nat West General Fund	-	11,240
	Balance at 31 December	8	8
e.	CCLA CBF General Deposit - Church Path		
	Balance at 1 January	2,298	2,298
	Income	-	-
		2,298	2,298
	Expenditure	-	-
	Balance at 31 December	2,298	2,298
f.	CCLA CBF General Deposit – Mrs Palmer		
	Balance at 1 January	14,018	14,018
	Income	-	-
		14,018	14,018
	Expenditure	-	-
	Transfer to Other Funds	-	-
	Balance at 31 December	14,018	14,018
g.	CCLA CBF General Deposit – Restoration Fund		
	Balance at 1 January	1	1
	Income	-	-
		1	1
	Expenditure	-	-
	Balance at 31 December	1	1

5. Fixed Assets

5a – Tangible

	Solar Panels	IT Equipment	Tables & Chairs	Kitchen Equipment	Total £
Cost of valuation					
As at 31 Jan 23	8,221	1,651	14,156	1,653	25,681
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Additions at Cost	-	1,425	-	-	1,425
As at 31 Dec 23	8,221	3,076	14,156	1,653	27,106
Depreciation					
As at 31 Jan 23	1,644	413	1,415	244	3,716
Withdrawn on Disposal	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	1,644	769	1,415	244	4,072
As at 31 Dec 23	3,288	1,182	2,830	488	7,788
Net Book Value					
At 1 Jan 23	6,577	1,238	12,741	1,409	21,965
At 31 Dec 23	4,933	1,894	11,326	1,165	19,318

The old IT equipment, tables & chairs and kitchen equipment were disposed of during the year. Replacement items were purchased from grant receipts and are hence classed as restricted items. The solar panels remain the only unrestricted item.

5b – Investments

	£
Market Value at 1 Jan 23	5,051
Disposal	-
Purchases	-
Net Gain/(Loss)	446
Market Value at 31 Dec 23	<u>5,497</u>

The investment is made up of 276.98 Income Units in the COIF Charities Investment Fund.

6. Current Assets

6a. Debtors

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	Total £	2022 £
Rectors Expenses	-	-	-	60
SumUp Receipt	100	-	100	74
Grant Receipt	-	-	-	71,301
VAT Reclaim	-	-	-	17,124
Oher Debtors	296	-	296	-
	<u>396</u>	-	<u>396</u>	<u>88,559</u>

6b. Prepayments

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	Total £	2022 £
Licences	37	-	37	22
Insurance	-	-	-	426
Utilities	1,262	-	1,262	1,621
Maintenance	105	-	105	226
Subscriptions	43	-	43	10
	<u>1,447</u>	-	<u>1,447</u>	<u>2,305</u>

6c. Bank & Cash

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 £	2022 £
Bank Accounts				
Nat West General Fund	25,862	60,307	86,169	137,441
CBF Account – Bells	-	11,777	11,777	11,411
CBF Account – Miss GM Porter	-	975	975	877
CBF Account – Roof Fund	-	8	8	8
CBF Account – General Fund	6,886	16,317	23,203	22,483
	<u>32,748</u>	<u>89,384</u>	<u>122,132</u>	<u>172,220</u>
Cash				
Church	29	-	29	29
Bell Fund	-	80	80	80
	<u>32,777</u>	<u>89,464</u>	<u>122,241</u>	<u>172,329</u>

7. Liabilities

7a. Creditors – Amounts falling due within 12 months.

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	Total £	2022 £
Construction Payment	-	-	-	102,828
Balliol Hall Grant	150	-	150	-
Christian Mission Society	50	-	50	-
Fees	-	-	-	2,057
	200.00	-	200.00	104,885

7b. Accruals

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	Total £	2022 £
Creditor	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

8. Summary of Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	4,933	14,385	19,318
Investments	-	5,497	5,497
Current Assets	34,620	89,464	124,084
Liabilities	(200)	-	(200)
	39,353	109,346	148,699

Signed: _____ Date: _____
PCC Treasurer

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Priest in Charge/Church Warden



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S & ALL HALLOWS, WEST HUNTSPELL 2023 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Introduction

1. This report has been prepared by John Leddy on behalf of the Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill who are the sponsor, and to whom any queries should be addressed.

Background

2. Huntspill is a village on the Huntspill Level in Somerset, England. The village falls within the district of Sedgemoor, which was formed on 1 April 1974 under the Local Government Act 1972. It lies on the A38 road, 1.5 miles South of Highbridge. The village is the principal settlement in the civil parish of West Huntspill, which also contains the hamlet of Alstone. The ancient parish of Huntspill also included the villages of East Huntspill, Hackness and Bason Bridge, east of the village of Huntspill. The western boundary of the parish was the tidal River Parrett, but changes in the course of the river left some parts of the parish on the west side of the river until 1933, when they were transferred to the civil parish of Otterhampton. In 1949 the Civil Parish of Huntspill was abolished and divided into Huntspill All Saints and West Huntspill. The Parish of Huntspill All Saints was re-named East Huntspill in 1972.

3. The Parish Church of St Peter's & All Hallows is situated in the centre of the village in Church Road. Established by 1208, it was rebuilt around 1400, and extended in the early to mid-15th Century. It was gutted by fire in 1878 and restored over the next two years. It has been designated as a Grade 1 listed building.

4. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows oversees the Parish Church of St Peter's & All Hallows which presently has 26 people on the electoral role, and the parish is rated Category E for the purposes of the Parish Share of the Common Fund.

5. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill is currently one of three Anglican Church's in the United Benefice of The Huntspill and Mark and includes All Saints East Huntspill, Holy Cross Church Mark and the Church of St Peter & All Hallows, West Huntspill. The benefice was formed in 2013 when the Rev Tonya arrived. On her arrival East Huntspill and West Huntspill joined with Mark to form the current Benefice. The Benefice comes under the Axbridge Deanery and the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Aim

6. John Leddy is to conduct the Independent Examination (IE) of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023.

Approach

7. Using the Cashbook and records provided by the Treasurer, a set of Accrual Annual Accounts for 2023 was prepared and submitted for approval.

8. Eligibility to examine the accounts and conduct an IE was confirmed from the Accounts prepared.

9. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill Annual Accounts for the period 1st January to 31st December 2023 were examined in accordance with Charity Commission (CC)

guidance, details are at Annex A¹. Additional investigations were conducted where necessary and supporting documentation for the operation of the funds requested if required.

10. As part of the examination discussions were held with the PCC Treasurer to ascertain answers to the CC Directions.

Findings

11. Examination of the annual report confirmed that the gross income of the PCC of St Peters & All Hallows, West Huntspill did not exceed £1 million² and the aggregate value of assets (before deduction of liabilities) did not exceed £3.26 million. Based on the information at Table 1 an Audit was not required. In addition to the upper threshold for an IE, the Gross Income is above the £25,000³ lower threshold set by the CC for an IE. The Church Accounting Regulations do require an external scrutiny of PCC Accounts, so in this case an IE was carried out. Fund Balances are:

Table 1 – PCC of St Peter’s & All Hallows, West Huntspill Balances for 2023

Serial	Fund	Gross Income (£)	Gross Assets (£)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	PCC of St Peter’s & All Hallows	220,144	148,699

12. The Gross Income of the Charity has dropped below the £250,000 threshold required for the accounts to be prepared on an Accruals basis. On inspection of the Charity accounts, the PCC of St Peter’s & All Hallows, West Huntspill have elected to prepare their Accounts on an Accruals basis.

