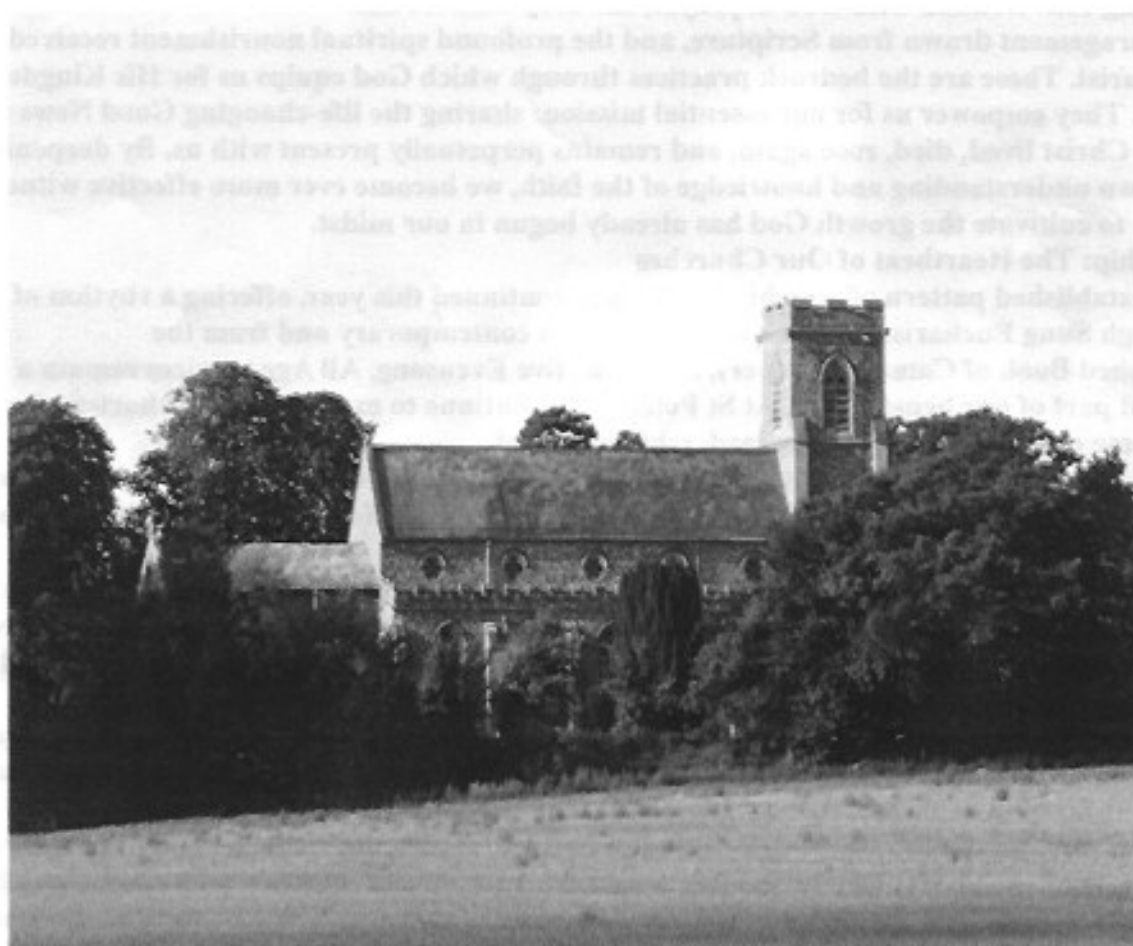


The Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the

Parochial Church Council of
St. Peter's Church, Thurston

For the year ended 31st December 2024



St Peter's & Holy Innocents APCM Reports 2025
Reflections from the Vicar, The Rev'd Fr Benjamin Edwards

Grace and peace to you all.

