

St. Peter's Church, Norbiton

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**

For the year ended 31 December 2025

**St Peter's Church
London Road
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KT2 6QL**

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**The Annual Report for the Parish of
St.Peter's, Norbiton, London Road, Kingston, KT2 6QL
for the year 2025**

The PCC, which is in the Diocese of Southwark, is part of the Church of England and was established by the Parochial Church Council's (Powers) Measure 1956, as amended, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969, as amended).

The charity was previously an excepted charity, but on 2nd February 2024 became registered with the Charity Commission.

Certain members are entitled by right of their position whilst the majority of trustees (nine) are elected annually on a three-year cycle of membership (normally three in a given year). The PCC have the powers to elect other members who would be helpful as ex-officio members.

Our Mission Statement

We believe that God is calling St Peter's to be a warm and loving community with a mission to:

Embrace God's Love

Connect Communities; and

Seek His Kingdom

Our Values

We value being grounded in God's Word, aflame with His Spirit, and overflowing with His love.

We prioritise welcome, hospitality, and building up community.

We sense a particular call to the marginalised, the outsider, and the most vulnerable.

Governance:

The Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.) exists to "co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical" and to carry out all legal responsibilities required of it. The P.C.C. meets regularly (about once every two months).

The P.C.C. members for 2025 have been:

Amir Rezaei
Andrew Mills
Ise Obomhense
Christine Keen
Keith Keen
Natalie Jones
Peter Haddock - Treasurer
Geraldine Burgess - Secretary
Yvonne Rodgers
Philip Rodgers
Joan Stone
Clive Clarke
Iris Maple
Peter Jeens
Rachel Wolff
Stella Haddock
Clare Onslow
Joanna Bader
Rev Hugo Foxwood - Chair

The PCC carried out its responsibilities for the governance of St Peter's Norbiton.

The PCC has paid due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

The PCC has identified and mitigated risks through formal risk assessments.

VICAR AND WARDENS' REPORT

In 2025, we had another encouraging year at St Peter's, as we built on our recent growth and continued to establish new ministries, both within the church and our local community. Here are some exciting numbers which illustrate all that has been happening...

1 Wonderful wedding

3 shared lunches

3 community fun days

9 Alpha attendees

9 Baptisms

16 went to focus

55 Bright and Light party guests

37 care home visits

123 at Easter Services

135 at Nativity Service

1 Donkey

75 bags designed and gifts in-waiting for new residents such as tea towels designed by kids church.

Sunday Services, Alpha, and Small Groups

St Peter's has continued to be a diverse community, welcoming in those from many different nations and cultures, and celebrating what we share together in Christ. Our main expression of worship has been on a Sunday morning, where we are joined by those who watch the service live, or catch up, over YouTube.

During the year we were sad to say a temporary goodbye to our worship pastor, Emma Purkess, who had been doing a great job in helping lift our eyes to God through musical worship. Emma went on maternity leave, and during that time we were fortunate to be able to appoint a very gifted worship pastor, Madeleine Miller, who was already a member of the congregation. Madeleine is also an ordained minister in the Church of England, and has brought a depth and joy to our worship.

Our preaching programme began the year looking at the nature of faith, living in the certainty of what we can't always see, particularly God's Presence with us. We also looked at how to find Peace, and to be Peacemakers, before then looking at the gifts of the Holy Spirit – how God empowers us to speak and know and act so as to bring about his purposes. The second half of the year focused on Luke's gospel, and its call to deeper discipleship, to compassion on the vulnerable, and to prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit.

An important aspect of our discipleship is also found in our mid-week small groups, where there is more opportunity to go deeper, and discuss how to apply the Scriptures to our lives. Our main small group activity is on a Wednesday evening, where Philip and Yvonne, together with David and Jenny Greenfield, have helped lead a connect group – an

opportunity to worship, study the bible, and pray -- that is translated into both Farsi and English.

Other small groups continued to meet during the year, including those that were going through the Alpha course, an excellent grounding in the Christian faith. Janet Featherstone, who has now sadly passed away, hosted a bible study group that met on alternative Friday mornings, and this now continues under new leadership. The Theology Group, led by Hugo, discussed the difficult questions that our faith brings up. And Another group, Archway Connect, continued to meet for bible study and prayer at lunchtime in our Archway Parish Rooms, so as to be readily accessible to those attending our Archway Community Café. Natalie began another group that meets on Tuesday evenings.

