St Peter's Maney,

Sutton Coldfield



Annual Report 2025

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Annual Meetings Sunday 26th April 2026

1. Opening Prayers.

2. Apologies for absence.

120th Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Minutes of 119th Annual Meeting of Parishioners

2. Election of Churchwardens

107th Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes of 106th Annual Meeting on 13th April 2025

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3. Presentation of the Electoral Roll

4. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement

5. Churchwardens' report

6. Written reports circulated in advance of the meeting with questions

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner of the Accounts

8. Election of 3 members of Deanery Synod to serve for 3 years

9. Election of up to 4 members of Parochial Church Council to serve for 3 years

10. Election of Sides people (Welcomers)

11. Vicar's remarks

12. Any Other Business

Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2025

Minutes of the one hundred and nineteenth Annual Meeting of Parishioners of St Peter's Church, Maney, held in the church hall on Sunday 13th April 2025 at 12.00.

The Vicar, Revd. Canon Rebecca Stephens, welcomed everyone and started the meeting with a prayer.

33 people were present. Apologies were received from Dickon Taylor.

Minutes of the 118th annual meeting on 28th April 2024 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Vicar.

There were no matters arising.

Paul Jenner was retiring as Churchwarden due to ill health. Only one nomination had been received for the position of Churchwarden. This was for Rosemary Coombes (proposed by Elena Grant, seconded by Tony Wells). As it would be extremely difficult for her to perform all duties single handed, Rosemary produced a list of her jobs and the meeting was asked for volunteers to sign up to help with various tasks. On this basis, Rosemary agreed to stand. She was duly elected by unanimous vote.

Paul and Rosemary were then thanked by the Vicar for their continuing invaluable help and support during the past year.

This concluded the meeting.

Minutes of the One Hundred and Sixth Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in the Church Hall on Sunday 13th April 2025 at 12 noon

The Vicar, Revd. Canon Rebecca Stephens was in the chair.
Apologies were received from Dickon Taylor.

Attendance: 33

1. Minutes of 105th Annual Meeting
These were agreed and signed as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes
None

3. Presentation of the Electoral Roll
Elena Grant reported that there has been a full revision this year. As a consequence, the number on the Electoral Roll now stood at 91 (136 prior to the revision). 32 are resident in the parish and 59 non-resident.

Becky thanked Elena for her hard work and said that the large reduction in names was part of a general trend.

The full report is in the Annual Booklet.

4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statement
Paul Jenner spoke about the report and accounts he had prepared which had been available for viewing in the Annual Report booklet. He was pleased that the budgeted deficit of £14,250 was considerably reduced to £2,408 and that our future looked promising and secure.

We have retained our reserves for what could be an expensive year. The Quinquennial Inspection has been completed but probable costs of identified repairs have not been included in the report. This will incur us in further unknown expenditure.

Garth White asked whether our 2 curates joining St. Peter's this year would incur much additional costs. The Vicar replied that, although we would need to pay expenses to the curates, there would be no housing costs. Aubrey will be a self-supporting minister and Matt will retain his existing diocesan housing as he is only moving locally from St. Michael's.

The meeting was in favour of adopting the accounts and Paul was thanked for all the work he put in.

5. Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric and Goods of the Church
The written report from the churchwardens was circulated in the church booklet. Rosemary Coombes reported that the inventory was not quite completed.

6. Written reports included in the Annual Report Booklet
Becky referred briefly to each of the reports in the Annual Report booklet, asking for any comments as she went through.

Social Committee – Rosemary Coombes wished to give special thanks to Jane Jenner who knew everything about the kitchen and its operation. She was responsible for organising Sunday morning coffee each week.

CMS – Garth White announced that our link, Nikki, is now a refugee from South Sudan. It is hoped that she will be visiting us in September.

The vicar thanked all who had contributed to the reports.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Paul Jenner reported that Margaret Butterfield is willing to fulfil this role in the coming year. However, since retiring, she no longer has up to date qualifications but years of experience. This does not affect the legality of her role as our income is of insufficient level. Recognising these limitations, her reappointment was proposed by Paul Jenner, seconded by David Griffiths. This was agreed by a show of hands. Paul, and St Peter's, are extremely grateful to her for all her help.

8. Election of 4 members of PCC to serve for 3 years

Due to the Electoral Roll dropping below 100 our PCC membership entitlement also drops to a maximum of 9. There were only 4 nominations received for 4 vacancies.

Nicola Stansbie - proposed by Janet Harley, seconded by Hazel Hallas
Tony Wells – proposed by Owen Cain, seconded by John Heywood
Paul Jenner – proposed by Rosemary Coombes, seconded by Hazel Hallas
David Griffiths – Proposed by Paul Jenner, seconded by Rosemary Coombes
As there were no other nominations, they were duly elected.

9. Election of Sides People

Rosemary Coombes said that there were currently 12 names on the rota for sidespeople (welcomers) and 3 reserves and all were willing to continue. These were duly accepted, with unanimous agreement.

10. Vicars Remarks

The vicar made the following comments;

Last week the reading in church focussed on Mary and Martha. Mary and Martha are known for hosting Jesus. They recognise the privilege that comes with being in his presence and they take full advantage of this. However, they offer their praise in completely different ways.
Martha works endlessly to ensure her guest has all he needs. She ensures the food is plentiful and rich and offers herself as a servant to her guests' every requirement.
Mary on the other hand works endlessly to show love and affection. She pours an amount of oil, which might appear wasteful, over Jesus; she's anointing him recognising his divinity.
Note that Jesus says, Mary bought this expensive oil. Mary's finances support Jesus' ministry and now she has used her wealth to honour and bless Jesus.
So, within their ministry, we see service by action, financial giving, worship and prayer.
When we take on a responsibility in church, we need to be both Martha and Mary. Practically getting the job done and praising God through the offering of ourselves, using the gifts we have been given by God.
It is clear that, having gone through the report this morning, there are numerous people who give of themselves so generously. The committee reports show an incredible number of people who offer their time, gifts, money and skills in numerous ways. Indeed, this is how we are able to run the Church.

This meeting gives me an opportunity to thank all the people who give of their time so generously and make St Peter's the church it is. This is always a hard address to give as I will inevitably exclude someone important.
St Peter's wouldn't stand here now without the support of so many people, some of you gathered here today.
Those who minister alongside me are great in number. This year saw Andrew Ball retire his position as a Priest among us. It has been a great joy to have led with Andrew and we have thanks for all he has offered. This year Michelle was licensed as a worship leader and we have new ministers joining us. Our worship happens because of so many people who make it possible. I'm so very grateful to everyone who plays a part and especially to the wardens and deputy wardens along with those who read from the Bible, lead intercessions, serve at the altar, sing in the choir, play in the band, serve the coffee and create rotas. It is a privilege to serve alongside you.