This past year has been a season of intentional reflection for our benefice, a time of leaning into God's call for holy rest. As we navigate changes within our Parochial Church Councils (PCCs), we acknowledge that this period has brought transition. Several dedicated members have concluded their season of service on the PCCs, and we extend our sincere gratitude for the time, wisdom, and energy they invested in the governance of St Peter's and Holy Innocents. Sadly, some transitions were due to age or illness, and it is with heavy hearts that we have also bid farewell to faithful servants who have since entered eternal rest. Our prayers rise especially for the souls of Christopher Wells, Charles Gorer and Pat Sheppard, all steadfast members of our PCCs in years past. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Despite this quieter period in terms of outward activity, the Spirit has undoubtedly been at work among us, yielding many blessings. The vibrant fellowship enjoyed after our services continues to be a source of great personal joy and encouragement. This warmth and genuine connection has been instrumental in welcoming many newcomers into our church family, making them feel truly seen and valued. This spirit of positivity shines through in our welcome and our invitation to others to share in the life of St Peter's and Holy Innocents. This is a strong foundation upon which we can confidently build in the year ahead as we begin discerning and planning our outreach and mission anew.

Building upon this period of consolidation, our focus now gently shifts towards charting our course forward. At the heart of all we do, we must cherish and nurture our spiritual core: our ongoing conversation with God in prayer, the deep wisdom and encouragement drawn from Scripture, and the profound spiritual nourishment received in the Eucharist. These are the bedrock practices through which God equips us for His Kingdom work. They empower us for our essential mission: sharing the life-changing Good News that Jesus Christ lived, died, rose again, and remains perpetually present with us. By deepening our own understanding and knowledge of the faith, we become ever more effective witnesses, ready to cultivate the growth God has already begun in our midst.

Worship: The Heartbeat of Our Churches

Our established pattern of worship has largely continued this year, offering a rhythm of grace through Sung Eucharist, Holy Communion (both contemporary and from the cherished Book of Common Prayer), and reflective Evensong. All Age services remain a valued part of our benefice life. At St Peter's, we continue to explore non-Eucharistic formats for these occasions, enabling lay leadership by gifted individuals such as our Reader, Kathy Drakes, and others authorised to lead worship. Our recent Mothering Sunday service and Harvest Festival, both Services of the Word, were well-received examples of this approach.

Christmas once again saw our churches filled, with services across the benefice experiencing encouraging attendance. I received particularly positive feedback following the Crib Services, which many families from Great Barton, Thurston and beyond now consider a cherished part of their Christmas tradition – a wonderful connection with our wider community.

This year's Easter services were thoughtfully adapted based on previous attendance patterns, and we saw an encouraging response. While acknowledging that Easter is often a precious time for families to gather, we also gently hold the profound significance of this holiest of seasons for Christians – the journey into the Passion, death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As St. Paul writes in Galatians 2:20: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. This powerful verse speaks of a radical identification with Christ's sacrifice, leading to a transformed existence where Christ Himself becomes our life source. It echoes our deepest longing to know Christ intimately, sharing in

His death so we might also share in the power of His resurrection life. To truly enter into this mystery, we must journey together! Perhaps, in the year ahead, we can encourage one another more intentionally to embrace this sacred pilgrimage and even invite visiting family and friends to walk alongside us.

Finally, heartfelt thanks are due to all who make our worship possible. Our dedicated Churchwardens work tirelessly behind the scenes. Our Reader, Kathy Drakes, consistently enriches our understanding with her excellent preaching and insightful teaching, offering fresh perspectives on the Gospels and faithfully exercising her ministry across both villages. We are also deeply grateful for the continued support of our retired clergy, Reverend Canon David Crawley and Reverend Mark Hunt, who readily make themselves available for services and occasional offices. Furthermore, we have been blessed by the ministry of The Rev Canon Stephne van der Toorn, kindly assisted by her husband Joop. A joyful footnote: Coco the guide dog has now officially retired, hanging up her harness after a special retirement blessing at St Peter's. We continue to delight in her presence (and occasional gentle snuffles!) during our services!

Ministry & Mission: Serving Our Community

Our outward-facing ministry remains consistent, with a continued focus on investing in the young people and families within our parishes. Plans to enhance the Children's Corner and the Prayer Corner at St Peter's have unfortunately been paused this year as we seek a new Treasurer. This challenge of filling key roles is sadly familiar across the wider Church of England, but we remain hopeful and prayerful that we can make progress on this project in the coming year. Our engagement with local schools continues to be a highlight. I greatly value my weekly visits to Thurston Primary School and Great Barton Primary School to lead assemblies, and it is wonderful that our Reader, Kathy Drakes, has also begun contributing her gifts there. Pat Sadler continues her valuable service as an active governor at Thurston Primary School. I have stepped back from my governor role at Thurston as part of practising healthy self-care amidst my various parish responsibilities – a reminder of the importance of not spreading ourselves too thinly!