13. The Gross Income for 2023 is above the £100,000 limit set by the Charity Commission for registration with them as a Charity. Its Charity registration number is 1199055.

14. **Points from Last Year’s Review.** Last year’s IE Report produced by John Leddy was reviewed. On inspection of that Report no material observations were documented; therefore, no points remain outstanding.

15. Whilst the PCC Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, the examiner may also prepare the statutory accounts on behalf of the Trustees. In line with CC Direction 2 this did not compromise the examiners independence as he ensured that the following requirements of the Direction were met:

- a. The accounting records had been maintained by the PCC Treasurer.
- b. The examiner has no direct involvement in the day-to-day management or administration of the charity.
- c. The trustees reviewed and approved the accounts prepared⁴.

16. **Additional Observations.** The Independent Examiners report is a statement to confirm that the Charity is operating within the accounting and governance tolerances set by the CC. After conducting the IE I have the following observations to report.

- a. As required by CC Direction 13, the Trustees are to prepare a Trustee’s Annual Report & Accounts which must be presented to the Church Membership at the Annual Parochial

¹ Section E of the guidance explains the role, duties and 13 specific directions of an independent examiner in examining the accounts of a charity.

² Charities Act 2011 Chapter 3 Section 144(1).

³ Charities Act 2011 Chapter 3 Section 145(1).

⁴M Wall email dated 10th March 2024.

Church Meeting. CC Direction 13 says that the Independent Examiner must see this document and compare it back to the Accounting Information provided. No Trustee's Annual Report was provided.

Recommendations

17. It is recommended that;

a. After the APCM, a copy of the Trustee's Annual Report is sent to the Independent Examiner for his records.

Conclusion

18. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill has received an unqualified report which can be found at Enclosure 1.

Annex:

A. The Charity Commission's Directions on the IE of Charity Accounts.

Enclosure:

1. IE Report for 1 Jan to 31 Dec 23 – The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill.

THE CHARITY COMMISSIONS DIRECTIONS ON INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF CHARITY ACCOUNTS

1. The CC produce an examiners' guide to IE of Charity Accounts. It is specifically written for Independent Examiners and explains their role and duties in examining the accounts of a charity. In accordance with Section E of the guidance the 13 specific directions and how they were addressed are as follows:

- a. **Examination and accounting thresholds.** The annual report for the period 1 Jan – 31 Dec 23 was examined to confirm IE thresholds⁵ had not been breached. The Income information was below the Audit requirements, but above the CC guidelines for an IE to be carried out. Therefore, an IE was required for 2023.
- b. **Conflicts of Interest.** The examiner was not influenced or perceived to be influenced in any way as he did not have any close personal relationships with the PCC Members, was not a major donor to the PCC, did not have any control of funds and was not involved in the day to day running of the PCC.
- c. **Documentation.** Working papers were examined and evident. All procedures carried out and any matters arising to support conclusions reached or statements provided in the report have been documented.
- d. **Understanding the charity.** Detailed briefs and free access to all charity documentation ensured a full understanding of the charity's constitution, organisation, accounting systems, activities and nature of its assets, liabilities, incoming resources and application of resources.
- e. **Accounting records.** The charity accounting records have been subject to a review and appear complete and consistent with statutory requirements.
- f. **Comparison with accounting records.** A comparison of the charity's accounts with the accounting records in sufficient detail was carried out which provides a reasonable basis to decide that the accounts are consistent.
- g. **Accruals Basis Checks.** The accounts were checked for related party transactions, and if any were found these were disclosed in the notes to the accounts.
- h. **Accounting policies estimates and judgements.** Reviewed the accounting policies adopted and consider their consistency with the SORP and their appropriateness to the activities of the charity.
- i. **Financial circumstances and Going Concern.** The examiner checked whether the Trustees have considered the financial circumstances of the Charity at the end of the reporting period and have made an assessment of the Charities position as a going concern when approving the Accounts.
- j. **Form and Content of the Accounts.** The examiner carried out procedures as considered necessary to provide a reasonable basis on which to conclude whether or not the accounts have been properly prepared. The examiner checked that they can lawfully

⁵ Gross income greater than £0.025 and not to exceed £0.25M for receipts and payments, gross income not to exceed £1.0M and the aggregate value of assets should not exceed £3.26M otherwise a full audit is required.

prepare Receipts and Payments Accounts, that all accounting statements are present, and the funds of the Charity can be correctly identified.

k. **Analytical Review.** The examiner carried out an analytical review of the current accounts to identify if any entries required further explanation or evidence. The 2023 Accounts were compared with the 2022 Accounts to see if any material changes could be identified.

l. **Compare the Trustees Annual Report with the Accounts.** No Trustee's Annual Report for 2023 was provided for inspection.

m. **Examiner's report.** The IE report can be found at Enclosures 1.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PCC OF ST PETER'S &
ALL HALLOWS, WEST HUNTSPILL**

I report on the accounts of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill for the 12 months ended 31st December 2023, which are set on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an IE is needed. The Charity is preparing Receipts and Payments Accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for IE, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the CC under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the CC. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's unqualified 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:

- a. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- b. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Accounts

Parochial Church Council of
St Peters & All Hallows, West Huntspill

Detailed Statement of Affairs
Year Ended 31 December 2022

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S & ALL HALLOWS, WEST
HUNTSPILL**

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's & All Hallows for the 12 months ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an Independent Examination (IE) is needed. The Charity is preparing Accrual based Accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

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31th March 2023

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Statement of Financial Activity for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Income	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Voluntary Receipts	2a	21,578	682,390	703,968	92,506
Activities for Generating Funds	2b	8,179	-	8,179	7,633
Investment Income/Interest	2c	680	317	997	334
Church Activities	2d	8,660	-	8,660	6,751
Other Receipts	2e	7,099	106,135	113,234	12,328
Total Income		46,196	788,842	835,038	119,552
Payments					
Church Activities	3a	25,468	1,167	26,635	22,724
Cost of generating funds	3b	1,645	-	1,645	1,700
Church Expenses	3c	13,372	5,839	19,211	95,470
Other Expenditure	3d	492	18,970	19,462	1,512
Major Capital Expenditure	3e	-	661,922	661,922	-
Total Payments		40,977	687,898	728,875	121,406
Net Income/(Expenditure) Before Investment Gains		5,219	100,944	106,163	(1,854)
Net Gain/(Loss) on Investments	5b	-	(645)	(645)	707
Net Income/(Expenditure)		-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	4a	(5,000)	5,000	-	-
Net Movement of Funds		219	105,299	105,518	(1,854)
Total Funds Brought Forward		39,494	40,312	79,806	80,953
Total Funds Carried Forward		39,713	145,611	185,324	79,806

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Note	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	5b	5,051	5,696
Tangible	5a	21,965	11,435
		27,016	17,131
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		-	-
Debtors	6a	88,559	-
Prepayments	6b	2,305	-
Bank Accounts	6c	172,220	62,566
Cash in hand	6c	109	109
		263,193	62,675
LIABILITIES			
Creditors – Falling due within one year	7a	104,885	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		158,308	62,675
TOTAL NET ASSETS		185,324	79,806
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted	8	39,713	39,494
Restricted	8	145,611	40,312
		185,324	79,806