Our PCC are a committed group of people who ensure the smooth running of the church. My thanks to them all for the time they give and the wisdom they offer. Particular thanks must go to Malcolm, our PCC secretary. He ably organises our PCC and keeps us organised, and most importantly, legal. We have multiple committees at St Peter's. My thanks to everyone who sits on a committee as they offer their gifts to guide our church in many different ways.
For those of you who often go unnoticed, I give particular thanks. The people who gather on a Friday morning to clean the church, those who keep the grounds tidy, those who volunteer in multiple ways, those who launder the altar linen, serve us coffee, and fill the church with flowers.
Since I've been here, we have offered pastoral services to many people in our community. There are a team of people who visit others with home communion, without whom I wouldn't have time to visit.
My thanks to all those who offer a ministry to our children, particular thanks to Sonia. We are very blessed with the recent arrival of Christina, our youth worker. Christina is a great addition to our church family and she has already made an impression on our young people. Children are the way in which we most clearly see the Kingdom of God.
There are a number of people I work closely with on a weekly basis to ensure the smooth running of our church. Firstly, Gayle who leads our administration and facilitation ably. Our director of music, Logan, who helps to plan our music and leads us each Sunday. Our caretaker Paul, and many wonderful volunteers.

My final vote of thanks goes to our churchwardens, Rosemary and Paul. They are readily available when I need an answer and ensure the smooth running of the church on a daily basis. Each of them do other roles and offer of themselves so generously. I can't begin to thank you enough for your devotion to our church family – thank you.
Paul is now resigning from this role so that he can focus on his health.
When I arrived, Paul was the treasurer and a deputy warden. He was a huge support to me… over the first few months I soon learnt that Paul had immeasurable gifts that were suited to a church warden. When I asked him if he'd consider it – I think he thought I'd gone mad seeing as he was also treasurer. But he thought and prayed about it and so generously said yes.
Those weren't easy times, working together through Covid, Malcolm, Paul and I were

continually learning the new guidelines, making huge decisions and ensuring we were not only keeping within the rules but also keeping everyone safe.

Within a year, Malcolm had completed his years as warden and so Paul and I asked Rosemary if she might consider being warden. I'm delighted that she said yes. For the last 4 years, Paul and Rosemary have been extraordinary. Their love for God, our church family and building have never been in doubt. I am truly blessed to work with both of them.
On a personal note, Paul has been a wonderful friend and supporter. I shall miss our time together but I'm delighted that he stays on as our treasurer… Gift and thanks.
Rosemary remains and for that I am truly grateful. However, she cannot hold this load alone. We have not received a nomination for another warden, so we therefore have to make some changes.
We are asking deputy wardens to take on a responsibility if at all possible and then look to everyone here… There is a list of jobs that need doing and the frequency they need taking on. We're going to have to pay for some of the services – and this will need additional funds, so if you can't give time, might you give more financially?
Rosemary – you are incredible, and we thank you for all that you are and we promise to support you in this next phase. Gift and thanks.
And to close, my thanks to each of you for your questions, challenge, support, faith and encouragement of me and one another. As we continue to build the kingdom, let us be mindful of Mary and Martha, always striving to offer both practicality and praise.
I am praying for 2025 to be a year of mission and growth. A year where we focus more deeply on what it means to be the parish church, so that we bring more people to know God and God's love. I hope you will all join me in the adventure… as we will have to do this alongside and on top of all the tasks we already do.
May we be the Church God calls us to be. With God's help, we can.

Following her comments the Vicar made a presentation to Paul and Rosemary in token of our thanks and appreciation for their hard work.

11. Any Other Business

(a) Rosemary Coombes presented our current Health and Safety Policy which had undergone substantial revision. The policy was then accepted by those present.

(b) Andrew Ball proposed a vote of thanks to Becky on behalf of St. Peter's for all the hard work she had to do within the parish and oversight area. Those present showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

The APCM concluded at 12.45 pm.

Vicar's Report for the year of 2025

The following report is a testament to the incredible commitment made by so many members of our church family to the life of St Peter's. I have now been part of the church for 6 years and it is a privilege to be a part of a church where pastoral care, mission and worship are at its heart.

St Peter's is part of an Oversight Area (OA) with Holy Trinity, St Chad's and Emmanuel. I continue to be Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity and remain part time here at St Peter's. I am also the Oversight Minister.

During this year, we welcomed two curates. Matt Mason came to us from St Michael's, Boldmere to complete his curacy. Matt will leave us at the end of May 2026. Aubrey Clarke was ordained Deacon in Birmingham Cathedral on 5th July 2025 and joined us as a part time self-supporting Assistant Curate. Aubrey is a retired RE teacher and arrives with a wealth of experience in leading worship.

Since I remain part time, we have been so very grateful to Rev'd Averil Lauckner, a retired priest, who has taken services at St Peter's throughout the year.

Christina Brown joined us as our youth worker on 1st March 2025. Christina ably took on the leadership of the two OA youth groups, sharing that ministry with Brian Scotcher from St Chad's. We have recently welcomed a few teenagers to church and Christina has built relationships with them to develop their discipleship. She also started a group on Sunday mornings for our older children, whilst Sonia led the younger ones.

Devastatingly, Christina had a fall towards the end of the year and is recovering from a serious brain injury. There is a very long road ahead for Christina and we continue to hold her in prayer. She is regularly visited by me and Rosemary, and we have been delighted to watch her steady improvement.

Messy Church has grown and we have seen new families join. As ever, I remain hugely grateful for the ministry of Sonia Clucas who works tirelessly to ensure our young people meet Jesus in exciting new ways.

We have been immeasurably blessed by the ministry of Sheila Richmond as our Reader. However, Sheila decided that she would hang up her robes and was to be awarded the status of Reader Emeritus on 19th April 2026. Unfortunately, I have had to amend this report as Sheila sadly died on Easter Monday 2026. We give thanks for all she was and for the discipleship she modelled. There will be many tributes to her life throughout the coming months.

Michelle Griffiths continues to offer her time as a worship leader. Annette Daly also ministers among us as she is training for ordination. She will be ordained in June 2026 when she will leave for her curacy.

We welcomed a number of new people into our church throughout the year. Some are new to the area, others have moved to St Peter's, whilst others are new to faith. We are always

delighted to welcome new people and continue to ensure we offer a space where all can encounter God. This year, two members of our congregation, Michelle McGirl and Dexter Watkins-McGirl, were confirmed at a service at Birmingham Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday.

For those who are new to faith, we held an enquirers course during September called *Being With* which was open to the whole oversight area. Our Lent course was led by me, Fr Graham (Emanuel & Holy Trinity) and Jonathan (St Chad's) and focused on the Atonement Theories. These sessions were well attended.

We have had 11 baptisms this year and Sonia keeps in touch with the families, inviting them to events, knitting a teddy bear with their name on and sending anniversary cards.