I also continue to enjoy my visits to the SENDAT Special Education schools (Priory) in Thurston, leading sessions focused on the major Christian festivals. These are always rewarding times, filled with insightful questions and enthusiasm from the pupils. The children also visit St Peter's, as evidenced by the wonderful Remembrance artwork displayed in the church. This is a relatively light commitment, typically involving two or three visits annually. At Thurston Community College, I run a monthly group for Christian children, who come with lunch and we chat about our faith lives and various aspects of Christianity. There are currently a dedicated group of three boys who come, speaking enthusiastically about their faith. It has been some time since the church has had any input into Thurston Community College, so this is a particular blessing to be asked to run a group after several years of gentle engagement.

My role as Chaplain (or Padré) to the 863 (Thurston) Squadron RAF Air Cadets continues to be fulfilling. Leading sessions on Thursday evenings covering ethics, meditation, and teamwork provides opportunities for meaningful conversations. I have been particularly encouraged by cadets approaching me to discuss matters of faith. We were pleased to have an officer represent the Squadron at our Remembrance Sunday service, and permissions are being sought for a cadet detachment to attend formally in 2025. The Squadron's presence at the D-Day anniversary beacon lighting on the New Green was a credit to them and a poignant moment for the village. We anticipate a similar community event for VE Day in early May.

Ecumenically, we continue to enjoy good relations with the Benedictine Sisters at Montana. Freedom Church is undergoing some structure changes, one of which is their hope to engage with Thurston folk. I am hoping to initiate a monthly Minister's Breakfast where the leaders of faith communities in Great Barton and Thurston can pray together and encourage each other. Wherever Christians embrace each other's presence, despite minor differences, the Spirit lends all a hand, so do please pray for this to come together.

Pastoral visiting continues, though I confess I have had less time than I would wish for this vital ministry. However, I am encouraged by the development of a dedicated pastoral team across both churches and the imminent plan to advertise and offer Holy Communion at home for those unable to attend church services in person. These are all areas of ministry we seek to nurture and grow. I encourage everyone to keep sharing opportunities where our churches can offer support and care within our communities, schools, villages, and church families.

Transitions, Gratitude, and Remembrance

Firstly, I wish to express my profound thanks to our Churchwardens for their unwavering commitment and hard work throughout this year. Tim Frost, with invaluable help from Angela Pearce, ensures Holy Innocents remains a beautiful and welcoming space, while also contributing significantly to projects aimed at preserving and enhancing the church for future generations.

The wardens at St Peter's, Pat Sadler and Margery Ashford, have faced particular challenges operating without a Treasurer and with a smaller PCC. Their ability to keep everything running smoothly is a testament not only to the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit but also to their extraordinary dedication, Christian service, and deep love for St Peter's. A most heartfelt thank you to you both!

I must also extend another huge thank you to Peter Robinson for his steadfast support and assistance. Peter, your contribution to the smooth running of both churches and your support of my own ministry here is deeply appreciated. It has been a challenging period at times, and your encouragement has been invaluable.

Our Reader, Kathy Drakes, continues to flourish, blessing us with her insightful teaching, powerful preaching, and pastoral sensitivity. I know we have all gained immensely from Kathy's wisdom and her leadership in worship. We thank God for her energy, vision, and dedicated ministry among us.

There are many others to thank, and I should be listing names for pages if I did! But rest assured that I give thanks for you daily in my prayers, and again do so here – thank you for all that you do for our church community, it really does lift us all up in Christian love.

With sadness, we have also said goodbye to several dearly loved members of our church family this past year. The sting of grief remains, yet we hold their memories close. We grieve the loss of Charles Gorer, a wise former member of the Holy Innocents PCC, who remained active in church life until the end. A talented poet, his final composition for Remembrance Sunday was read last year, a particularly poignant moment. We will miss his dry wit, cheerful disposition, and gentle kindness. We give thanks for his friendship and pray for his partner, Annie Wallace.