Our monthly Mother's Union meetings continued to take place with guest speakers and an annual garden party held in the Church garden. During the meeting we share prayer requests and support each other whilst enjoying tea and cake. Last year we enjoyed an excursion to The Isabella Plantation to delight in the beautiful gardens and to a local restaurant to celebrate the New Year. And each year we invite other Deanery branches to join us for an Advent Service. The Mother's Union also joined with Kid's Church, providing a bouncy castle and tombola alongside a good as new sale.

Kids Church

Kid's Church had another fruitful year with a team of five (Ise Obomhense, Adelaide Serongwa, Clare Onslow, Jenny Greenfield and Stella Grosshans) continuing to run 45-minute sessions every 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the months as well as some involvement in the planning of 2nd Sunday altogether worship services. Furthermore, we have begun to hold sessions on the 5th Sunday as well when applicable.

The planning for our sessions was based on Energize as well as topics from the main church planning. The children have made good progress in their interactions with one another and are beginning to form friendships. They all developed their creativity, readily using resources available to them without much prompting. Their interest in learning about who God is has grown and they are eager to share Bible stories and what they know about Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit within the group. Some children are happy to lead the prayers or do a bible reading.

A big highlight this year was the acceptance of a grant application from the diocese, which allowed us to book a donkey for our Nativity service and financed ten Jesus storybook bibles for 4- 10-year-olds and ten toddler bibles for children 0-3 years to be gifted to families attending our church.

The bibles were well received and families gave encouraging feedback, saying their child is asking for bible stories to be read to them as well as reading independently.

The donkey attracted many people from our church and the local community who enjoyed taking photographs with the donkey and a light breakfast prior to the Nativity service, where the donkey joined us in the play!

The script for the Nativity was a joint effort of St Peter's working out a way to include the donkey despite him needing to leave before the end of the service. The cast involved most of the children who come regularly to kids' church as well as their family members and some new people too. It was heartwarming to see Jesus being played by a real baby and the youth did a fantastic job as readers. As a result of our Nativity service a family joined our church and two children are now coming to kids' church!

Further, as part of our outward looking mission, kids' church held an Easter Fair, Bright and Light Party and a Christmas Fair at the church with lots of people from the church and Mother's Union joining in. In addition, we held a joyful Summer Special at Archway with the theme beach! All our events were well received, and people are starting to ask when we have our next event. Overall, we have continued to build good relationships within the parish.

It was also very positive that Imani McEwen Mission Support Officer (Children & Young People with MAP) held an introductory training day for children's and young people ministry at our church. It was particularly helpful to be able to network with others from local visiting churches.

Additionally, the Eden Lounge is now well stocked with different toddler friendly toys due to generous donations from members of our congregation. We also manage well sharing toys more suitable for Tiny Tots at Archway and the other way around.

United Youth

United Youth (United Youth sessions have taken place three times a month during the Sunday services in the KCAH conference room. A team of six members, two at every session, have delivered the programme based on 'Energize': a high-quality, age-appropriate, bible-based resource for every stage of a young person's development. Activities have included: games, quizzes, pair work, bible study, plenary feedback and discussion, drama, worship and prayer.

United Youth have been encouraged to participate in the monthly Altogether Service, preaching, reading bible passages, writing and delivering intercessions and operating the visuals.

Archway-Based Ministries

Our Archway Community Café, which we opened in December 2021 has continued to develop and be a place of community and support. In partnership with City Changer Projects, developed by Doxadeo church, we have been able to welcome in and connect with the local community, offering friendship, access to specialist advice on debt, benefits, and housing, and help with food and energy costs. 20-30 guests typically visit each week, and several have begun to attend services at St Peter's, or our Alpha course, as a result. We are thankful for the dedicated volunteers who enable this ministry to happen each week.

Our Tiny Tots ministry has continued to also be a place that offers fun and support each week for young families. We see a real consistency in those that attend. We are sometimes hindered by the amount of Bank Holidays that happen, meaning we don't meet for a few weeks. Since beginning in October 2023, with a team of six volunteers we have engaged with over 50 families. These have come from both the estate and the surrounding Kingston/Norbiton area. On an average week, we are welcoming 6-8 families and have really seen the need for this type of community for these parents/carers. It is clear that people are experiencing loneliness, isolation as well as going through bereavements and relationship breakdowns. We are able to be a place of fun and play, whilst also offering pastoral support and prayer. We are thankful for the arrival of the Mother's Union "Prayer Bears" which we were able to gift every child with for Christmas. We continue to use the Prayer Bear in each session to pray. We are excited for God's vision for this going forward.