Cash Flow Statement as at 31 December 2022

	£	2022	£
Net Cash from operating activities			126,117
Cashflows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rent from investments		997	
Interest paid		-	
Proceeds from the sale of; Tangible fixed assets		-	
Tangible fixed investments		-	
Purchase of Tangible fixed assets for the use of the PCC		(17,460)	
Fixed assets investments		-	
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities			(16,463)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			109,654
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January			62,675
Cash & cash equivalents at 31 December			<u>172,329</u>
Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) before investment gains			
Net income before investment gains 31 December			106,163
Adjustments for;			
Depreciation			3,716
Loss on the disposal of Fixed Assets			3,214
Dividends, Interest and rent from investments			(997)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors			(90,864)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors			104,885
Net cash provided/(used in) operating activities			<u>126,117</u>
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash in hand			109
Notice deposits			172,220
			<u>172,329</u>

Notes

1. Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, it is also the first year that they have been prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

Assets

Consecrated and benefice property.

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of charity by section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Moveable church furnishings

These are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's inventory in any case.

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and at least £1,000. They are valued at Cost or else, for gifts – in kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over the estimated useful lives as follows.

- | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| • Solar Panels | Straight Line | 15 years |
| • IT Equipment | Straight Line | 4 years |
| • Tables & Chairs | Straight Line | 10 years |
| • Kitchen Equipment | Straight Line | 5 years & 10 years |

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets currently exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or those value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at PCC's best estimate of market value.

Short Term Deposits

These are the cash held on deposit either with the CCLA or at the Bank,

Funds

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the Trustee's Report.

Restricted Funds

These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and detail of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

2. Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
a. Voluntary Receipts				
Envelopes Gift Aided	2,243		2,243	2,534
Bankers Orders – Gift Aided	3,310		3,310	2,710
Envelopes Non-Gift Aided	543		543	762
Bankers Orders – Non-Gift Aided	300		300	275
Collections at Services	1,452		1,452	1,024
One Off Donations – Gift Aided	728		728	
One Off Donations – Non-Gift Aided	487		487	
Donations / Appeals Gift Aided	20		20	-
Donations / Appeals Non-Gift Aided	1,408		1,408	469
Individual Donations	-	-	-	3,380
Grants	8,750	682,390	691,140	79,850
Legacies	-	-	-	-
HMRC Gift Aid	2,337	-	2,337	1,502
	21,578	682,390	703,968	92,506
b. Activities for Generating Funds				
Christmas Fayre	876	-	876	729
Tabletop sale for Ukraine	662	-	662	-
Harvest Lunch	610	-	610	471
Car Rally	4,248	-	4,248	4,434
Cream Teas	335	-	335	-
Fete	960	-	960	1,231
Christmas Tree Festival	100	-	100	-
Easy Fundraising	41	-	41	-
Concert	90	-	90	474
Coffee Morning	207	-	207	-
Barbeque	-	-	-	13
Café	-	-	-	281
Monks/Slimming World	50	-	50	-
	8,179	-	8,179	7,633
c. Investment Income/Bank Interest				
Dividends	149	151	300	290
Bank Interest	531	166	697	44
	680	317	997	334
d. Church Activities				
Weddings/Funerals/Baptisms	8,575	-	8,575	6,591
Retired Clergy/Vacancy Fees	85	-	85	160
	8,660	-	8,660	6,751
e. Other Receipts				
Mark – Administration	1,405	-	1,405	1,200
East Huntspill-Administration	557	-	557	520
Expenses Contributions	1,898	-	1,898	1,446
Balliol Hall Oil Contribution	1,342	-	1,342	416
Feed In Tariff	218	-	218	217
Commonwealth War Graves	-	-	-	15
VAT Reclaim	-	106,135	106,135	8,214
Monthly S/O Cards	125	-	125	-
Christmas Cards	29	-	29	-
J & J Walker – Pews	1,000	-	1,000	-
Easy Fund Raising	163	-	163	-
Mark PCC Payment Correction	62	-	62	-
Balliol College Annuity	300	-	300	300
	7,099	106,135	113,234	12,328

3. Expenditure

a. Church Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Parish Share	15,513	-	15,513	15,500
Salaries, Wages & Honoraria				
Administration Assistant	3,120	-	3,120	3,120
Activities Co-ordinator	-	1,167	1,167	-
Organist	1,745	-	1,745	710
	4,865	1,167	6,032	3,830
Clergy Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	2,321	-	2,321	1,572
Rector's Discretionary Expenses	-	-	-	100
Other Clergy Expenses	39	-	39	-
	2,360	-	2,360	1,672
Mission: Giving & Donation				
Somerset Churches Trust	30	-	30	60
Burnham Brass Band	50	-	50	-
DEC Ukraine	663	-	663	-
Freda Carey	-	-	-	100
National Church's Trust	50	-	50	30
RBL Poppy Appeal	30	-	30	50
	823	-	823	240
Diocesan Assignment Fees	1,907	-	1,907	1,432
Total Church Activities	25,468	1,167	26,635	22,674
b. Fundraising Activities				
Church Envelope Scheme	-	-	-	52
Event Activity Costs	-	-	-	33
Balliol Car Share	1,302	-	1,302	1,330
Thomas Leach Cards	306	-	306	285
Car Rally	37	-	37	-
	1,645	-	1,645	1,700
c. Church Running Expenses				
Maintenance	343	-	343	89,558
Insurance	2,217	1,446	3,663	2,060
Licence	243	-	243	182
Upkeep of Services	110	-	110	-
Wedding/Funeral Fees	645	-	645	475
Subscriptions	10	-	10	20
Administration	532	-	532	551
IT Expenses	56	1,823	1,879	24
Depreciation	1,644	2,072	3,716	-
Loss on the Disposal of Assets	3,214	-	3,214	-
Organ Repairs	155	498	653	-
Audit Fee	55	-	55	50
	9,224	5,839	15,063	92,920
Church Utility Bills				
Electricity	1,551	-	1,551	423
Oil	2,484	-	2,484	1,963
Water	113	-	113	165
	4,148	-	4,148	2,550
Total Church Running Costs	13,372	5,839	19,211	95,470

d. Other Expenditure				
HLF Grant Preparation Fees	-	-	-	1,172
Christmas Tree	280	-	280	40
10% Grant Contribution	-	9,970	9,970	-
Fitting Out Expenditure	-	-	-	-
PCC Mark Overpayment	62	-	62	-
Freeline Graphics	-	9,000	9,000	-
Balloil Hall Annuity Contribution EH	150	-	150	300
	492	18,970	19,462	1,512

e. Major Capital Expenditure				
Major repairs to church buildings	-	661,921	661,921	-
	-	661,921	661,921	-