We grieve the loss of Christopher Wells, a former Churchwarden and PCC member at St Peter's, among many other roles he undertook over the years Christopher's connection to St Peter's spanned generations – reflecting on his longevity, I recall him remarking around the time of the King's Coronation, "Of course, this will be my fourth coronation...". We will remember his wisdom, dedicated service, good humour, willingness to listen, and his deep passion for the church building, a legacy passed down through his family. We thank God for all Christopher gave to this parish and pray for his wife, Elizabeth. We also grieve for Pat Sheppard, a long-time faithful member of Holy Innocents, active in the Mothers' Union and

the choir in years past. Pat's kind and conscientious nature was appreciated by so many. We remember her husband David, and continue to hold him and their family in our prayers. These are but a few of the faithful souls from our congregations who are now with the Lord. There are many more stories and memories of their presence among us. I encourage us all to keep their memories alive, cherishing them as part of our church family, now participants in the heavenly communion of saints.

A Final Note: The Spirit's Gentle Growth

Despite the necessary focus on consolidation, there has been a tangible movement of the Holy Spirit within our churches. Perhaps less visible in the day-to-day administrative tasks, it is powerfully evident in the deepening friendships, the warmth of our welcome, and the overall atmosphere within our two worshipping communities – communities visibly growing in faith and fellowship. This gentle, persistent work of the Spirit seems to gather strength with each passing month. I sense it spilling out into conversations I have around the villages; there is a growing feeling that both St Peter's and Holy Innocents truly belong to their communities, and that our prayers are valued and felt.

This growing sense of belonging and spiritual vitality is the foundation I have fervently prayed for – a bedrock upon which we can continue to build Christ's church here in Great Barton and Thurston. Of course, nothing is ever perfect, and perhaps not every decision or style will suit everyone all the time. But, like the wider Church throughout history, we are finding a rhythm of worship, fellowship, and service that resonates with us and bears witness to our Christian faith for those around us.

From this place of quiet growth and hopeful expectation, we can now begin to discern together where God is calling us next. That is both an exciting and truly sacred prospect. Amen.

We are very grateful to Peter Robinson for keeping us up to date with General Data Protection Regulations, and to Kathy Drakes for overseeing Safeguarding requirements for us. Also, our thanks to Peter, for looking after our website and Facebook page. And we would like to thank Wendy Jones and all those involved with the flowers throughout the year. We all greatly appreciate their efforts and the beautiful vases of flowers, and it is difficult because they need more volunteers. And there are so many people who help in different ways.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is exempted by order from registering with the Charity Commission.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Innocents the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), the two churchwarden/s, currently two members of the Thingoe Deanery Synod and five other elected members of the electoral roll.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Administrative information

St Peter's Church is situated on Church Road, Thurston IP31 3RU. It is part of the Benefice of Great Barton and Thurston, within the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich of the Church of England.

The correspondence address is:

The Vicarage, Church Road, Great Barton, Bury St. Edmunds, IP31 2QR

Churchwarden's Report for the APCM 2025

It is hard to believe that another year has passed in the life of St Peter's. For the wardens it has not been an easy one, as we have had to manage without a treasurer or permanent secretary, and with a much-depleted PCC. However, we have focussed on what's right in front of us, and not always what is ahead of us. We have kept going, and are extremely grateful for the help we have received.

Throughout the year we happily worked with our benefice church, Holy Innocents, and valued good fellowship between our congregations. At services we sang heartily together, prayed thoughtfully together and being an Inclusive benefice, we welcomed all.

As church life continued, we saw three couples married, several babies baptised and we conducted funerals and interment of ashes.

We welcomed Thurston Primary Academy for their Easter, Harvest, and Christmas Family Concert and Nativity. The ATC joined us for their annual Carol Concert. The Scout Group took part in our Remembrance Day service and later held their Carol Concert. It was a pleasure to welcome all these young people and their families and friends to St Peter's.

To the best of our knowledge the fabric of our church is in reasonable order. We are, however, overdue a Quinquennial Inspection and we need to address this. The gutters and drainpipes continue to be inspected and cleared twice a year. We were told that an asbestos drainpipe, has a crack in it, although not dangerous at present. This will be an expensive replacement and we hope to find the funds to carry out the work as soon as we can. Internal church repairs saw the replacement of two strip lights in the Sanctuary. The lights were replaced with low wattage LED lights which provide a greater light output, at reduced electricity usage.

