

St. Peter's Church

Toton

Annual Report

and

Financial Statement

Year ended 31st December 2025

St. Peter's Church

83 High Road, Toton, Nottingham, NG9 6EN

The Parish Church of St. Peter's Toton

Toton is situated on the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire border, in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. St. Peter's Church was built in 1954. The Parish of Toton was formed in 2001, St Peter's previously being part of the Parish of Attenborough.

Toton is a suburban, residential area of mixed housing which is mainly owner-occupied. The area has seen a considerable increase in housing in recent years and has therefore become a dormitory area where employment levels are high and most of the available employment lies outside Toton.

The population of Toton numbers towards 8000 individuals and is part of the Borough of Broxtowe (there being no parish council).

Charitable status and related trusts and charities

The PCC is a registered charity, registration number 1136356.

Bankers, Legal Advisors and Independent Examiners

Bankers	NatWest On Line Account
Church Architect	Kerry Banner Anotherkind 5 Bingham Enterprise Centre Mercia Court Bingham NG13 8QX
Independent Examiner	Gary Stephenson 21 Gwenbrook Road Beeston Nottingham NG9 4AZ

Aim and Purposes

St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC's purpose statement is "Seeing lives transformed through faith in Christ."

Objectives and Activities

The vision of St Peter's Church, Toton is to be a Christ-centred family, present in Toton and beyond, and a place of welcome and belonging.

Within that vision, St Peter's values are:

- Sharing God's love openly;
- Worshipping wholeheartedly;
- Inviting actively;
- Serving generously; and
- Praying persistently.

In order to pursue these objectives, we offer a wide range of services within the community of Toton, both independently and through our partnership with Toton Methodist Church. During 2025, a Churches Together Working Agreement was developed, agreed and promoted to underpin our joint working.

Wider Deanery and Diocesan links

St Peter's has 3 lay representatives who are active on the Nottingham Deanery Synod, and there are links with neighbouring parishes. Relationships are positive and supportive.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Peter's the membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent (our vicar), Churchwardens, the Reader, and lay members elected to the Deanery Synod and to the PCC by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of our congregations are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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.

The PCC delegates responsibility for the day to day running of the church to an elected Leadership Team, comprising the Incumbent, Churchwardens, and four elected members of the church. The Leadership Team is responsible to the PCC and reports back to them regularly. Pending a likely reorganisation of our leadership later in 2026, it was agreed not to replace retiring members of the Leadership Team.

To co-ordinate the areas of joint working between the PCC and Toton Methodist Church, the two churches have a joint coordinating group renamed in 2025 as the Churches Together in Toton Group. This is made up of the ministers and three nominated members of each church.

PCC members and officers

Rev Jess Savill	(Vicar and Chair – Maternity Leave from May 2025)
James Briggs	(Lay Vice-Chair; Churchwarden) (until April 2025)
Rachel Day	(Churchwarden) (until August 31 2025)
Andrew Pearson	(PCC Secretary)
Michelle Greenberry	(Reader and Deanery Synod Representative)
Brian Stanley	(Treasurer (until April 2025) and Deanery Synod representative)
Christine Drewry	(Churchwarden from April 2025 & PCC Lay Vice Chair from May 2025; Deanery Synod Rep until Sept 2025)

Lay elected members:

Michael Cartwright	(Until April 2025)
Elizabeth McBrayne	(Until April 2025)
Hazel Treadway	
Robert Mewes	
Keith Murray	(Until April 2025)
Julie Houghton	(Until April 2025)
Jane Butler	
Geraldine Lewis	
Theresa Murray	
Christine Key	
Ricky Ruperalia	
Irene Smith	
Louise Spencer	(April 2025 onwards)
Nathan Burns	(April 2025 onwards – Treasurer)
Catherine Burns	(April 2025 onwards)
Bruce Spencer	(Churchwarden from Sept 2025)

The Leadership Team usually meets twice a month and aims to provide spiritual and practical leadership for St Peter's Church. It consists of the Vicar and Churchwardens alongside four elected members.