4. Analysis of Fund Movements

	2022 £	2021 £
a. Nat West & CCLA CBF General Deposit General Fund		
Balance at 1 January	28,059	24,517
Income	746,162	119,398
Transfers from Other Funds	11,240	22,319
	785,461	166,234
Expenditure	(636,825)	(121,406)
Transfers to Other Funds	(5,000)	(16,769)
Balance at 31 December	143,636	28,059
b. CCLA CBF Late Miss GM Porter		
Balance at 1 January	716	669
Income		
Interest Received	11	-
Investment Income	150	147
	877	816
Expenditure		
Transfer to Nat West General Fund	-	(100)
Balance at 31 December	877	716
c. CCLA CBF Bell Fund		
Balance at 1 January-CBF	11,263	11,257
Balance at 1 January-Cash	80	80
Total	11,343	11,337
Income		
Interest Received	148	6
Donation	-	-
	148	6
Expenditure	-	-
Balance at 31 December-CBF	11,411	11,263
Balance at 31 December-Cash	80	80
Total	11,491	11,343
d. CCLA CBF Roof Fund		
Balance at 1 January	6,240	1,705
Income		
Transfers from Nat West General Fund	5,000	16,769
Interest Received	8	1
	11,248	18,475
Expenditure		
Transfer to Nat West General Fund	11,240	(12,235)
Balance at 31 December	8	6,240
e. CCLA CBF General Deposit - Church Path		

	Balance at 1 January	2,298	2,298
	Income	-	-
		<u>2,298</u>	<u>2,298</u>
	Expenditure	-	-
	Balance at 31 December	<u>2,298</u>	<u>2,298</u>
f.	CCLA CBF General Deposit – Mrs Palmer		
	Balance at 1 January	14,018	24,002
	Income	-	-
		<u>14,018</u>	<u>24,002</u>
	Expenditure	-	-
	Transfer to Other Funds	-	(9,984)
	Balance at 31 December	<u>14,018</u>	<u>14,018</u>
g.	CCLA CBF General Deposit – Restoration Fund		
	Balance at 1 January	1	1
	Income	-	-
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	Expenditure	-	-
	Balance at 31 December	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

5. Fixed Assets

5a – Tangible

	Solar Panels	IT Equipment	Tables & Chairs	Kitchen Equipment	Total £
Cost of valuation					
As at 31 Jan 22	8,221	503	2,641	70	11,435
Disposals	-	(503)	(2,641)	(70)	(3,214)
Additions at Cost	-	1,651	14,156	1,653	17,460
As at 31 Dec 22	<u>8,221</u>	<u>1,651</u>	<u>14,156</u>	<u>1,653</u>	25,681
Depreciation					
As at 31 Jan 22	-	-	-	-	-
Withdrawn on Disposal	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	1,644	413	1,415	244	3,716
As at 31 Dec 22	<u>1,644</u>	<u>413</u>	<u>1,415</u>	<u>244</u>	3,716
Net Book Value					
At 1 Jan 22	8,221	503	2,641	70	11,435
At 31 Dec 22	6,577	1,238	12,741	1,409	21,965

The old IT equipment, tables & chairs and kitchen equipment were disposed of during the year. Replacement items were purchased from grant receipts and are hence classed as restricted items. The solar panels remain the only unrestricted item.

5b – Investments

	£
Market Value at 1 Jan 22	5,696
Disposal	-
Purchases	-
Net Gain/(Loss)	(645)
Market Value at 31 Dec 22	<u>5,051</u>

The investment is made up of 276.98 Income Units in the COIF Charities Investment Fund.

6. Current Assets

6a. Debtors

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	Total £	2021 £
Rectors Expenses	60	-	60	-
SumUp Receipt	74	-	74	-
Grant Receipt	-	71,301	71,301	-
VAT Reclaim	-	17,124	17,124	-
Oher Debtors	-	-	-	-
	134	88,425	88,559	-

6b. Prepayments

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	Total £	2021 £
Licences	22	-	22	-
Insurance	-	426	426	-
Utilities	1,621	-	1,621	-
Maintenance	226	-	226	-
Subscriptions	10	-	10	-
	1,879	426	2,305	-

6c. Bank & Cash

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 £	2021 £
Bank Accounts				
Nat West General Fund	24,927	112,514	137,441	17,171
CBF Account – Bells	-	11,411	11,411	11,263
CBF Account – Miss GM Porter	-	877	877	716
CBF Account – Roof Fund	-	8	8	6,240
CBF Account – General Fund	6,166	16,317	22,483	27,176
	31,093	141,127	172,220	62,566
Cash				
Church	29	-	29	29
Bell Fund	-	80	80	80
	31,122	141,207	172,329	62,675

7. Liabilities

7a. Creditors – Amounts falling due within 12 months.

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	Total £	2021 £
Construction Payment	-	102,828	102,828	-
Fees	-	2,057	2,057	-
	-	104,885	104,885	-

7b. Accruals

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	Total £	2021 £
Creditor	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

8. Summary of Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	6,577	15,388	21,965
Investments	-	5,051	5,051
Current Assets	33,136	230,057	263,193
Liabilities	-	(104,885)	(104,885)
	39,713	145,611	185,324

Signed: _____ Date: _____
PCC Treasurer

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Priest in Charge/Church Warden

**ST PETER & ALL HALLOWS - WEST HUNTSPILL
 PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

*REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022*

Administrative Information

During the year the following served as Members of the PCC

Priest in Charge/Rector Revd. Christine Judson

Churchwardens Mrs Jill Woolley
 Vacant

Deanery Synod
 Representatives Mrs Bronwen Wright
 Mrs Bronwyn Fraley

Elected Members	Mr David Lemon	Vice chair
	Mrs Sylvia Sims	(Honery)
	Mr Nigel Maddox	Churchyard
	Mr Geoff Bryant	
	Mr Mark Saunders	Electoral Roll
	Mrs Mel Wall	Treasurer, Data Protection
	Mrs Bronwen Wright	Churches Together
Mrs Lynn Wiles	Churches Together	

Co-opted	Mrs Melissa Wall and Mrs Sylvia Lemon	Joint Secretary
	Mr Richard Tiley	(Bell Tower Captain)
	Mrs Margaret Roper	Social and Fund Raising

Safeguarding	Mrs Bronwyn Fraley	Health and Safety, and
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The PCC, wish to thank Mr Les Roper and Mrs Margaret Roper for managing Flower arranging.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the church representation Rules (Church Parochial Council (Powers) Measure 1956. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St Peter & All Hallows Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating in promoting within the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Achievement & Performance

For the year 2022 there were 25 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 4 of whom were non-residents within the parish.

In connection with the Parish survey to establish the 'Parish Share', the Churchwardens were unable to count those who attended during April so counted during October 2020. The agreed adult Church Membership figure was 31 as compared with 29 in 2021.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

33 in 2009	31 in 2012	32 in 2015	30 in 2018
31 in 2010	33 in 2013	34 in 2016	28 in 2019
31 in 2011	32 in 2014	33 in 2017	21 in 2020
26 in 2021	29 in 2022		

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The full PCC met seven times during the year with an average attendance of 70%. Sub-committees met between meetings and items raised reported and discussed as necessary with the full PCC.

WORSHIP

In 2022 we have continued throughout the year with regular services.

SUNDAY

1st	Sunday	3pm @3 Service in the Balliol Hall
2 nd	"	11.15am Morning Worship,
3 rd	"	11.15am Friends and Family Communion,
4 th	"	11.15am Holy Communion,
5 th	"	Group Holy Communion Service (alternates between the parishes of the benefice)

Services were held as per the liturgical calendar, The Harvest Festival was celebrated on the 25th September and our normally well supported Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society was held on the 5th December, with 81 adults and 15 children.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

There were 6 Baptisms and no Confirmations during 2022.