Vintage Banquet

Our other main outreach to the community is Vintage Banquet. Last year Clive, who had led the Vintage Banquet since its founding, became unwell and asked Geraldine to step in and help. Sadly Clive then passed away. We mourn for him, and miss his warm and welcoming presence. Geraldine now continues to lead this important ministry. Engaging with 24-30 guests each week, it has continued to provide important companionship and some wonderful meals cooked by volunteers, serving those over 60 in our local community. A big vote of thanks goes to all those volunteering to keep this valuable social asset running smoothly each week. An average session has quizzes, exercise, poetry, jokes, time to chat and some weeks, a game of bingo.

Care Homes

Thirty-seven Care Home visits took place during the year delivered by a team of four members. Twelve to Kingston Care Home, twelve to Galsworthy House, seven to Deer Park View Centre and three to Ashton Meadows. These visits offered

dementia-friendly worship with communion by extension at three local care homes per month, including a talk on devotional art and sung worship accompanied by a musician. Visits to Deer Park view Centre finished in October, due to new management making changes to the activities programme, ensuring it was more inclusive for all residents as only around half a dozen residents attended services. Visits to Ashton Meadows began on 24th September. A programme of talks took place in 2025 based on the miracles of Jesus church focusing on a work of art with each resident being given a good quality reproduction. Several residents from Kingston Care Home, where our services are live streamed every Sunday, have occasionally attended Sunday worship at St Peter's. Members of staff often attend services and we are very warmly received!

Focus

We took 16 people to Focus, a Christian festival with exceptional worship and Christian teaching. This group included some regulars, and some who were new; some who liked camping, and some who didn't much! However, we all enjoyed community time together. Getting to know our church family and deepening those relationships is an important aspect of what Focus is about. We are grateful to the organisers who gave us bursaries to bring people who might otherwise have been unable to come.



Finances

Our underlying income continued to grow in 2025, supported by a notable increase in generosity from our church members. Regular giving, for instance, increased to £41,467 from £36,865. Commercial income also increased slightly. That said, including one-off items, our total income fell slightly (to £195,654 from £199,349 in 2024), but this was to be expected, given that we had received an exceptional legacy of £20,225 in 2024.

As a one-item in 2025, we were grateful to receive a gift of £15,416 from St Stephen's Twickenham, designated for our Archway-based ministry on the Cambridge Road Estate, which is a key part of our vision.

Our expenditure in 2025 was significantly higher than the previous year (£196,875 compared with £166,505). This was partly due to exceptional maintenance work to repair our heating system as well as our external drains. Thankfully, we were able to offset much of the cost of the drain repair due to a successful insurance claim. That said, exceptional maintenance costs were still £6,128 higher than in 2024. A second factor driving our higher expenditure was higher utility bills (to £19,824 from £11,182), but much of this was related to having been undercharged in 2024, and then resolving that in 2025. Our underlying utility costs actually fell.

That said, the main increase in our expenditure was related to staff costs (to £67,318 from £52,128), partly reflecting the increased hours of our verger, but mostly due to our administrator, whom we appointed in mid-2024, being in place for the full calendar year. Both of these staff roles are part-funded by Joel Community Services (JCS), a charity with whom we work closely. JCS made a designated contribution to our staff costs of £16,380, reflecting their hours spent working on the JCS charitable objects, which include providing accommodation for those at risk of homelessness and maintaining our Archway Parish Rooms.

This combination of factors led to a small deficit during the year of £1,221. Had it not been for the one-off gift from St Stephen's Twickenham, however, our deficit would have been £16,637, which is more in line with what we had budgeted for. (We had previously decided to budget for a temporary deficit during 2025-2027, so as to use a legacy we received in 2024 to invest in our staff and buildings, with the aim of then building up our congregation and our giving.)

We are grateful to all who give sacrificially to support the important work of St Peter's, including the other churches in the deanery that significantly subsidise us, and we aim to strengthen our finances and increase our contributions to the Parish Support Fund in the years ahead.