One of our responsibilities is to maintain good order in the churchyard. This is an onerous task, but with the help of volunteers, who joined us for two work parties, the regular cutting of the grass for us, and with the help of the Beavers Scouts on three occasions, we were able to keep it reasonably tidy.

As an ECO church we leave a section of the graveyard uncut to encourage wildlife. In addition to this there are areas where logs and decaying wood have been left for the bugs. Following Margery attending a Churchyard Wildlife course, which was run by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, we welcomed them to survey our churchyard. We received a comprehensive report from them and will be formulating a Church Management Plan from advice given. Part of the churchyard plan will be to develop a wildlife area, (from a proposal, passed at recent PCC meeting), after the clearance of ground on the west side of the churchyard. By far our biggest concern in the churchyard is the flint wall leading to the lower graveyard. A section of this has crumbled and in need of repair. We have received quotes for the repair, but have not yet secured funding for this.

The new hedging, which was replaced around the new graveyard, is now growing well. We are grateful to an anonymous volunteer who cuts the grass for us twice a year, and again, we leave some grass uncut to nurture wildlife. We also, thank the person who paid to have one of the oak trees trimmed and tidied.

This year saw the first burial of ashes in the new graveyard.

Fund-raising is always a priority and we were able to organise several events to support our finances. Throughout the year we held two coffee mornings. We organised our 'Gift Day' to coincide with our Patronal festival. This was generously supported by members of the church and the wider community. The 'Teddy Bear Zipline' was revived with the expert help of Thurston Scout Group. It was an enjoyable occasion but not overly well attended due, we think, to competition from the annual 'Tractor Run' riding through the village. A recital was given by two young organists from St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Matthew McVey and Joe Lewis entertained us to an evening of wonderful music along with the singing of harvest hymns. This was a truly pleasurable occasion and we really appreciated Matthew and Joe giving up their time to play for us. The 'Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride' took place where half the money raised went to St Peter's. Another musical event was held in October when 'Abbot Consort of Voices' presented a programme entitled 'Light.' The church was filled with beautiful music and there was a retiring collection in aid of St Peter's. Our usual Christmas Bazaar, with a variety of stalls including Christmas wreaths, was arranged for November. Again, with the generous help of people, this was a great success. The final event of 2024 saw the return of 'The Christmas Tree Festival'. We were enormously pleased with the response we received from local businesses, clubs, and schools, who took part. And we are thankful to the public who came to view the wonderful display of trees. As always, we thank those who volunteered in any way, to make this a truly successful event.

St Peter's would not exist without the people who help in the day to day running of it. We thank those who unlock and lock up for us daily; the ladies who clean weekly; those who clean the brasses; our flower arrangers who decorate the altar, and provide spectacular arrangements on special occasions; our regular organist, Joe, for his music, and we are grateful to our choir for leading the singing. To Barbara, who offers a listening ear for those in need of prayer, your help is greatly appreciated. We thank our faithful team of bellringers; those who help at our services, our welcomers, those who write and deliver the intercessional prayers, who read lessons, who serve at the altar, and who provide refreshments after the service. We apologise most sincerely if we have missed anyone out. To everyone, your help is absolutely essential, and we could not function without you. We really do appreciate your help.

We approach the coming year in the hope that our prayers will be answered, and someone will come forward to fill the roles of treasurer and secretary. This will lighten our load and give us more time to ensure that the life of our church runs smoothly.

Pat Sadler & Margery Ashford.

Choir Report

Both churches agreed to the purchase of a new anthem book for the choir. We have already sung anthems at church services over the year and are currently learning new ones.

Our choir, although small in number, are loyal and enthusiastic.

New members are most welcome. Rehearsals are at 7.30 on Friday evenings at Holy Innocents.

Chris Bartrop

Organist

Great Barton and Thurston Tower Bells 2024 – 2025

Another year has passed, and it's time to tell you about the happenings in our two Bell Towers.

Along with ringers from other towers, we have a practice at Great Barton on Thursday evenings from 7.30 – 9 pm, and then, on Friday evenings, we alternate our practice between Rougham and Pakenham.