REPORTS

CHURCHYARD REPORT 2022

The churchyard at St Peters, is an open churchyard, this means that those who live in the parish of West Huntspill, can be buried in the Churchyard. This status should continue for the foreseeable future. The records for the churchyard are held in church and can be viewed on request to the Church Wardens.

The churchyard has two public footpaths running along the left hand side and in front of the church. This is used daily by dog walkers and hikers. The repairs to the tower have disrupted the footpath past the tower on the north side and the path has gone to the south. The churchyard has a large number of mature trees, the large copper beech, to the north of

the tower was removed due to the main trunk being rotted out. The area at the bottom is put over to conservation, until required for burials. This means that we have a vast number and variety of wild life.

I would like to thank Mr Graham Warnecke and Mr Colin Bird, who have both joined me in the upkeep of the churchyard. We also have Paul Fry who is supported, who helps as well.

All are welcomed to use the churchyard to relax and rest in. Enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the churchyard, you do not have to wait until you need to use it, the residents do not mind and are quite friendly.

Nigel Maddocks

Financial Report Year end of 2022.

I am pleased to report the Parish Share was paid in full in 2022. Our financial situation is worrying as regular giving has reduced due to a number of factors, and the cost of living crisis is affecting everyone. Thanks to all the generous donations made throughout the year. As in previous years a claim was made on eligible donations under the Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme.

Our fuel bills, especially electricity have substantially reduced. However steps are being taken to review how we heat the church building for different uses. The PCC is seeking to be proactive in keeping bills to minimum.

As a Benefice we continue to employ an Admin Assistant, the expense shared between the 3 parishes. As part of the ongoing Restoration project we now employ an Activity Co-ordinator who is overseeing the delivery of planned activities in the Huntspill Hub.

Reserve amounts held in CBF deposit account have reduced, as we seek to recover from Covid and cope with the cost of living crisis, we have had to draw on reserves this year.

A big vote of thanks goes to the Fundraising Team - for the amazing fundraising efforts throughout the year. Thankfully now, post covid there has been a return to the varied fundraising of before, all events were well supported. The money raised is of vital importance to our cash flow.

We now have our new community space, the Huntspill Hub, and the Monday café is extremely well supported. On a donations basis we are not only covering the heating costs but making a profit. The Honesty Café is open every day. There has been an increase in donations into the wall safe and we have now have a contactless payment station and have been receiving donations via this also.

As Treasurer it has been a very challenging year trying to learn to manage the finances for the major restoration project. It has been a steep learning curve, dealing with NLHF, various other grant providers, reclaiming Vat etc. As the Year drew to a close the major capital works were coming to an end and the interior works were finished except for decorating. The repairs to the tower look fantastic and the footpath has now been able to reopen on both sides of the church. The work carried out at the back of the church - removal of pews, installation of toilets, kitchen, new tables and chairs - has created a truly flexible community space. The Monday coffee mornings are

extremely popular with usually around 40/50 in attendance. We are very grateful for the volunteers from throughout the community who man the kitchen and make cakes. It has been lovely to see so many becoming involved. The range of activities in the new space include a craft club, a local history group and the space has also been used for gatherings after baptisms etc.

Due to the cost of the project the PCC was registered as a charity and I will be forwarding our annual accounts to the Charity Commission in due course.

The project would not have been possible without the financial support of the grants we received. The NLHF was our main grant funder, and we thank lottery players for their support. We are grateful to have received grants from the following - Viridor, The Foyle Foundation, Somerset Churches Trust, Hinkley Point, The Princes Countryside Trust, HDF Wills Charitable Trust, Bishop Radford Trust, The Medlock Trust, Sedgemoor District Council, National Churches Trust, The Joseph Rank Trust, The Wolfson Foundation, Garfield Weston, The Leonard Laity Stoaate Trust, All Churches Trust, The Laing Family Trust, Sabina Sutherland Trust Skinners Lady Neville Charity, Congregational Charitable Trust, Burnham and Weston Energy Fund. With thanks to Sara Puddy for all her hard work securing this funding.

The PCC reviewed the Reserves Policy and decided to maintain as minimum £4500 to be held in current account at all times.

This year, due to becoming a registered charity and the amount of income due to the project the accounts had to be prepared in the more complicated Accruals accounting format. I am very grateful to John Leddy for preparing and examining the annual accounts and for all his help with the new format

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31st December 2022

This report is intended as an update on Health and Safety for St Peter and All Hallows Church for the period ending December 2022. During most of the period the church was undergoing refurbishment and decoration so that any Health and Safety inspections ceased for the period of refurbishment. The refurbishment is near completion and therefore it is expected that things will revert to normal within the next few weeks. I also had some health problems that meant I was not able to undertake some work for Health and Safety or Safeguarding.

Risk Assessments were completed for Church activities during that period, this included the Church Fete in July and the Classic Car Show in September. These Risk Assessments were placed in a file and stored in the Vestry. The intention is that generic Risk Assessments are used instead of duplicating a form for each regular activity ie Fete, Car Show etc.

In May 2022 Nigel Maddocks and Les Roper undertook and passed a First Aid Course.

The existing Health and Safety Policy was reviewed by myself and Rev. Chris and agreed at the PCC meeting. However, after some discussion between myself and Rev. Chris it was decided that at some future date the policy would be reviewed again. This review would take into account the following:-

Current Health and Safety Policy is too onerous, originally drafted for a higher risk environment. Because of the nature of Church activities, it is deemed as low risk

The Church of England has produced a much simplified version of a Health and Safety Policy that can be adapted Currently the Benefice is using various versions of a Health and Safety Policy it would make sense to bring them all into line

This new policy will be looked at when such time as refurbishment is completed and activities are back to normal.

It is also my intention to step down at the 2023 AGM however I will be happy to advise where appropriate.

Bronwyn Fraley
Health and Safety Officer

**CHURCHES TOGETHER in BURNHAM &
HIGHBRIDGE**

CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING

22nd September 2022 - 7.00 p.m.

Finally we were able to meet after so long due to the Covid virus.

The meeting was at the Roman Catholic Church, Burnham-on-Sea and was well attended.

After short speeches from the Chair and the Treasurer we were introduced to the new County Ecumenical Officer for Somerset. His name is Jonathan Lloyd and he is an Anglican Priest and retired Archdeacon living in Wells.

He has served in Church ministry in England, South Africa, Denmark and Canada. He worked for 'Churches Together' for eight hours each week on a flexible basis and is based at Flourish House, Wells.

After tea, cake and discussion we took part in a Quiz compiled by Revd. Little and our table came second! A bit of fun enjoyed by all.

Bronwen Wright.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY SYNOD
January 2022 - December 2022

Saturday 29th January 2022 there was a 'Zoom' Deanery Meeting

43 people were linked into the meeting.

Revd. Richard Neill led a discussion on how to take a passage of Scripture and different people read it. What immediately strikes you? Philippians Ch.4 verses 4-13 was an example. This then led on to a discussion on Church in the 2020's.