Fabric

We have had a busy year in 2025 continuing ticking off Quinquennial tasks, and making sure that our Fire Safety is updated and functional – fire drill to come! One of the main and major works carried out by contractors was the drains issue. Sadly this is still ongoing with a rerouting of a drain, and then hopefully finished.

Ki Hyung and his team have done a great job of painting Peter Holmes House/ KCAH windows, fixing leaks in the Eden Lounge, installing flag poles and flags, and magnificently lighting up the church for Christmas amongst many, many other jobs to keep our buildings and grounds in good order.

We had the parquet floor restored in the Archway and the back room painted to make it a much brighter and separate space from the main hall and plans have now been completed to open that up into the garden with the installation of French windows.

And lastly, but a most satisfying job and with the help of team we cleared and reorganised the balcony!

Safeguarding and GDPR

The PCC continues to be committed to safeguarding. Several incidents were reported to the diocese during the year, and the priority of safeguarding has been a feature of PCC discussions. We have completed a Parish Safeguarding Audit that was required by the Diocese and are now in the process of completing a Dashboard which shows clearly what is in place and renewal dates. This was a helpful piece of work which has given us clear actions going forwards. Natalie Jones acted as interim safeguarding officer, and Geraldine Burgess took over this role officially in May 2025.

Both the safeguarding and GDPR policies are publicly available at the bottom of each page of the church website.

The Environment

Care for the environment continues to be a priority for St Peter's, and this has previously resulted in a bronze award for our environmental actions, as assessed by A Rocha UK's Eco Church programme. The next level up would be a silver award.

- Becky Mills continued to prepare the ground for the Eco-Church silver award and identified targets and actions in the three categories that are not yet in silver: buildings and energy, land and nature and community and global engagement.
- The Church continued to implement identified and allocated actions we need to take on the practical path to net zero carbon.

- Becky Mills regularly attended meetings of Kingston Environmental Forum and sourced new environmental projects to add to the Carbon Fast for Creation Calendar.
- The Carbon Fast for Creation was promoted during Lent on Instagram, with buy-in from a few enthusiasts in the congregation. Becky Mills gave a talk on the Beauty of Creation on April 13th at the Altogether Service to encourage more engagement.
- An Eco-Church Action Group was formed.
- Stella Grosshans and Michelle cultivated vegetables and Ki-Hyoung Ki planted fruit trees in church Garden.
- New log pile added to church garden.
- Two litter picks organised in the church grounds plus two community litter picks at the Fairfield Green space.

On behalf of the P.C.C.

H Foxwood

The Revd Hugo Foxwood

Date: 12th May 2026





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
St Peter's Church, Norbiton

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1206853

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

FWilde

Date:

12 May 2026

Name:

Frances Wilde

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
St. Peter's Church, Norbiton

No (if any)
1206853

Receipts and payments accounts


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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2025	To	Period end date 31/12/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Designated funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income Receipts from Donors (Giving)	74,393	-	-	74,393	78,159
Income from Tax Recovered	-	-	-	-	4,196
Church and Archway Hire	35,366	-	-	35,366	31,732
Parking Income	40,053	-	-	40,053	46,057
Other	30,426	-	15,416	45,842	39,205
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	180,238	-	15,416	195,654	199,349
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	180,238	-	15,416	195,654	199,349
A3 Payments					
Missions	9,862	-	-	9,862	9,703
Clergy and Diocese	34,717	-	-	34,717	33,536
Church	135,273	-	2,000	137,273	105,245
Parish Rooms	-	-	-	-	-
Other	8,495	-	-	8,495	6,093
Church Office	5,979	-	-	5,979	7,894
Loan Repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Loan Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Expenditure- Joel Community Services	549	-	-	549	4,034
Sub total	194,875	-	2,000	196,875	166,505
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	194,875	-	2,000	196,875	166,505
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 14,637	-	13,416	- 1,221	32,844
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	39,666	-	30,000	69,666	36,822
Cash funds this year end	25,029	-	43,416	68,445	69,666

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Natwest Current Account	24,093	-	-
	Natwest Business Reserve Account	-	-	-
	Epworth Cash Plus Fund	936	-	43,416
	Total cash funds	25,029	-	43,416
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Hugo Foxwood	12th May 2026