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Bruce Spencer	(from Sept 2025)

Lay people are involved in the ministry of Toton Churches in many roles including prayer ministry, pastoral work, working with children and youth, working with seniors, music and worship and supporting Sunday services. These groups are reviewed and supported by the Leadership Team and the PCC receives reports of their activities as required and at the Annual General Meeting.

Electoral Roll figures

There were 107 members on the electoral roll at the end of 2025 including 14 new members.

Finance

We are grateful to Brian Stanley our Treasurer, and to Jamie Briggs our Assistant Treasurer, for their work throughout 2025. In April 2025, Nathan Burns was elected as our new Treasurer and, following the time-consuming transfer of permissions and signatures, Brian was able to fully handover financial responsibilities to Nathan at the end of the year. The 2025 Financial Statement and notes form part of this Report.

The PCC continues to grapple with costs rising faster than receipts. Nevertheless, the PCC were able to make a small increase in our Tithe to other charities - currently the Church Pastoral Aid Society, Church Mission Society and HOPE Nottingham – up to 5% compared with its usual level of 10%.

Due to some generous donations towards the end of the year, payments were matched by income and the planned Tithe paid in full. The PCC has again paid its allocated Parish Share in full (our contribution towards the ministry costs and other support costs of the Church of England in our diocese).

In ordinary times, it is the PCC's policy to maintain, as a reserve, a balance of unrestricted funds equal to at least 3 months unrestricted payments, equivalent to circa £21,000, to cover emergency situations. At the beginning of 2025, total reserves stood at around £14,000; rising to around £25,000 by the end of the year. However, £11,000 was in restricted funds and voluntary income reduced by £6000 in 2025.

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

Premises

A group meets quarterly, primarily to organise the maintenance and upkeep of the church and centre buildings. There is a rolling five-year plan to maintain and repair the church and centre. Funds did not allow for any major improvements during 2025. The periodic architect's survey, the Quinquennial, is planned for 2026 which may result in new needs being identified. Records of fabric and fixtures have been examined and all accounted for.

Review of 2025

As a church, St Peter's exists to give glory to God, to advance His Kingdom, to support Christians in their discipleship, and to spread the Gospel. In the more secular language of the Charities Act, our core purpose is the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit.

The PCC has had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on the public benefit requirement.

While everything that the PCC does is intended to promote those aims, some examples of activities in 2025 to illustrate this include:

- Regular worship services in a range of styles, intended to meet the spiritual needs of Christians from diverse backgrounds and whether new to faith or well-established, including two weekly services (one traditional and one more contemporary); a monthly informal service for all ages; and a monthly Messy Church with a particular focus on engaging families.
- Seasonal community outreach activities, such as an Easter event with a trail on Manor Park, and Christmas events such as Carols Around the Tree and Christingle services, which were warmly received and very well attended by significant numbers outside of our normal Sunday congregations.

- Initiatives intended specifically to help those unfamiliar with the Christian faith learn more about it, in particular through Alpha.
- Gathered and individual prayer, including "Days of Encounter" where a range of prayer activities and sessions are offered for the church community and wider public.
- Activities intended to meet the pastoral and practical needs of the public, including our Renew Wellbeing cafes (offering a safe space to speak about struggles with mental health) and Toton Helpful Hub (offering practical support, particularly with shopping, for those in our community who are unable to easily leave their homes).

During the maternity leave of our Vicar, many members of have worked tirelessly to maintain and develop our programme of activities, services, events and premises. A good number of members have stepped up to lead and help with aspects of the church's work where the Vicar may have previously had a significant involvement.

The PCC remains absolutely committed to Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults in line with Church of England and Diocesan policies and procedures, including Safer Recruitment and Training. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Our Parish Safeguarding Officer has worked very hard, with a small team, to ensure our records of training, role descriptions, DBS checks, references, risk assessments, etc are being built into our culture and practice at St Peter's. Work on completing the national Safeguarding Parish Dashboard is underway and on target.