Our Care Team is growing, and they continue to show exceptional love and care in the parish. We regularly visit people in their homes and in care homes with Holy Communion as part of a monthly rota. The Care Team visit numerous others for conversation and prayer.

We have continued to offer pastoral support for the bereaved and have held 9 funerals in church and at the crematorium. The prayer mound in the churchyard has become a popular spot to place flowers following a funeral. Our invitations to the All Souls service included a pot plant which had been a part of the Harvest Festival decorations.

We continue to collect for the Foodbank at Sutton Baptist Church and offer support to individuals in the parish.

Also, this year we have had times of celebration as a church family. We celebrated the our Patronal Festival and Harvest by worshipping and eating together. My thanks, as ever, to the social committee, led by Sonia Clucas, who always make such events so brilliant.

Sadly, we also said a final farewell to long term members of the congregation. Sheila Gomm, Ian Johnson, Helen Robinson, Ray Bradley, Dora "Betty" Barrell and Sheila Richmond. We give thanks for all they were to us and praise God that they rest in eternal peace.

Finally, I would like to thank our whole church family, too many to mention. However, I do want to make especially mention our churchwarden, Rosemary Coombes who is a huge support to me, Gayle and the whole parish. She is always ready and willing to take on any challenge. We are so very blessed by her ministry.

Revd Canon Becky Reeve
(formerly Becky Stephens)

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT April 2026

This is the annual report for 2025/2026 and covers the period since the previous APCM.

This is year 2 of the current Electoral Roll cycle

The revision period for the Electoral Roll took place between March 1st and March 29th.

Year	Total on Electoral Roll	Resident in the Parish	Nonresident
Previous Electoral Roll			
Year 6 2023 - 2024	136	48 (35.2%)	88 (64.8%)
Current Electoral Roll			
Year 1 2024 - 2025	88	32(36.4%)	56 (63.6%)
Year 2 2025 - 2026	99	35 (35.4%)	64 (64.6%)

During the year since the last APCM:

- Three names were removed from the Electoral Roll. There were 2 deaths and one person moved from the area
- 11 new names were added to the roll. This is the highest number of annual additions since I have been Electoral Roll Officer (from 2013) and the first time double figures were reached. As we were starting from a low base at the start of the new cycle, we fell just short of the aim to reach 3 figures.
- The proportion of residents to non-residents remains remarkably stable at 1 resident to 2 non-residents – a pattern also seen throughout the previous cycle.
- 35 people listed on the Electoral Roll are resident within the parish (35.4%) and 64 people (64.6%) are non-residents.
- After the revision period, an inspection copy of the new Electoral Roll was posted on the noticeboard in the main entrance porch prior to the APCM. A list of changes from the previous roll was displayed together with the Electoral Roll certificate.
- A copy of the Electoral Roll certificate will be sent to the Diocesan Office after the APCM.

Elena Grant

ST PETER'S CHURCH, MANEY
SUTTON COLDFIELD

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND STATEMENTS

OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Charity Number: 1140021

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Mrs M Butterfield

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2025

The budget for 2025 envisaged a drop in income with an increase in expenses with a resultant deficit of £10,450. The actual result was that income rose by about £5,800 due mainly to higher hall income. Expenditure rose by about £8,500 as a result of increased gas costs and the planned increase in Common Fund. Regular givers dropped from 57 to 55 by the end of the year.

The Statement of Financial Activities (Income and Expenditure Account) on page 4 of the accounts shows the deficit on Unrestricted Funds of £5,169, again lower than the budget. There was this year a decrease in the valuation of our investments of £1,554 which increased this deficit to £6,723. Income from donors, which includes the weekly envelope scheme, regular giving by standing orders and direct debits, general and special collections and the recovery of tax by Gift Aid, again fell this year by £1,343 to £53,692. Planned Giving increased by £912 (or 2.4%) to £39,314.

The Diocese Common Fund this year was £45,150 which included a contribution towards the costs of a curate. The PCC agreed that this amount would increase by 5% in 2025 to £47,400. Our calculated donation to charities rose to £6,430 as a result of the increase in income. The Unrestricted Fund ended the year at £118,610.

There was one item of major works required this year. This was the resurfacing around the church and tower walk and was mostly covered by the Emergency fund in the Designated Account. At the end of the year Designated funds stood at Church Emergency (£25,787), Hall Roof (£30,000), Stone House, which funds our Youth work, (£291,809), Organ Repairs (£10,894), residue of Computer equipment (£13) and Church Fabric (£2,142). The Energy Grant fund (£2,371) will be used to offset some of the higher energy costs that we will be facing in 2026. There was a deficit in Designated Accounts of £16,970 and in investment values of £4,486. At the end of the year the Designated funds stood at £363,016.

The total of Restricted funds is now £5,488. Details of all funds can be seen in Note 11 on page 14.

It is assumed that in 2026 funds from giving will stabilise if things continue as now but costs will continue to rise. A budget has therefore been set with a deficit of just over £13,800. A Generosity Campaign is planned which might make an improvement to this.

At the end of the year the accounts show total funds of £487,114 which is a drop of £28,190. The Balance Sheet on page 5 and Note 8 (Investments) on page 13 show where those funds are held with £203,056 on deposit with the Central Board of Finance (CBF) and investments (£256,670) representing longer term funds which are all invested in funds of the CBF.

Paul Jenner
Hon Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report
To the Parochial Church Council of St. Peter's, Maney

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Peter's Maney PCC for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 15. This examination took place on the 7th March 2026.

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 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable 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.

A signed copy of this statement is held in the accounts file.

Name: Mrs M Butterfield

Relevant professional qualification of membership of professional bodies:

Past Member of ICAEW, now retired.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME from:						
Donations	2,4	54942	330	980	56252	63216
Charitable Activities	2,4	39695	0	0	39695	32716
Other Trading Activities	2,4	6529	0	5	6534	6185
Investments	2,4	8918	8927	0	17845	19224
TOTAL INCOME		110084	9257	985	120326	121341
EXPENDITURE on:						
Raising Funds	3,5	23623	0	0	23623	22270
Charitable Activities	3,5	91630	26227	996	118853	93789
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		115253	26227	996	142476	116059
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(5169)	(16970)	(11)	(22150)	5282
GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS	8	(1554)	(4486)	0	(6040)	4644
NET INCOME		(6723)	(21456)	(11)	(28190)	9926
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	12	0	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(6723)	(21456)	(11)	(28190)	9926
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JANUARY 2025		125333	384472	5499	515304	505378
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DEC 2025	11	118610	363016	5488	487114	515304

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Church hall and equipment	7	1		1
Investments	8	255670		261710
			255671	
				261711
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors and payments in advance	9	2120		1633
Cash in Hand		20		1277
Balance at bank		37463		60421
Short term deposits		203056		202199
		242659		265530
LIABILITIES: amounts falling due within one year	10	11216		11937
NET CURRENT ASSETS			231443	253593
NET ASSETS			487114	515304
REPRESENTED BY PARISH FUNDS	11			
Unrestricted			118610	125333
Designated			363016	384472
Restricted			5488	5499
			487114	515304

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 17th March 2026, where, further to a review of the draft financial statements, the trustees agreed that there were no concerns over the ability to continue as a going concern. ***A signed copy of this SOFA is held in the accounts file.***

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Revd Canon Becky Reeve (Chair)

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Miss Rosemary Coombes (Warden)

The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at fair valuation. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Funds over which the PCC control is limited by statute or the terms of a trust deed, or which are restricted in their use have been defined as "restricted funds". Funds which are controlled by the PCC and over which there are essentially no restrictions as to their use have been defined as "unrestricted funds". Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for purposes designated by PCC policy. Such designations may be set aside from time to time according to policy decisions.

