

Parish of St Peters Kells – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

Aim and purposes

The Parish of St Peters Kell's charitable object is the promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

The St Peters Kells PCC has responsibility for co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has maintenance responsibilities for St Peters Church building and St. Peters Parish Community Centre.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to experience the love of God for themselves through our words and actions and to enable them to worship at the church or as part of one of our fresh expressions. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish.

Achievements and performance

SPEAK BOLDLY

The Mission Community of which we are a part continues to meet together regularly and we have been involved in The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Summer Songs of Praise in St. Nicholas' gardens, Remembrance Service at the URC church, sung carols at Christmas with the Salvation Army band on King Street and shared together in a Good Friday act of worship and an Emmaus Walk around the town on Easter Sunday afternoon.

As an ecumenical group we organised an away day to Silloth where our speaker was Revd. Dr. Kate Bruce who spoke on the theme of Struggling Pilgrims.

The Dementia Friendly Tea Service continued to go well and regularly has a congregation of about 30.

Experience Easter was held in the church and groups from both Kells Infants and Monkway Junior schools were invited to attend. The children were engaged and enjoyed the experience.

The Baby and Toddler group continues to be well attended and good relationships have been built with those families who attend. There were 15 children on the register in 2025.

The weekly WellBeing West Café continues to be well attended and is valued by those who come. Over the last year a representative from Citizen's Advice has been visiting once a month. Some weeks we will sing a hymn and every week the session

concludes with a bible reading and praying together. A Christmas meal to the Howgate was enjoyed by all.

The generosity of the congregation continues to be shown in many ways including offering Easter Eggs to the children in our community at Easter and knitted angels given away at Christmas.

The Food Panty is still well stocked with donations from Morrison's, Amentum and members of the community and is still well used both in the church, at the community centre and at Greenbank Community Centre.

The annual garden party was well attended and the weather was good.

CARE DEEPLY

Pastoral visiting continues to happen throughout the parish both formally by the clergy and informally by members of the congregation. 'Whose Missing' is a regular agenda item at the PCC meetings and cards are sent to let people know that we are thinking and praying for them.

A service of communion by extension is held monthly in Monkway Court and home communion is taken to those who in the parish who request it.

As a church we continue to hold closing collections when needed for those in particular need in the world.

People collect regularly for the Leprosy Mission and a speaker from the charity came to give us an update one Sunday morning and a coffee morning was held to raise funds.

Money raised at the Shrove Tuesday and Harvest supper was split between the church and the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

We once again held a Christmas Tree Festival and Carols among the trees service the proceeds from which were given to Hospice at Home West Cumbria.

FOLLOW DAILY

The biweekly bible study group continues to meet.

Attendance at our Sunday morning Holy Communion service is steady with an average of 45 worshipers on a Sunday morning, 5 of which are under 18.

The Sunday evening service of evening prayer has been suspended indefinitely but to very low numbers. Those who did come on a Sunday evening have joined the Tuesday morning service and the plan is to use the Sunday evening slot in a different way with the possibility of healing services and Taizé services.

The All Souls service was well attended and well received as was all the Christmas and Easter services. The proceeds from the Christingle service being given to the Children's Society.

In 2025 there were 75 people on the electoral roll and we conducted 3 weddings, 19 baptisms, and 18 funerals in church and 7 services at the crematorium.

Both Kells Infants School and Monkway Junior school have continued to come into church for Christmas and Easter services and Monkway have held their Harvest Service in church. As well as coming into church for part of their religious education lessons. Mandy is a governor at Monkway and is invited into both schools to speak to the children from time to time.

Safeguarding

St. Peter's continues to be committed to providing a safe space for everyone. Safeguarding is a standing item on every PCC agenda and our Parish Safeguarding Officer does an invaluable job in making sure that our training and procedures are up to date.

The PCC of St Peter's church in the parish of Kells has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults)."