Rosie Hasler (Lay Dean) was concerned about the dependence in the Cheddar Valley on retired Clergy and the

sad decline in Readers in the Deanery, now only three. She was worried about the taking of Funerals. Enthusiasm was needed from people and encouragement for more Lay Worship Assistants and Lay Pastoral Ministers.

There was general concern on how everything was going to be covered. We had to pool our resources. We needed the right training especially in 'Safe Guarding'. Everyone needed to be a good neighbour in their communities, talking to people and being positive - for example 'Outreach' for the elderly as we recover from 'Lock Down' and 'Covid'.

Revd. Neill said the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group were going on an Away Day in March.

14th June 2022 Deanery Synod Meeting at the Bishops Palace, Wells, in the undercroft.

Sue Elsworth and I drove up to Wells taking our picnics and picnic chairs as requested
We didn't need them! We welcomed Revd. Alistair Forster and his wife Heather from Croydon, the new incumbent for Axbridge, Shipham and Rowberrow.

We went through the exercise of two people reading a passage from Scripture. Rosie Hasler read Philippians Ch 4 verses 4-13 and then I read it to the meeting. As we were sitting at round tables each table then discussed what was prominent to them.

Revd. Neill broke the news that there would have to be re-organisation in the Deanery. Two stipends would have to be cut taking us down to seven paid priests.

Revd. Philpott said he had some ideas on this and would talk about this later.

Revd. Neill said the original mission plan was too long and complicated. In future the Deanery would work from the new 'Five Marks of Mission'.

Everyone went out into the gardens. It was a glorious evening and we enjoyed our picnics.

The evening ended with a Service in the Bishop's Chapel led by Revd. Philpott and Revd. Little.

13th October 2022 Deanery Synod at St. John's Axbridge.

Revd. Richard Neill gave a presentation on the 'Five Marks of Mission'. The sheets on our thoughts about the context of our own Churches was being collated by Rosie Hasler but she was very ill so he was not sure when this would be ready.

We split into groups. Sue and I joined the group discussing what we did well to respond to human need by loving service. After we all came together and presented our findings.

Revd. Jonathan Philpott gave a short presentation on his ideas for the restructuring of Axbridge Deanery. He gave out his printed format. The meeting ended with the Grace.

Bronwen Wright

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING REPORT 2022

Our first event for the year was a table top sale for the Disaster Emergency Committee's appeal for Ukraine. **£662** was sent.

On the 2nd July we held our Fete. It was a cloudy day and the heavens opened at 11.00 a.m. opening time. The 'BBQ' finished early and there was not a good attendance. However we managed to raise **£916** pounds.

We held a 'Cream Tea' afternoon on the 30th July. The new Church Kitchen took us a while to get sorted but 52 people came and we made a profit of **£300**.

The 10th September was our Car Rally Day - a quieter day than usual, might this have been because this was just after the death of Queen Elizabeth II but a steady stream of customers.

We held our Harvest Lunch on the 1st October which was well supported and also a table quiz. Our profit for that day was **£660**.

On the 19th November we held our 'Christmas Fayre.' This was well supported with Craft Stalls and Soup Lunches. The profit for this event was **£970**.

Thank you to all who helped on the days with tables, setting up, cakes, raffle prizes, soups etc.

Without this help we could not function.

Margaret Roper
Social and Fundraising Chair

Report on the Tower and reordering Project

The West end of the Church was cleared at the beginning of the year and the pews from the cross aisles Westward removed and sold. Work started on the reordering of the inside of the Church at the end of March with the back of the Church screened off, but still allowing the use of the East part of the Church from the cross aisles for services.

The wooden pew plinths were taken up to find some of the boards and supporting joists were rotten and needed replacing. The floor was relayed and tiles adjusted to give a completely flat floor. The toilets, cleaners cupboard and sink were built in the base of the tower. A new kitchen was built in the West end of the North aisle. New drains were dug close to, and parallel to the path to the Church North door making a connection to main drains in the road. We were able to use the West end of the Church for the summer fete, although without functioning drains.

The tower scaffolding was erected by the end of July, so work could start on the stonework, while internal carpentry and electrical work was being finished off. It was found that the parapet masonry had previously been repaired with a very hard mix of cement, causing problems with removing the iron cramps in the stonework. A method of accurately finding the position of the cramps and only removing just enough stone to remove the

old iron cramp, and replace it with a stainless steel cramp was developed. Work also started inside the tower only to be stopped almost immediately because a rare grey long eared bat had taken up day residence in the stairwell. A bat mitigation licence was hastily applied for and finally received the day that drilling was due to start for the tie rods in the top of the tower. Work could then resume inside the tower. Windows were repaired and new mesh fitted to the windows allowing enough space for bats to come and go. The stonework was defrassed, repaired and pointed where necessary.

The outside of the tower was defrassed removing 3.5 tons of loose stone and cement pointing. The stone was accessed and decisions were made as to which stones to replace and which to repair with deep pack pointing and sheltercoat. The lead rain ways and flashing was replaced on the tower roof. Tower windows and ironwork was repaired or replaced and painted. Ham stone around the windows and on the string course was replaced, or repaired and pointed.

By December the top level was signed off and the top stage of the scaffolding was struck.

Problems with the stonework on the parapet, a very cold snap just before Christmas, the unforeseen need for a bat mitigation licence, and supply problems, especially with stone has meant the finishing date has slipped now until February 2023, but the inside and outside of the church is already looking so much better, realistically it could be the end of 2023 before everything, including the Interpretation, is completed, but already the weekly cafe is proving very popular.

David Lemon, Project Co-ordinator

Bell Report 2022

At present we have 7 members of the Bridgwater Branch of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. We have 1 person learning to ring at the moment. Not all these ring on a regular basis and we are helped by ringers from Pawlett and East Huntspill. We are beginning to struggle with numbers for ringing and are in need of more ringers. If anyone is interested in learning to ring they can contact myself.

I am looking to have an inspection/service on the bells carried out before we can start ringing again.

I am trying to have this done before the end of April. We hope to start ringing in May.

The chiming mechanism still requires some attention.

Richard Tiley
Bell Captain



Church Wardens Report 2022

Covid restrictions began to be eased during 2022, and we returned to near normality, with just the Common Cup still not being used for Holy Communion. All regular members of the congregation slowly returned to services.

2022 has seen a vast change in the church building. The Tower covered in scaffolding for its repair, due to be completed in 2023.

The main change has been internally with the re-organisation at the rear of the church. This was completed to a stage where we could use it as a place of worship, a community space to be enjoyed by all and the Pop Up Café. With the addition of the three toilets, we now have a building equipped for the future.

The Pop Up Café is a popular event each week, on a Monday morning, it is well attended by all from the Church and the village. The café is also open each day and operates on an honesty basis. There is no charge for a drink, which is self-catering, but a donation is requested. The café is open to all.