Restricted Funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated Funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

Funds Policy

The PCC have decided that, for 2025 onwards, the Unrestricted Funds are intended for short-term investment for income (up to £55,000) and 6 months operating expenditure (£55,000), and the remainder, surplus from legacies received in 2016, to be subject to PCC decisions for the time being.

In 2016 the PCC decided that the following will be designated: a buildings fund to allow items from the Quinquennial Report to be implemented together with emergency requirements (£140,000); a church fabric fund for items within the church (£5,000); a hall roof fund for the imminent repair (£30,000) and other small items (£1,100). The accounts show where spending has already taken place within these funds.

Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the PCC is legally entitled to them as income or capital respectively, ultimate receipt is probable and the amount to be recognised can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.
Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the income to which they are related is received.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Grants received which are subject to pre conditions for entitlements or use specified by the donor which have not been met at the year end are included in creditors to be carried forward to the following year. Dividends and rents are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer.

All income is accounted for gross.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to pay out resources. Expenditure is included on an accruals basis under the following headings; all costs are allocated under a specific category:

Costs of raising funds
These are the costs associated with the PCC's fundraising activities such as parish magazine printing, summer fete and Christmas bazaar event costs and church hall running costs.

Charitable expenditure
Charitable expenditure is analysed between ministry and mission expenditure. Ministry expenditure includes the direct costs of running the church such as the diocesan parish share, church building and service costs. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted when due. Mission expenditure includes mission giving and donations, outreach in the community activities, messy church and associated staff costs.

Support costs consist of central management, administration and governance costs such as the independent examiner fees. These are costs which are directly attributable to a specific charitable activity.

Grants and donations payable are accounted for when authorized, when the award of the grant/donation has been specifically communicated to the recipient and when the PCC have agreed to pay the grant/donation without condition, or any condition attaching to the grant/donation is outside the control of the PCC. Grants/donations offered subject to certain conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure. Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC.

Expenditure is accounted for gross.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Land and buildings owned by the Church are depreciated on a straight line basis over 25 years.

Equipment used within the Church premises is written off when the asset is acquired.

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Financial Instruments

The PCC has elected to apply the provision of section 11 "Basic Financial Instruments" and section 12 "Other Financial Instruments" of FRS102 in full to all of its financial instruments.

Debtors which are receivable within one year and which do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price. Debtors are subsequently measured at amortised cost being the transaction price less any amounts settled and any impairment losses.

Creditors payable within one year and which do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price. Creditors are subsequently measured at amortised cost being the transaction price less any amounts settled.

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2. INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations:					
Planned Giving	39314	0	0	39314	38402
Collections	4759	0	0	4759	4351
Sundry Donations	204	0	420	624	4922
Legacies	0	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid Recovered	10271	0	90	10361	10156
VAT Reclaimed	394	0	0	394	0
Youth Contributions	0	330	0	330	0
Grants	0	0	470	470	5385
Total Donations	54942	330	980	56252	63216
Charitable Activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	1273	0	0	1273	1226
Hall lettings	38422	0	0	38422	31488
Magazine Sales	0	0	0	0	2
Total Charitable Activities	39695	0	0	39695	32716
Other Trading Activities					
Magazine Adverts	0	0	0	0	0
Christmas Craft Fayre	1486	0	0	1486	1933
Other Fund Raising Activities	2750	0	5	2755	2692
Solar Panel Income	2278	0	0	2278	1560
Miscellaneous	15	0	0	15	0
Total Other Trading Activities	6529	0	5	6534	6185
Investments					
Dividends	1080	8070	0	9150	9010
Interest	7838	857	0	8695	10214
Total Investments	8918	8927	0	17845	19224
TOTAL	**110084**	**9257**	**985**	**120326**	**121341**

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3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds					
Magazine Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Hall Costs	16395	0	0	16395	16386
Fundraising Costs	256	0	0	256	233
Support for Raising Funds	6972	0	0	6972	5651
Total Raising Funds	23623	0	0	23623	22270
Charitable Expenditure					
Resourcing Ministry					
Diocesan Parish Share	45150	0	0	45150	43000
Clergy Expenses	1693	0	0	1693	7531
Cost of Services	7516	0	113	7629	8925
Church Running Costs	16544	0	0	16544	14660
Church Repair & Maintenance	6908	16758	0	23666	4131
Support for Resourcing Ministry	6519	0	261	6780	6742
Resourcing Mission					
Child Mission	398	0	0	398	525
Charitable Giving	6872	0	622	7494	8167
Special Appeals	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Work	0	9469	0	9469	26
Miscellaneous	30	0	0	30	82
Total Charitable Expenditure	91630	26227	996	118853	93789
TOTAL	**115253**	**26227**	**996**	**142476**	**116059**

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4. INCOME for 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations:				
Planned Giving	38402	0	0	38402
Collections	4351	0	0	4351
Sundry Donations	2242	0	2680	4922
Legacies	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid Recovered	10040	0	116	10156
VAT Reclaimed	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	5385	0	5385
Total Donations	55035	5385	2796	63216
Charitable Activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	1226	0	0	1226
Hall lettings	31488	0	0	31488
Magazine Sales	2	0	0	2
Total Charitable Activities	32716	0	0	32716
Other Trading Activities				
Magazine Adverts	0	0	0	0
Christmas Craft Fayre	1933	0	0	1933
Other Fund Raising Activities	2692	0	0	2692
Solar Panel Income	1560	0	0	1560
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
Total Other Trading Activities	6185	0	0	6185
Investments				
Dividends	1055	7955	0	9010
Interest	9260	954	0	10214
Total Investments	10315	8909	0	19224
TOTAL	**104251**	**14294**	**2796**	**121341**