Children and Young People

Rock Flock during our Sunday morning service continues to meet with 3 children in regular attendance. The children take part in the main service by feeding back to us what they have been learning about that morning and they always lead us in a prayer.

3 young people are regular members of the choir and one is the crucifer.

Two of the young people again played the organ for us at our Christingle service.

We also enabled one of our young people to attend Moreland Chorister Camp for a week's residential.

Church Attendance

There are 75 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll (December 2025). The average weekly attendance at Sunday and mid-week services is 55. There are around 68 people in the worshipping community.

TREAD GENTLY

St Peter's church building

Along with additional sockets and wiring, a TV screen was installed above a pulpit, its use is for presentations to both congregations and to those wishing to use the church as a venue for training, for example. It has been used to show single pictures and slideshow pictures of loved ones during funerals.

A feature cross was selected, and bought, for the Lady Chapel to replace the current hanging. It has been stained and is now displayed on the wall behind the altar.

The roof remediation work continued throughout the year. There was a major milestone met when scaffold was erected and many slates were replaced. Gaps where the sandstone slated had worn, due to weather interaction, and couldn't be replaced, have been filled. An inspection from the roof loft has identified other smaller gaps. It is hoped the contractor will continue to fill these gaps as the work continues.

The boiler heating pump failed. A replacement was sourced and the failed pump replaced.

There was concern over some damaged tiles on the South gable end of the church above the balcony. Tests indicated that they were indeed made from asbestos. A company was contracted to conduct a survey of the church, regarding asbestos, and a report was received.

Handrails were installed on the steps leading to the entrance to the main church doors.

Minor repairs were carried out to book cases, giving cabinet and the toilet flush system.

Repairs were carried out to the organ after it started to make unusual sounds.

An energy and decarbonisation review has taken place of both the church and hall, a report is waiting to be received with expected recommendations.

Parish Community Hall

A fencing company had been contacted and the fence, and gates, to the garden area have been replaced.

Gardening tools had been purchased for the upkeep of the hall garden areas.

A replacement disabled toilet and washroom have been installed.

A piece of the heating system in the roof space had been leaking, leading to water dripping into the youth group office space, work to repair the leak had been completed.

The boiler had broken down but had been quickly repaired.

Ongoing repair work has been carried out in the building as required; lamps have been replaced, a relief valve and toilet seats were replaced in the gents toilets

Financial Review

Total receipts for the year were £107,598 and are detailed in the financial statements.

£60,271 was spent in providing the Christian ministry within the Parish including the contribution to the diocesan ministry offer. £28,317 was spent on running the Parish Hall and Community Centre and £12,334 was spent on maintaining and running the out reach project minibus.

The net result for the year, was a net increase in funds of £6,676.

The balance carried forward on unrestricted funds was £146,764 and the balance on restricted funds was £42,490.

Plans for the Future

Further work is expected on the church roof to make it as watertight as is reasonably practicable.

The asbestos tiles above the balcony, although deemed adequately safe, still present a hazard. It is expected that the PCC will make a decision on their removal in relation to risk reduction.

Work on gathering quotes and faculties for the following work is ongoing. A disabled toilet facility is planned, as well as upgrades to the existing facilities. A local contractor have made an initial assessment and we are awaiting engagement with the local council authority regarding the requirements for soil drainage.

Quotes have been received to carpet the floor in the lady chapel. This is to allow the room to become multifunctional.

We will continue to develop our work with youth and children through Sunday activities and building relationships with the families.