Approved by the PCC on 18th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by
Christine Drewry (PCC Lay chair)

C M Drewry

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER 2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

of

ST. PETER'S

TOTON

registered charity 1136356

Parochial Church Council of St Peter's, Toton

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Receipts and Payments Accounts	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2025**	Total 2024
Receipts					
Voluntary Income	4a	100,434.83	8,947.22	**109,382.05**	115,026.95
Income from Church Activities	4b	6,301.82	-	**6,301.82**	6,587.17
Investment Income	4c	123.72	-	**123.72**	160.61
Other Income	4d	-	2,254.71	**2,254.71**	2,810.79
Total Receipts		106,860.37	11,201.93	**118,062.30**	124,585.52
Payments					
Diocesan Parish Share	*	65,508.00	-	**65,508.00**	67,186.00
Church Activities	5a	18,114.15	2,986.65	**21,100.80**	30,516.57
Church Management & Administration	5b	14,603.81	1,654.10	**16,257.91**	15,752.29
Other	5c	463.24	2,884.77	**3,348.01**	15,286.38
Total Payments		98,689.20	7,525.52	**106,214.72**	128,741.24
Receipts less payments		**8,171.17**	**3,676.41**	**11,847.58**	**(4,155.72)**
Cash at hand & in bank 01 Jan 2025		6,697.71	7,159.85	**13,857.56**	18,013.28
Cash at hand & in bank 31 Dec 2025		14,868.88	10,836.26	**25,705.14**	13,857.56
Difference		**8,171.17**	**3,676.41**	**11,847.58**	**(4,155.72)**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2025 £**	Total 2024 £
Cash Funds					
Petty Cash	6	-	-	**-**	20.53
Bank Current Account		13,986.99	-	**13,986.99**	5,851.77
Bank Reserve Account 1		817.98	10,836.26	**11,654.24**	7,655.72
Bank Reserve Account 2		63.91	-	**63.91**	329.54
		14,868.88	**10,836.26**	**25,725.67**	**13,857.56**

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

*The 2024 Parish Share figure is artificially high, as it included the last monthly instalment of Parish Share for 2023 – not debited from our accounts until 2nd January 2024.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. General

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using the Receipts & Payments basis.

2. Funds

Restricted Funds represent funds given to the PCC for a specific purpose, including grants received for a specific object. These funds may only be expended for the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

3. Movement in Restricted Funds

The balance brought forward has been calculated on the Receipts & Payments basis.

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£
TM for Staff Salaries	-	1,654.10	1,654.10	-
Network	784.40	-	-	784.40
Toton Churches Weekend	252.16	-	-	252.16
Toton Helpful Hub	32.60	2,254.71	2,287.31	-
Building Project	-	2,043.28	2,043.28	-
Renew Wellbeing Café	450.25	150.00	250.50	349.75
Renew 2	-	1,000.00	346.96	653.04
Children Youth and Families fund	1,594.11	499.84	419.28	1,674.67
SNDBF Grant - Children and Families	4,046.33	3,600.00	524.09	7,122.24
TOTAL:	**7,159.85**	**11,201.93**	**7,525.52**	**10,836.26**

4 Receipts Analysis	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2025 £**	Total 2024 £
4a Voluntary Income					
Planned Giving:					
Gift Aid Donations		52,435.00	-	**52,435.00**	52,797.45
Income Tax Recovered		14,594.86	-	**14,594.86**	14,282.78
Non Gift Aided Donations		16,375.00	605.34	**16,980.34**	16,770.27
Plate (including card donations)		1,169.44	-	**1,169.44**	1,370.06
Grants		-	4,600.00	**4,600.00**	8,350.00
Legacies		5,494.21	-	**5,494.21**	500.00
Toton Methodist Staff Contributions	7	-	1,654.10	**1,654.10**	1,457.90
Sundry Donations		10,366.32	2,087.78	**12,454.10**	19,498.49
		100,434.83	8,947.22	**109,382.05**	115,026.95
4b Income from Church Activities					
Room Hire		4,394.36	-	**4,394.36**	5,281.00
Photocopying		339.40	-	**339.40**	255.00
Banns, Weddings and Funerals	8	606.00	-	**606.00**	248.00
Church Event Receipts		962.06	-	**962.06**	803.17
		6,301.82	-	**6,301.82**	6,587.17
4c Investment Income					
Income from Bank Accounts		123.72	-	**123.72**	160.61
		123.72	-	**123.72**	160.61
4d Other Income					
Toton Helpful Hub		-	2,254.71	**2,254.71**	1,549.96
Children and Young Peoples Clubs		-	-	**-**	1,092.84
Other		-		**-**	167.99
		-	2,254.71	**2,254.71**	2,810.79
Gross Receipts		106,880.90	11,201.93	**118,062.30**	124,585.52