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5. EXPENDITURE for 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds				
Magazine Costs	0	0	0	0
Hall Costs	16386	0	0	16386
Fundraising Costs	233	0	0	233
Support for Raising Funds	5651	0	0	5651
Total Raising Funds	22270	0	0	22270
Charitable Expenditure				
Resourcing Ministry				
Diocesan Parish Share	43000	0	0	43000
Clergy Expenses	881	6650	0	7531
Cost of Services	8171	0	754	8925
Church Running Costs	14660	0	0	14660
Church Repair & Maintenance	4131	0	0	4131
Support for Resourcing Ministry	6626	0	116	6742
Resourcing Mission				
Child Mission	525	0	0	525
Charitable Giving	6313	0	1854	8167
Special Appeals	0	0	0	0 0
Youth Work	0	26	0	26
Miscellaneous	82	0	0	82
Total Charitable Expenditure	84389	6676	2724	93789
TOTAL	**106659**	**6676**	**2724**	**116059**

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6. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	21851	18311

No member of the PCC received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses other than the Vicar as shown in Note 3. 2024 includes Office Administrator, Youth Worker, Director of Music (from October) and Caretaker.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£	£
Cost of Church Hall Building	23902	23902
Less accumulated depreciation	23901	23901
	1	1
Net Book Value at 31st December 2025	1	
Net Book Value at 31st December 2024		1

8. INVESTMENTS

	£	£
Valuation as at 1st January 2025	261710	257066
Increase/(Decrease) in valuation	(6040)	4644
Investments/(Disposals)	---	---
Valuation at 31st December 2024	255670	261710
Government stocks	---	---
1,681 shares in CBF investment fund	37327	38881
Stone House – 6,525 shares in CBF investment fund	144862	150895
Stone House – 58,392 shares in CBF property fund	73481	71934
	255670	261710

9. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	1950	1633
Solar Panel Feed-in-Tariff	170	----
	2120	1633

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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gas Accrued	1257	556
Electricity Accrued	481	462
BDBF Assigned Fees	361	158
Copier Usage Charge	40	32
Committed Donations to Charities	7546	9597
Telephone & Internet	85	79
Vicar/Curate Expenses	290	384
Sundry Supplies	----	57
HMRC – Tax to be Paid	673	----
Cost of Services	292	66
Funeral Prepayment	----	521
Cleaning Deposits to be Returned	50	25
Warm Space Costs	141	----
	11216	11937

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance 1/1/2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Capital Movements	Balance 31/12/2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds						
Memorial Book	213	0	16	0	0	197
Choir	919	60	0	0	0	979
Discretionary Poor Fund	251	0	120	0	0	131
Hall Sound System	262	0	0	0	0	262
Ministry	1883	0	0	0	0	1883
Vestry Steps	68	0	0	0	0	68
Charity Collections	211	0	0	0	0	211
Warm Space	321	0	141	0	0	180
Flower Fund	387	0	97	0	0	290
Social Committee	60	5	0	0	0	65
Net Zero	302	450	0	0	0	752
Quick Wins	0	470	0	0	0	470
Malawi Transport	622	0	622	0	0	0
	5499	985	996	0	0	5488
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Funds						
Sale of Stone House	296507	9257	9469	0	(4486)	291809
Church Emergency Fund	42427	0	16640	0	0	25787
Hall Roof	30000	0	0	0	0	30000
Defibrilator	118	0	118	0	0	0
Church Fabric	2142	0	0	0	0	2142
Computer	13	0	0	0	0	13
Energy Grant	2371	0	0	0	0	2371
Organ Repair	10894	0	0	0	0	10894
	384472	9257	26227	0	(4486)	363016
General Fund	125333	110084	115253	0	(1554)	118610
	515304	120326	142476	0	(6040)	487114

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The Discretionary Fund for the Poor is the result of anonymous donations for the Vicar to use at his/her discretion. The Stone House fund has supported Curate costs and will continue to support the Youth work in the parish; in 2024 there was no Youth Worker and the increase in fund value was due to 12 months of vacancy.

12. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
No Transfers were made.	-----	-----	---	0
Total Raising Funds	-----	-----	-	0

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	1	0	0	1	1
Investments	37327	218343	0	255670	261710
Debtors due within one year	2097	0	23	2120	1633
Short Term Deposits	52002	145087	5967	203056	202199
Cash	20	0	0	20	1277
Bank	37463	0	0	37463	60421
Creditors due within one year	(10300)	(414)	(502)	(11216)	(11937)
	118610	363016	5488	487114	515304

14. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Raising Funds £	Resourcing Ministry £	TOTAL 2025 £	Raising Funds £	Resourcing Ministry £	TOTAL 2024 £
Parish Administrator	6748	4498	11246	5308	3539	8847
Printing & Stationery	124	1117	1241	249	2236	2485
Telephone & IT	100	904	1004	94	851	945
Governance	---	---	---	---	---	---
	6972	6519	13491	5651	6626	12277

The administrator's time is split 60% managing hall lettings and 40% resourcing ministry; equipment and materials are split 10% raising funds and 90% on resourcing ministry.

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15. DONATIONS TO CHARITIES 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Charitable Giving from PCC			
Refugee Council	1,100		1,100
A Rocha for Eco Church	1,100		1,100
Sutton Coldfield YMCA	1,100		1,100
Christine's Work across Oversight Area	1,100		1,100
Christian Aid	1,100		1,100
CMS	1,100		1,100
Mothers' Union (from Sunday Coffee)	292		292
Church Army (from Thursday Coffee)	150		150
	7,042		7,042
Charitable Giving from Special Collections (including Gift Aid)			
None			
Other Charities (not in accounts)			
Royal British Legion (Remembrance)			221
Christian Aid Week			335
Children's Society (Christingle)			336
MSF (Advent & Christmas Collections)			285
Food Bank Donation (Harvest Auction)			116
MSF (Lent Lunches)			903
CMS (Nicci Maxwell Visit)			411
			2,607
TOTAL	7,042	0	9,649

The items in the Unrestricted fund represent the charities chosen by the PCC for the church's annual giving. This is determined from the formula of 10% of relevant net income. Relevant net income is calculated from total unrestricted general income, less apportionment, less VAT reclaimed, less grants for expenses, less legacies. In addition a proportion of Sunday coffee donations is given to Mothers' Union.

ST. PETER'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL; MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025-26

		Year to retire/re-elect
Rosemary Coombes	(Churchwarden)	
Sheena Heaton	(Vice Chairperson)	2027(Diocesan Syn.)
Sonia Clucas		2026
Michelle Griffiths		2026
Malcolm Harley	(Secretary)	2026
Dickon Taylor		2026
Mo Dening		2027
David Griffiths		2028
Paul Jenner	(Treasurer)	2028
Nicola Stansbie		2028
Tony Wells		2028
John Heywood		2027(Diocesan Syn.)
Sheila Richmond		2026(Deanery Syn.)
Suprabha Taylor		2026(Deanery Syn.)
Owen Cain	(Deputy Churchwarden)	
Philip Fox	(Deputy Churchwarden)	
Hazel Hallas	(Deputy Churchwarden)	
Janet Harley	(Deputy Churchwarden)	

April 2025

St Peter's Church, Maney.