Structure, governance and management

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

Administrative information

St Peters Kells is situated in Whitehaven, Cumbria. It is part of the Diocese of Carlisle within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Rectory, Cliff Road, Kells, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA28 9ET.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity previously excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. As the income for 2023 was over £100,000 the PCC is now registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 11th May 2025 until the date this report was approved are:-

Incumbent:	Reverend Amanda Jones (Chair)
Deacon:	Reverend James Tyson
Curate:	Reverend Jackie Oakes

Wardens:	Mrs Jacqueline Moore Mr Trevor Dodd
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Treasurer:	Miss Jane Nicolson
Secretary:	Reverend James Tyson
Parish Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Glyn Heron

Deanery Synod Representative: Mrs Jacqueline Moore

Elected PCC Members:	Mrs Anne Curwen Mrs Julie Dodds Mrs Gillian Douglas Mrs Glyn Heron Mr Malcolm Southward Mrs Helen Chambers
Co-opted PCC Members:	Miss Jane Nicolson

Approved by the PCC on 15th April 2026 and accepted at the APCM on 26th April 2026 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Amanda Jones (Chair)

Signed.....

Date.....

ST PETER'S KELLS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Charity Number: 1209362

For the Year ending 31st December 2025

Incumbent:
Revd A Jones

Bankers
NatWest Bank
Pow Street
Workington
Cumbria

Independent Examiner
Mr Patrick Dobell

St Peters Kells Parochial Church Council
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned Giving		25,005	0	25,005	24,698
Collections at Services		5,611	0	5,611	5,145
Other giving/Voluntary receipts		8,745	0	8,745	10,163
Gift Aid recovered		6,300	0	6,300	5,614
Legacies		0	0	0	0
Grants	1	1,372	0	1,372	864
		47,033	0	47,033	46,484
Fund Raising		4,272	0	4,272	5,553
Investments/Dividends		5,684	243	5,927	6,581
Church Activities					
Fees retained by PCC		4,462	0	4,462	2,778
Trading Activities	2	0	45,904	45,904	50,823
Other Incoming Resources		0	0	0	37
Total Receipts		61,451	46,147	107,598	112,256
PAYMENTS					
Cost of Fundraising activities		1,200	0	1,200	1,200
Church Activities					
Mission giving and donations		1,542	0	1,542	1,577
Ministry Offer		35,700	0	35,700	34,000
Salaries		0	0	0	0
Clergy expenses		1,098	0	1,098	728
Church Expenses					
Mission and evangelism costs		249	0	249	887
Running expenses		11,411	0	11,411	8,647
Utilities		3,224	0	3,224	2,338
Cost of trading	3	0	38,302	38,302	37,140
Major Repairs		5,847	2,350	8,197	9,073
Other		0	0	0	0
Total Payments		60,271	40,652	100,923	95,590
Excess of receipts over payments		1,180	5,495	6,675	16,666
Transfers		4,058	(4,058)	0	0
		5,238	1,437	6,675	16,666
Cash and Investment Balance					
1 January		141,526	41,053	182,579	165,913
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31 December		146,764	42,490	189,254	182,579

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds					
Bank Current Accounts		12,247	12,499	24,747	23,420
Cash in Hand		2,540	276	2,816	2,769
Deposit Funds		131,977	29,715	161,692	156,390
	4	146,764	42,490	189,254	182,579
Assets Retained for Church use					
Mini Bus	5		12,995	12,995	12,995

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Signed.....

Date.....26.4.26

Notes to Accounts

1. Grants

A grant of £1,372 towards handrails for entrance steps was received from Church of England Disability Project

2. Trading Activities

	£
Parish Hall	31,098
Out Reach Project	14,806
	45,904

3. Cost of Trading

	£
Parish Hall	25,967
Out Reach Project	12,335
	38,302

4. Breakdown of Cash Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £
PCC Current a/c	7,097		7,097
Cash in Hand	2,540	276	2,816
PCC Deposit a/c	855	29,715	30,570
PCC CCLA a/c	131,122		131,122
Parish Hall a/c		6,696	6,696
Outreach Project a/c		5,804	5,804
50/50 Club a/c	5,151		5,151
	146,764	42,490	189,254

5. Assets Retained for Church Use

Minibus purchased June 2021 – stated at cost

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Peter, Kells

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. 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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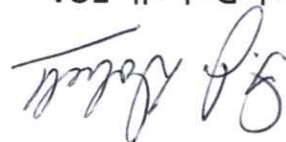
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