On Sunday mornings we ring at either Great Barton or Thurston except on the third Sunday when we ring at Pakenham and Rougham. We have only missed three Sundays in the past year when we couldn't ring at any of the above towers, which shows the dedication of our group of ringers. I'm afraid we have to alternate ringing on Special occasions as I haven't got twelve or at a push, ten ringers, to be able to ring at both churches at the same time. On 10th March 2024 we rang at Thurston for Mothering Sunday, and on 30th March 2025 we rang at Great Barton for Mothering Sunday. The same happens for Easter, Harvest and Remembrance. We had a very busy Christmas Eve where four of us, with different plus two's, rang at all four Services – the crib services at 2 pm and 4 pm, the Midnight Services at 9 pm and 11.30 pm, and then stayed for Midnight Communion at Great Barton.

Over the year we rang for eight Weddings and one Christening at various churches. Three of these being at Thurston, one at Great Barton. We didn't enter the Guild Striking Competition this year as we had two Weddings, one at each Church, on that afternoon and couldn't guarantee to get back in time.

We had three visiting teams of ringers at Great Barton and one at Thurston, and several Quarter Peals were rung including one at each Church dedicated to the memory of Gill Rood, and one at Great Barton for the 80th Anniversary of D Day.

On Monday 1st April, 2024, we went on an outing to five towers in Norfolk with a Pub Lunch at the Old Bell in Saham Toney – it was very well supported with 32 sitting down for lunch, a very enjoyable day.

We have another outing arranged for Easter Bank Holiday Monday, and will be ringing for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on the 8th May.

That concludes my report for this year.

Sally Veal Tower Captain

Electoral Roll

As 31.12.2024 there were 56 people on the Electoral Roll.

The roll is due for a complete six yearly renewal in April 2025.

Ann Reeve

Mother's Union

Thurston & Great Barton

Currently we have 22 members, including 4 indoor members. Since our last report, two of our longstanding members have died; Pat Humphry, who had been a member for about 60 years and Pat Sheppard, who led the Great Barton branch for many years until we joined together. Both are greatly missed.

We continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month, but agreed to meet at 11.00am all year and in The Rock unless we need more space.

During 2024 we welcomed speakers on various subjects including The Holy Land, The Poems of John Betjeman, and the Rural Coffee Caravan.

We enjoyed making Easter cards with Sheila and Vonnice. We also shared in a Bible Study led by Kathy Drakes.

We welcomed Clare and Penny from the diocese who brought the M.U Enterprises Stall. Penny gave an informative talk about autism.

Some of us lunched at the Victoria in July and in September Father Ben led our Communion Service in Holy Innocents Church.

At our December meeting we made decorations for Christmas trees to be displayed in both churches.

We arrange the World Day of Prayer service, written by the Christian women of Palestine, held in The Rock in March.

We continue to advertise our meetings in the Great Barton and Thurston Village newsletters and in the church pew sheet, but numbers attending have dropped considerably in recent months due to illness and transport difficulties.

Gill Flower

GDPR

Very little has changed with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). However, we must continue to ensure that we do not share personal information, without prior written consent.

When sending an email to multiple addresses please use the BCC function. This way all addresses are hidden.

We should also remember that officers of the Church, e.g. Church Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Electoral Roll Officer, Safeguarding Officer, all hold personal information. If they leave the church, or their position in the church, we must ensure that the information they hold is deleted from their computers and hard copies destroyed or returned to the Church. The Data Protection Co-ordinator must also receive confirmation from the member that this has been done. A copy of this confirmation should be held on file.

Benefice Website and Facebook

Our website and Facebook pages continue to be an important part of communication for our churches. Thurston is a fast-growing village, and most new residents will be young families, which look for their news and information online. So, to reach these new people, we must continue to utilise our Social Media pages and websites. We are receiving extremely good numbers of people viewing St Peter's Facebook, especially if we can include photographs of events such as the Flower Festival, social events, or concerts. We also share information on our news and events on the media pages of village organisations, which gives us a much wider coverage. We also share our events and special service on the Bury St Edmunds Community Noticeboard, as well as the Suffolk Noticeboard UK.

Our figures for views on the website continue to be encouraging, but we need to ensure that we continue to update our pages on a regular basis with new and exciting news and events. Please keep the information coming.