Summary of Office appointments and representation for the year to 2025-2026

Vice Chairperson	Sheena Heaton
Secretary	Malcolm Harley
Treasurer	Paul Jenner
Deputy Wardens	Phil Fox, Owen Cain, Hazel Hallas, Janet Harley
Committee Chairs	B&G – Becky Reeve F&S – Becky Reeve Mission, Life and Worship - Becky Reeve Eco Maney – John Heywood Social – Sonia Clucas
Electoral Roll Officer	Elena Grant
Director of Music	Logan Pritchard until September 2025 Cian O'Dwyer from November 2025
Children's Ministry	Sonia Clucas
Safeguarding Officer	Dickon Taylor, resigned in September 2025, currently VACANT
Children's Advocate	Sonia Clucas
Vulnerable Adults	Rosemary Coombes
Care Team	Rosemary Coombes
Health and Safety Officer	Michelle Johnson/Gayle Pearson
Christian Aid	Nicola Stansbie
Children's Society	Frances Heywood
CMS	Garth White
Church Army	VACANT
Weekly Planned Giving Envelopes	Hazel Hallas
Bible Reading Fellowship	Sheila Richmond
Bible Society	Tony Wells
Cedar Group	Rosemary Coombes / Phil Fox
Flower Guild	VACANT
Servers Guild	Lorna Scully
Sacristan	VACANT
Verger	Michelle Griffiths, David Griffiths
Parish Environment Contact	John Heywood/Sheena Heaton

PARISH REPORTS

Churchwarden's report on Church Fabric, Ornaments, Hall and Grounds 2025-2026

This year saw the number of churchwardens reduced to one as sadly, Paul stepped down from the role due to health issues. We thank him very much for his service as churchwarden and wish him well. He continues as Treasurer and offers ongoing support to me, as do others, for which I am grateful.

Since the last APCM the following external routine inspections have taken place:

- Roof alarm (annual)
- Fire extinguisher check (annual)
- Organ tuning and service (bi annual)
- Servicing of gas appliances (annual)
- Hall Fire Alarm service (bi annual)
- Emergency lighting and Fire Alarm system check (monthly -done internally by Gayle and Paul M)
- Portable Appliance Testing (every other year)

October 2025 saw the Annual Visitation by the Area Dean. This year the focus for inspection was the Church Log Book, Church Property Register, Baptism, Confirmation, Wedding registers and the Register of Services. There was also general discussion which was both helpful and supportive.

Lighting has received attention this year! A large number of bulbs needed replacing in the pendant lights in the nave. These were all changed. All remaining light fittings that were not LED have now been replaced, the Lady Chapel and the Sanctuary and Chancel being the most recent. 3 external lights at the front and back of the church building have new bulbs. A possible problem with the sensor is being investigated.

The Quinquennial of 2024 informed us about areas of concern in the church building. The most urgent was the ingress of water which is now visible in several parts of the church. The architect has carried out a detailed survey which will point out exactly the source of this which must then be tackled.

The architect was also able to furnish us with detailed plans for the removal of 4 half pews to allow wheelchair access in church. These have been accepted and quotes are being sought.

Tower Walk was the setting for a successful gardening party last year and the results are self evident. We also have new gates and a No Cycling notice at the top. The path itself has been resurfaced along with part of the rear car park and the entire front car park. New white lines have been marked to assist better parking and a security bollard installed to prevent cars being driven down to the lych gate. Moss has been cleared and the usual grass mowing and leaf collecting took place. Some tree surgery has been necessary during the year following the effects of strong winds.

Our Cleaning Team meets on the third Friday each month to wipe, dust, vacuum and polish in order to try to keep our beautiful church clean and tidy. Thanks to them, the Flower Team and others for their care for the building.

We continue to value highly the work of caretaker Paul M and parish administrator Gayle. They are flexible, cheerful and efficient. We are so fortunate to have them and thankful for their ongoing service to our community of St Peter's.

The checking of the church inventory is underway and will be reported to the APCM.

Rosemary Coombes

March 2026

Report on the Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council (2025-26)

The Council met 4 times during the year, with an average attendance of 75% (69% in 2024). It was agreed to continue the meeting frequency of 4 per year. An 'Away Day' was held in February this year. This allowed the PCC time to consider the achievements over the past year and to look at priorities for the coming year.

There are currently 20 members, including 2 elected members of Deanery Synod (our full allocation was 4 places), 2 elected members of Diocesan Synod, Churchwardens and deputies.

The Council operates through sub committees covering five main areas, namely:

Standing Committee	Mission and Worship
EcoManey	Buildings and Grounds
Social	

During the year, the Council considered and dealt with a range of issues relating to the church, hall and grounds, including-

- Approval of suitable spending where appropriate and close adherence to agreed budgeted costs.
- Agree to our charitable giving for the year. 6 charities will each receive £1100.
- Agree to increase our Common Fund payment by 5% to £47400.
- Agree to removal of sections of pews to allow more inclusive wheelchair positioning.
- Adopt the national Safeguarding Policy.
- Agree to resurfacing and extension of the car park and resurfacing of tower walk (including elimination of the step).
- Pursue the changing of the remaining church lights to LEDs in order to reduce our carbon footprint.
- Appoint Cian O'Dwyer as new Director of Music.
- Agree to obtaining a full set of detailed plans for the church building in order to help with identifying specific areas of water ingress shown in the Quinquennial Report.

Malcolm Harley Secretary to the Parochial Church Council

Mission, Life and Worship Committee

It has been a real privilege to serve among you this past year, and I am deeply grateful for the life, faith, and commitment I see across St Peter's.

The Mission, Life & Worship Committee has met three times over the past year, helping to shape our shared life of worship, discipleship, and mission.

Members of the committee have included: Revd Canon Becky Reeve, Revd Aubrey Clarke, Christina Brown, Naomi Johnson, Sheena Heaton, Rosemary Coombes, Sonia Clucas, Ro Evershed, and Sheila Richmond, alongside myself as chair since October 2025 (with Becky chairing for the first part of the year).

Worship & Prayer

This year has been marked by a desire to offer worship that is both reverent and accessible. Advent, Lent, Holy Week and Easter have been particular highlights, with strong attendance and engagement across services, including the Churches Together Walk of Witness and Easter celebrations.

We have welcomed a new Director of Music, Cian O'Dwyer, who is beginning to enhance our worship with new hymns and mass settings. A monthly Choral Evensong will be introduced in 2026.

We have also continued to grow:

- Contemplative spaces such as Taizé and Sung Compline
- All-age worship and seasonal services
- Greater accessibility in our liturgy, including dedicated baptism services
- Helping engage new members of the church in the life of the church.