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RECTOR'S REPORT 2022

This past year feels like it has been a 'big' year in every sense. Internationally we saw the removal of nearly all COVID-19 restrictions, the re-opening of most international borders and the continued roll-out of COVID-19 vaccinations. Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24th February shocked the world and continues to do so to this day. The plight of refugees (from Ukraine and elsewhere), the effects of rising inflation, the 'cost of energy' crisis and the ongoing catastrophe of Climate Change (including floods, famines, power-cuts and heat waves - 40 degrees in UK) provide a challenging environment for all peoples across the world. From a UK perspective, as we continued to grapple with the consequences of BREXIT and a fast succession of Prime Ministers, 2022 also gave us a roller coaster of emotions as we celebrated Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, and then mourned her death and marked the accession of King Charles III. On a more local level, changes are in the air as we are moving toward the county and four district councils in Somerset becoming a single Unitary Authority. In addition to this, the effects of cut-backs within the Diocese are meaning that re-organisation is being explored at deanery level, with much to be figured out as yet. Through all of this, the churches of The Huntspills & Mark Benefice have sought to serve God and their rural village communities by being faithful in worship, prayer and witness, by providing spaces and events that are warm and welcoming to everyone (especially in these times of financial hardship for so many), and by working diligently to be good stewards of all that has been entrusted to them.

In the life of much of our benefice, 2022 has been 'The Year of The Building Work'. Major works for East Huntspill occurred a while ago (roof replacement), although new church lighting and church hall decoration were completed for them this year. The learning they gained from that experience has been a great help to others in the Benefice through this year. For Mark (moving the font, fitting a kitchen-pod, improving the toilet facilities and increasing effective storage capacity) and for West Huntspill (major work on the tower and significant development of the back-half of the church to form a Community Hub - involving removing pews, moving the font and installing toilets, a kitchen unit and storage) the building work has necessarily been a primary focus. I am deeply grateful to those in our midst who have been managing these projects, with their various challenges - procuring finance (where possible), managing budgets, securing faculties, co-ordinating the architects, builders etc, and keeping the church space as useable as possible. A few lines here cannot convey the enormity of what has been achieved. The commitment, patience, perseverance and sheer hard work of everyone involved has been incredible. I believe that we are all aware that once this current phase of the physical building work is completed, there is a sense in which our real work will begin. Playing our part in taking care of the buildings and making them fit for purpose, is but the start. Enabling that purpose to be fulfilled is our mission and our ministry. As well as attending to the church buildings in our parishes, we are aware

that each of our three villages has new house-building projects occurring. There is a positive role that we can play with this, and need to attend to how best to engage. Please do continue to pray for guidance in all of this.

Queen Elizabeth II had been our Head of State and the Head of The Church of England for 70 years. In our three villages we were honoured to participate fully in her Platinum Jubilee Celebrations with a Car Show, Tea & Tower Tours and a Community Picnic, as well as special church services and the ringing of bells, and engaging with other local community events. We also sought to be a support and comfort through the mourning period for our Queen - with books of condolence, space simply 'to be', moments of remembering together and special services. Her Majesty's witness to her Christian faith was an example and inspiration for us all - she will not be forgotten.

Our new Diocesan Bishop, Right Rev'd. Michael Beasley, arrived in the Diocese this year, and sought to meet as many people as possible as he did so. We were pleased to attend his enthronement and we came away with a Hazel Tree sapling to plant in each parish in celebration. We are looking forward to working with him to care for our parishioners, God's world and his people throughout the world, and to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all.

Last year we engaged with the 'Living in Love and Faith Course' as a Benefice. This year we completed the course and encouraged people to share their responses through the online survey. We look forward to exploring the next steps in this journey.

The ministry of our five Lay Worship Leaders is a vital part of the worshipping life of our churches. They lead a variety of services across our benefice and make a major contribution to the breadth of our worship. As well as meeting together bi-monthly for support and mutual supervision, several of them attended the Lay Worship Assistants' Course, offered in our Deanery this year, as a refresher. Please do continue to pray for them in their ministry, encourage and support them as they lead worship and be ready to respond to God's call to you - in this or any other area of service that the Holy Spirit may be beckoning you into! Our national and regional church is very open to recognising and supporting new developments - please do not hesitate to have a chat with me when God taps you on the shoulder! As well as Lay Worship Leaders, I am aware that Church Wardens are authorised to lead worship when the priest is unavailable. I am particularly grateful to those who stepped in at short notice to help with services when I contracted Covid in July. Our practices at church have remained cautious in the face of Covid and are reviewed regularly by our Church Wardens. Although Covid restrictions are no longer in place, there still seems to be quite a lot of it about - I would like to thank everyone who has been, and continues to be, very careful to minimise the risk of passing on Covid to others.

As we look to the future, I am aware that the horizon can at times look rather bleak. Financial challenges, particularly where they follow on after building works, need to be confronted. I am very grateful to all who handle financial matters in each of our parishes - Treasurers and others - and to everyone who contributes, financially and otherwise. The role of our Treasurers is to manage our money, the task of making effective decisions concerning it lies with each Parochial Church Council,

but the task of providing it comes down to us all. Please do pray, and act, and contribute to God's work in this place - seeking God's guidance and prompting, responding to his generous love. In addition to the financial challenges, we are aware that as a Deanery we need to reduce the number of stipendiary clergy. This relates to the Diocese not increasing the Parish Share at an ever-increasing rate. Throughout our society cuts have had to be made - it is painful, but necessary. We will need to be resilient and flexible as we face this - ready to re-think, adapt, be creative and open to different ways of being. The Bible tells us that the God we worship can bring good out of all situations, even these. As we face these challenges, let's remember we are an Easter people, who follow Jesus Christ...the one who was raised from the dead, having conquered even death itself!

As I look around each of our three parishes, although very aware of the challenges we face, I am not disheartened. In each of them I see many different 'green shoots' of hope. Some of these have sprouted from seeds, carefully planted and tended, and others seem to have sprung up from nowhere. I am reminded that growing the Kingdom is God's mission - and we are invited to join in. So, let's do that - staying close to God in all that we do and are, knowing the wonder of God's love in our own lives, and sharing it with all those around us.

God bless you and empower you to be all that you have been created to be!

Rev'd. Christine Judson

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council



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Introduction

1. This report has been prepared by John Leddy on behalf of the Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill who are the sponsor, and to whom any queries should be addressed.

Background

2. Huntspill is a village on the Huntspill Level in Somerset, England. The village falls within the district of Sedgemoor, which was formed on 1 April 1974 under the Local Government Act 1972. It lies on the A38 road, 1.5 miles South of Highbridge. The village is the principal settlement in the civil parish of West Huntspill, which also contains the hamlet of Alstone. The ancient parish of Huntspill also included the villages of East Huntspill, Hackness and Bason Bridge, east of the village of Huntspill. The western boundary of the parish was the tidal River Parrett, but changes in the course of the river left some parts of the parish on the west side of the river until 1933, when they were transferred to the civil parish of Otterhampton. In 1949 the Civil Parish of Huntspill was abolished and divided into Huntspill All Saints and West Huntspill. The Parish of Huntspill All Saints was re-named East Huntspill in 1972.

3. The Parish Church of St Peter's & All Hallows is situated in the centre of the village in Church Road. Established by 1208, it was rebuilt around 1400, and extended in the early to mid-15th Century. It was gutted by fire in 1878 and restored over the next two years. It has been designated as a Grade 1 listed building.

4. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows oversees the Parish Church of St Peter's & All Hallows which presently has 31 people on the electoral role, and the parish is rated Category E for the purposes of the Parish Share of the Common Fund.

5. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill is currently one of three Anglican Church's in the United Benefice of The Huntspill and Mark and includes All Saints East Huntspill, Holy Cross Church Mark and the Church of St Peter & All Hallows, West Huntspill. The benefice was formed in 2013 when the Rev Tonya arrived. On her arrival East Huntspill and West Huntspill joined with Mark to form the current Benefice. The Benefice comes under the Axbridge Deanery and the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Aim

6. John Leddy is to conduct the Independent Examination (IE) of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill accounts for the year ending 31 December 2022.

Approach

7. Using the Cashbook and records provided by the Treasurer, a set of Annual Accounts for 2022 was prepared and submitted for approval. As the Income of the PCC exceeded £250,000 a set of Accruals Accounts were prepared for the first time.

8. Eligibility to examine the accounts and conduct an IE was confirmed from the Accounts prepared.

9. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill Annual Accounts for the period 1st January to 31st December 2022 were examined in accordance with Charity Commission (CC)

guidance, details are at Annex A¹. Additional investigations were conducted where necessary and supporting documentation for the operation of the funds requested if required.

10. As part of the examination discussions were held with the PCC Treasurer to ascertain answers to the CC Directions.

Findings

11. Examination of the annual report confirmed that the gross income of the PCC of St Peters & All Hallows, West Huntspill did not exceed £1 million² and the aggregate value of assets (before deduction of liabilities) did not exceed £3.26 million. Based on the information at Table 1 an Audit was not required. In addition to the upper threshold for an IE, the Gross Income is above the £25,000³ lower threshold set by the CC for an IE. The Church Accounting Regulations do require an external scrutiny of PCC Accounts, so in this case an IE was carried out. Fund Balances are:

Table 1 – PCC of St Peter’s & All Hallows, West Huntspill Balances for 2022

Serial	Fund	Gross Income (£)	Gross Assets (£)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	PCC of St Peter’s & All Hallows	835,038	185,324

12. The Gross Income of the Charity is over £250,000, which means that the accounts should be prepared on an Accruals basis. On inspection of the Charity accounts, the PCC of St Peter’s & All Hallows, West Huntspill have elected to prepare their Accounts using this method.

13. The Gross Income for 2022 is above the £100,000 limit set by the Charity Commission for registration with them as a Charity. Its Charity registration number is 1199055.

14. **Points from Last Year’s Review.** Last year’s IE Report produced by John Leddy was reviewed. On inspection of that Report no material observations were documented; therefore, no points remain outstanding.

15. Whilst the PCC Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, the examiner may also prepare the statutory accounts on behalf of the Trustees. In line with CC Direction 2 this did not compromise the examiners independence as he ensured that the following requirements of the Direction were met:

- a. The accounting records had been maintained by the PCC Treasurer.
- b. The examiner has no direct involvement in the day-to-day management or administration of the charity.
- c. The trustees reviewed and approve the accounts prepared⁴.

16. **Additional Observations.** The Independent Examiners report is a statement to confirm that the Charity is operating within the accounting and governance tolerances set by the CC. After conducting the IE I have the following observations to report.

- a. As required by CC Direction 13, the Trustee’s are to prepare a Trustee’s Annual Report & Accounts which must be presented to the Church Membership at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. CC Direction 13 says that the Independent Examiner must see this

¹ Section E of the guidance explains the role, duties and 13 specific directions of an independent examiner in examining the accounts of a charity.

² Charities Act 2011 Chapter 3 Section 144(1).

³ Charities Act 2011 Chapter 3 Section 145(1).

⁴M Wall email dated 30th March 23.

document and compare it back to the Accounting Information provided. No Trustee's Annual Report was provided.

Recommendations

17. It is recommended that;

a. After the APCM, a copy of the Trustee's Annual Report is sent to the Independent Examiner for his records.

Conclusion

18. The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill has received an unqualified report which can be found at Enclosure 1.

Annex:

A. The Charity Commission's Directions on the IE of Charity Accounts.

Enclosure:

1. IE Report for 1 Jan to 31 Dec 22 – The PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill.

THE CHARITY COMMISSIONS DIRECTIONS ON INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF CHARITY ACCOUNTS

1. The CC produce an examiners' guide to IE of Charity Accounts. It is specifically written for Independent Examiners and explains their role and duties in examining the accounts of a charity. In accordance with Section E of the guidance the 13 specific directions and how they were addressed are as follows:

- a. **Examination and accounting thresholds.** The annual report for the period 1 Jan – 31 Dec 22 was examined to confirm IE thresholds⁵ had not been breached. The Income information was below the Audit requirements, but above the CC guidelines for an IE to be carried out. Therefore, an IE was required for 2022.
- b. **Conflicts of Interest.** The examiner was not influenced or perceived to be influenced in any way as he did not have any close personal relationships with the PCC Members, was not a major donor to the PCC, did not have any control of funds and was not involved in the day to day running of the PCC.
- c. **Documentation.** Working papers were examined and evident. All procedures carried out and any matters arising to support conclusions reached or statements provided in the report have been documented.
- d. **Understanding the charity.** Detailed briefs and free access to all charity documentation ensured a full understanding of the charity's constitution, organisation, accounting systems, activities and nature of its assets, liabilities, incoming resources and application of resources.
- e. **Accounting records.** The charity accounting records have been subject to a review and appear complete and consistent with statutory requirements.
- f. **Comparison with accounting records.** A comparison of the charity's accounts with the accounting records in sufficient detail was carried out which provides a reasonable basis to decide that the accounts are consistent.
- g. **Accruals Basis Checks.** The accounts were checked for related party transactions, and if any were found these were disclosed in the notes to the accounts.
- h. **Accounting policies estimates and judgements.** Reviewed the accounting policies adopted and consider their consistency with the SORP and their appropriateness to the activities of the charity.
- i. **Financial circumstances and Going Concern.** The examiner checked whether the Trustees have considered the financial circumstances of the Charity at the end of the reporting period and have made an assessment of the Charities position as a going concern when approving the Accounts.
- j. **Form and Content of the Accounts.** The examiner carried out procedures as considered necessary to provide a reasonable basis on which to conclude whether or not the accounts have been properly prepared. The examiner checked that they can lawfully

⁵ Gross income greater than £0.025 and not to exceed £0.25M for receipts and payments, gross income not to exceed £1.0M and the aggregate value of assets should not exceed £3.26M otherwise a full audit is required.

prepare Receipts and Payments Accounts, that all accounting statements are present, and the funds of the Charity can be correctly identified.

k. **Analytical Review.** The examiner carried out an analytical review of the current accounts to identify if any entries required further explanation or evidence. The 2022 Accounts were compared with the 2021 Accounts to see if any material changes could be identified.

l. **Compare the Trustees Annual Report with the Accounts.** No Trustee's Annual Report for 2022 was provided for inspection.

m. **Examiner's report.** The IE report can be found at Enclosures 1.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PCC OF
ST PETER'S & ALL HALLOWS, WEST HUNTSPILL**

I report on the accounts of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill for the 12 months ended 31st December 2022, which are set on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an IE is needed. The Charity is preparing Receipts and Payments Accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for IE, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the CC under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the CC. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's unqualified statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- a. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC of St Peter's & All Hallows, West Huntspill as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- b. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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