Peter Robinson

Safeguarding Report for the APCM 2024

There have been no Safeguarding issues during 2024 although there is a potential concern that Revd. Ben and I are monitoring. As has been said a number of times, it is important that you report any concerns to one of us. It may seem like something small to you but it can build a picture for us if we hear from more than one person. And remember, safeguarding covers more than just abuse, although that is the headline issue.

Getting training details and getting it up to date has been a problem during 2024. It has become important that we are up to date with the issues going on in the wider church. We are under continuous scrutiny and we need to get this right. I am pleased to be able to report that the majority of the PCC are now up to date on training. Thank you for your support in doing this. During 2025 I will be looking at other roles within the church that may need awareness training. I will try to get an event held at the Church Institute to make this easier for all concerned. I will also be looking at who need DBS now that I am registered with them to initiate checks.

We did have an issue with a group checking our signage and websites but we have now brought this all up to date. Thank you Peter for dealing with the on-line information. If you see anywhere that you think we need to display posters, please let me know.

On a final note, thank you for your support on Safeguarding. Whilst Revd., Ben and myself are the named contacts we can't do this without your help.

Kathy Drakes

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Thurston

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the trustees of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024

This report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2024 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Thurston

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the trustees of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 (cont.)

2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Gascoynes
Chartered Accountants
Gascoyne House
Moseleys Farm Business Centre
Fornham All Saints
Bury St Edmunds
Suffolk
IP28 6JY

24th October 2025

Annual Return to the Charity Commission for England and Wales

From the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Thurston Number 1201053

For the period from January 2024 to December 2024

Section A Receipts and Payments

	Unrestrict ed Funds	Restrict ed Funds	Endowme nt Funds	Total Funds	Last year
	To nearest £	To nearest £	To nearest £	To nearest £	To nearest £
A1 Receipts					
B/F Current Bank Account	468	12701	0	13169	8351
B/F CBF Deposit Account	9438	4230	0	13668	13068
Voluntary Giving	14936	1040	0	15976	26757
Gift Aid	4798		0	4798	5182
Net Parochial Fees	5745		0	5745	7599
Fundraising	2682		0	2682	5283
gift day	3220			3220	
Grants	1385	2830	0	4215	15033
Tiny Toes	0	1517	0	1517	633
Choir Fund	169		0	169	923
Bellringers Fund			0	0	51
Burial Plot	200		0	200	0
Interest on Deposit Account	369	166	0	535	600
Total Receipts	33504	5553	0	39057	62061
A2 Asset & Investment Sales	0	0	0	0	0
A3 Payments					
Parish Share	20000		0	20000	26873
Fabric & Furnishing	864	11528	0	12392	11903
Insurance	2827		0	2827	3706
Electricity & Water	2471		0	2471	2619
Churchyard Maintenance	0		0	0	59
Service support costs	1793		0	1793	6157
Vicar's Expenses	1157		0	1157	2076
Bank & Accountant Charges	295		0	295	443
Cost of Fundraising & Draw Club	303		0	303	303
Payments for Tiny Toes		868	0	868	974
Grants & collections for other Charities	429		0	429	780
Any other payments	721		0	721	748
Total Payments	30860	12396	0	43256	56641
Difference between Receipts & Payments	2644	-6843	0	-4199	5418
A4 Asset & Investment Purchases					0
A5 Transfers Between Funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Current Bank a/c @ Year End	0	0	0	8460	13169
B Assets & Liabilities					
B1 Cash Funds					
C/F Current Bank Account	8460	0	0	8460	13169
C/F CBF Deposit Account	11217	2986	0	14203	13668
Total Cash	19677	2986	0	22663	26837

B2 Other Monetary Assets

Receipts from December 2024 not yet in bank

	0	0	0	0	543
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Expected Gift Aid from Q4 2024	2500	0	0	2500	492
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B3 Investment Assets	0	0	0	0	0
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B4 Assets for Charity's Use	0	0	0	0	0
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Total Assets	22177	2986	0	25163	27872
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B5 Liabilities

Un-cashed drawn cheques	0	0	0	0	2753
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Parochial Fees Return Q4 2023	2525	0	0	2525	16
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Total Liabilities	2525	0	0	2525	2769
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Signed by 2 Trustees for PCC

Signature	Name in capitals	Date of approval
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