Discipleship & Pastoral Life

It has been encouraging to see people exploring faith more deeply:

- The "Being With" course for the Oversight Area has created space for honest questions and conversation. It has been very successful and adapted for continued exploration of faith by Becky.
- Lent study sessions were held at St Peter's and attended by members from across the Oversight Area.
- We are beginning to strengthen connections with teenagers in our congregation.

Upon reflection, I would say there is a growing sense that we are called to be a church where people can belong, explore, and grow in faith.

Children, Youth & Families

This has been a particularly encouraging area:

- Cian and Catherine have been working hard to set up a Children's Choir which is growing.
- We have welcomed new teenagers attending by choice, which is a real sign of hope.
- Messy Church continues to play an important role across the Oversight Area and our messy church numbers have been growing.

Alongside this, we are learning how best to:

- Support young people within Sunday worship
- Offer age-appropriate teaching and discipleship along side the youth Chior.
- Ensure strong safeguarding awareness as engagement grows

Mission & Community

We continue to deepen our presence in the community. The launch of Warm Space by Revd Aubrey Clarke saw limited community engagement and has now been re-launched as 'The Gathering Place' creating a space of welcome and companionship on Wednesdays that works in tandem with Cedar Group.

I believe there is a growing desire to be a church that is visible, welcoming, and attentive to local need.

Looking Ahead

As we look forward, key priorities include:

- Deepening discipleship and pathways of faith
- Developing a strategy for supporting and strengthening children's and youth ministry.
- Strengthening inter generational welcome and sense of belonging
- Continuing to develop accessible, prayerful worship

Conclusion

This has been a year of quiet encouragement and steady growth. We are seeing new people exploring faith, young people stepping into church life, and a deepening commitment across the congregation.

It has been a joy to serve among you, and I am grateful for your partnership in the gospel.

Revd Matt Mason

Oversight Area

The oversight area consists of:

Emmanuel, Wylde Green (Vicar: Fr Graham Wigley)
Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield (Priest in Charge: Revd Canon Becky Reeve)
St Chad's, Sutton Coldfield (Vicar: Revd Jonathan Nicholas)
St Peter's, Maney (Vicar: Revd Canon Becky Reeve)

Becky is the oversight minister which involves convening the churches and to create a shared mission plan. During the year the wardens, youth committees and social teams from each church came together to plan events throughout the year. We have planned services, Messy Church and events across the oversight area for 2026.

Our missional focus includes:

- Discipleship
- Children and young people
- Eco
- Inclusive Church

Inclusive Church is something the whole oversight area are particularly committed to, recognising the ongoing discussions at General Synod around Living in Love and Faith.

During this year, the ministers have been meeting on a Wednesday for Morning Prayer. The youth groups continue to meet.

Revd Canon Becky Reeve
(formerly Becky Stephens)

Churches Together

The Churches Together ministers continue to meet monthly. A United Service was held at United Reformed Church on 18th January 2026, followed by services across the town in other churches. We began the Walk of Witness again after Covid.

Revd Canon Becky Reeve
(formerly Becky Stephens)

Curate's Report

It has been a pleasure to be sent to St Peter's for my curacy. From the very beginning, I have been met with a warmth and hospitality that has made settling into ministry both joyful and deeply encouraging. The welcome offered by the clergy team, churchwarden and wider congregation has been wholehearted, attentive and genuinely reflective of the parish's character.

One of the most striking aspects of my arrival has been the care taken to ensure I felt at home. Conversations after services, thoughtful introductions and the steady support of those serving in various ministries have all contributed to a strong sense of belonging. I am especially grateful for the wonderful refreshments so generously provided for my first service at St Peter's, an expression of fellowship that has opened space for meaningful encounters and early pastoral relationships.

During my initial months at St Peter's, I spent intentional time getting to know members of the congregation across different services and settings. These conversations have offered rich insight into the life, history and hopes of the parish. They have also helped me appreciate the depth of faith, commitment and community that shape St Peter's. This period of listening and learning has been invaluable in grounding my ministry and discerning how best to serve in the months ahead.

In addition to my regular liturgical duties, I actively engage in supporting the overall life and governance of St. Peter's Church. As a member of the PCC, I contribute to strategic discussions and decisions that shape the direction of the parish. Furthermore, my involvement with the Pastoral Care Team allows me to offer support to vulnerable and isolated individuals, ensuring they receive the necessary attention. I also play a new role in the Safeguarding Team, where I uphold safety standards and practices in line with Birmingham Diocesan and national guidelines. Through my participation in Mission, Life and Worship activities, I contribute to determining the parish's priorities, liturgical practices and outreach opportunities. These various roles exemplify my dedication to collaborative service within the parish's framework and fostering the growth of its ministry.

Under my leadership, the Wednesday-morning 'Warm Space' initiative has been refreshed, re-named, and re-framed as 'The Gathering Place'. The purpose of this ministry is to provide a welcoming, hospitable environment where individuals can experience companionship, conversation and a sense of belonging. The initiative is designed to support those who may be experiencing loneliness or social isolation, offering a gentle and non-pressured space for fellowship. Although current attendance remains low, the rebranding process, combined with renewed publicity within the parish, oversight area and surrounding neighbourhoods, is intended to strengthen visibility and encourage gradual growth. The Gathering Place continues to offer a valuable missional presence, and its potential for development remains strong as relationships deepen and awareness increases.

Alongside this, I explored the establishment of a Men's Group as a further avenue for community engagement and pastoral support. Despite only one individual expressing interest at this stage,

the process has provided insight into the needs and rhythms of the local community. The initial response suggests that further groundwork, listening and relationship-building may be required before such a group becomes viable. This remains an area for future exploration as trust and connections continue to grow.

Both initiatives reflect my commitment to creating open, relational and mission-shaped spaces where the church can meet people in their everyday lives. While early outcomes have been modest, the foundations laid during this period will support ongoing development and discernment as my curacy progresses at St Peter's.

I am thankful for the privilege of beginning my ordained ministry in such a supportive and welcoming environment. St Peter's has already played a significant role in my heart and I look forward to continuing to grow in relationship, faith, service and shared mission with the congregation within this context and for the contribution it has made to my ongoing development.

Father Aubrey Clarke

Report from Diocesan Synod

A new triennium began in November 2025.

There is a change of emphasis at diocesan synod. The Lay Chairs now lead the meetings in place of the bishop; and there are group discussion sections for involvement of members.

The balance of membership now includes more people with a conservative theology.

John Heywood.

Report from Deanery Synod

St Peter's elected members (Su Taylor and Sheila Richmond) have for health reasons not been able to attend synod in the past year.

However we have been very active in the leadership of the Deanery Environment Group, which has met bi-monthly with lively meetings and good participation. The May meeting will be the showing of a national campaigning film at St Michael's Boldmere.