5 Payments Analysis	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2025**	Total 2024 £
5a Church Activities					
Missionary & Charitable Giving	(a)	4,387.32	-	4,387.32	1,811.24
Utilities		4,231.46	-	4,231.46	5,240.23
Insurances		1,259.59	-	1,259.59	1,237.10
Licences		1,390.95	-	1,390.95	962.17
Maintenance & Repair		5,092.00	2,043.28	7,135.28	11,405.63
Services & Ministry Costs		292.35	-	292.35	551.44
Clergy Expenses and reimbursements for church activities		715.50	-	715.50	1,234.77
Children and Youth Work		-	943.37	943.37	6,428.99
Discipleship		51.06	-	51.06	24.98
Network		-	-	-	-
Publicity		90.38	-	90.38	438.72
Church Event Costs		447.65	-	447.65	1,181.30
Sundry		155.89	-	155.89	-
		18,114.15	2,986.65	21,100.80	30,516.57
5b Church Management/Administration					
Staff Costs	7	11,096.37	1,654.10	12,750.47	12,020.77
Office Costs		3,318.08	-	3,318.08	3,657.72
Cleaning Products		189.36	-	189.36	73.80
		14,603.81	1,654.10	16,257.91	15,752.29
5c Other					
Toton Helpful Hub		-	2,287.31	**2,287.31**	1,972.76
Renew Wellbeing Café		53.97	597.46	**651.43**	184.11
AV Equipment Replacement		-	-		12,500.00
Other		409.27	-	**409.27**	629.51
		463.24	2,884.77	**3,348.01**	15,286.38
Gross Payments (not including Parish Share)		**33,181.20**	**7,525.52**	**40,706.72**	61,555.24

(a) St Peter's PCC policy was historically to pay a tithe equivalent to 10% of unrestricted donations received to Christian charitable causes. This has not been possible in recent years as costs have grown more quickly than giving. The agreed tithe this year was 5%; an increase on 2024, but still below the level to which the PCC would aspire. As in previous years, this tithe has been divided equally between three charities: Hope Nottingham, the Church Pastoral Aid Society and the Church Mission Society.

6. Petty Cash

In previous years it was the practice of the PCC to hold a small petty cash balance in the church office so that change could be given if a fee was paid in cash. As this facility has not been used for a considerable time, its use has been discontinued and all cash has now been banked.

7. Toton Methodist Staff Contributions & Staff Salaries/Costs

£ 1,654.10 was received towards the cost of the shared administrator employed by St. Peter's PCC on behalf of both St Peter's and Toton Methodist churches. These monies have been placed in separate restricted funds as these monies may not be used for general expenditure.

8. Banns, Weddings and Funerals

This relates to the amount of fees received by the PCC after the removal of fees payable towards the Diocesan Board of Finance and disbursements.

9. Funds outside the responsibility of the PCC

Funds are handled related to the activities of St Peter's Church, but outside the direct responsibility of the PCC. These fall into two categories:

Fees Payable towards the Diocesan Board of Finance

The PCC acts as agent in respect of some fees, arising from marriages (including Banns of Marriage) and funerals, which are payable towards the Diocesan Board of Finance.

Collections on behalf of charities

Charitable collections were made during the course of the year on behalf of: Tearfund; Care for the Family; the Children's Society; and Hope Nottingham.

Approved by the PCC on …….. and signed on its behalf by
Rev. Jess Savill (Incumbent)

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Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Toton St Peter's **(regd charity 1136356)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Toton St Peter's (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because the Charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I hold a Diploma in Charity Accounting.

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

{signature}
Gary Stephenson, DChA, MSc
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