John Heywood.

Parish Administrator Report 2025/26

It has been another busy year in the parish office. My hours have been increased slightly to allow me to assist the churchwarden with matters relating to hall maintenance, booking tradespeople etc. However, the majority of my time is still split between two main functions: 1) the management of church hall bookings and 2) administrative support relating to church services eg production of the weekly pew sheet and orders of service. Other ad-hoc tasks include printing and distributing the newsletter, administration relating to funerals and baptisms, and updating the website. I also continue to organize the rota for the flower team.

The main hall and upper room continue to be busy every weekday evening and most mornings. We have lost a couple of our regular users this year but have also taken on one new user.

In addition, there were 18 ad-hoc / party bookings in the last 12 months – these were mainly birthday parties but also included a vintage valuation day and a Holi celebration. We continue to receive plenty of enquiries about hiring the hall. We are fortunate that our caretaker Paul is able to be flexible with his working hours which allows him to set-up the hall for these events; we would otherwise be unable to take so many bookings.

Gayle Pearson

Children's Ministry during 2025



Our wonderful Sunday Club team continued to provide teaching, friendship and support for any children attending Sunday morning services. The team consists of Mo Dening, Teni Adebayo, Lorna Cain and Sonia Clucas. The team are very faithful and committed but there is a great need for more helpers. There is sometimes a wide age range in the group. It is then helpful to split them for part of the session to cater for their different needs. Please do consider whether you feel called to this important ministry.

For part of the year, we had some support from our lovely Youth Worker, Christina. She occasionally attended Sunday Club and gave some help with the older children. However, her main focus was to make contact and to support the teenagers who had started to attend church. Christina made a very good start on this work. We pray for her recovery.

Messy Church was held 3 times during the year. Themes were Holy Week, Pentecost and Harvest. We are very grateful to the many people who helped with activities and provided the refreshments. Christina and Sonia shared the planning and Owen lead us in song.

Many of the children took part in the Nativity play on Christmas Eve ably led by Revd Matt. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm. It is always a wonderful celebration of the birth of the Lord. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

Eight children were baptised during the year and each one was given a teddy and a copy of "My Baptism Book" as well as information about our children's ministry. Sonia attended many of these. It would be good if more church members could be part of this ministry.

Children play an important part in the life of the church including during services. They often take part in Family Communion services by reading and leading prayers. We are grateful to Revd Averil for leading many of our Family Communion services and helping children to be involved. Of late some children have also joined the choir with support from our Musical Director, Cian.

Sonia Clucas

7th Sutton Coldfield East Scout Group

The Scout Group has had another successful year as we continue to deliver a programme packed full of fun, challenge, and adventure for all our young people. The boys and girls in all three sections of our Group - Beavers (6 to 8 years old), Cubs (8 to10½) and Scouts (10½ to 14) – bring energy, enthusiasm and determination to every meeting and are an inspiration to us all.

We currently have 56 young people in the Group, and it is always wonderful to see the changes and development as the members move up from one section to another. They superbly supported by a talented group of Leaders who make sure our meetings are always enjoyable.

We have offered a diverse range of activities throughout the year and all of our members have learnt new skills and tried different challenges. In May we held our first ever Group Camp at Kinver in Staffordshire, with the Beavers staying in a traditional wooden lodge with the Cubs and Scouts camping nearby. All three sections took part in a range of adventurous activities, including a hike along the spectacular Kinver Edge.

Our programme is supplemented by some District Activities that enable our young people to work with others from across Sutton. Over the last year we have taken part in District Camps, outings, competitions (cooking, rafting, chess, etc) and hiking. It was fantastic to see the Scouts win the District Air Rifle Competition in February and we are looking forward to seeing how they get on in the upcoming County Competition.

We have also continued to support The Royal Sutton Fun Run with traffic management and marshalling duties – and are looking forward to doing so again on 31 May this year.

Our young people enjoy working through the awards schemes and it is wonderful to see the range of skills they develop to earn their badges, these have included such skills as Chef, Disability Awareness, Backwoods Cooking, Home Help, Community Impact, Gardener, Hikes, Nights Away, Nautical Skills, Snowsports, Emergency Aid and so much more beside.

All of our Volunteer Leaders continue to be incredibly generous with their energy and time on a very regular basis. My thanks goes to our section leaders of Julie Ellis, Eileen Lyndon and Dave Archer and their teams – without them none of this would be possible.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who made such kind comments about my own Silver Acorn Award in the Autumn. This is awarded to those who have provided distinguished service for a period of at least 20 years. But, in truth, I think I have received it for doing things I love, with a brilliant group of people by my side – all of whom work incredibly hard to make sure young people enjoying their time in Scouting.

Mark Ellis
Group Lead Volunteer

18th Sutton Coldfield Brownies

Report from the Brownies to follow in due course.

Music

Musical Events

The choir have partaken of a number of musical events since my employment began in November.

Firstly, the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols wherein a wide selection of well-known carols and less known anthems were learnt and sung. Arrangements of 'Gaudete, Christus est Natus', 'Out of the Orient Crystal Skies', and a wide range of anthems gave the choir much to do in the preceding months. It was a pleasure to have the choir sing descants to favourite carols (e.g. Hark the Herald Angels, and O Come all ye Faithful) over the Christmas period.

A number of choir members took part in a festival choral evensong at St Philip's Cathedral in late January. 2026 This was an enjoyable event, singing canticles by Tertius Noble, and the anthem 'O thou the central orb' by Charles Wood.

The Maney choir joined with Holy Trinity choir for a service of Ash Wednesday, where a number of hymns were enjoyed.

Some of the choir joined Logan's come and sing day at St Michael's Lichfield, to sing Stainer's 'Crucifixion'.

It has been greatly encouraging to see take-up from the choir on joint services, and I look forward to encouraging further engagement as opportunities arise.

Anthems

Since mid-January, it has become standard practice for the choir to sing anthems on Sunday morning services over communion, in place of second communion hymns. It has been encouraging to see the choir pick these up well, and quickly. Further it has offered an opportunity for the choir to learn music beyond hymns. Feedback has been resoundingly positive from members of the choir and congregation.

Some examples of anthems include: Walsh "Come Christ's Beloved", Gibbons "Drop, drop, slow tears", Arceldt "Ave Maria", and Lloyd "View me Lord". The choir have embraced the many various styles and techniques employed in these anthems with much enthusiasm.

Going forward, the intention is to consolidate learnt anthems, and build a strong repertoire to be available to the choir.

Hymn Choices

It has been raised that the choice of hymns from Sunday to Sunday, sometimes include a number of 'unknowns'. Work is being undertaken to get to grips with which hymns the congregation know and enjoy singing, but this naturally takes a little time.

For April's hymn list, I have conferred with Rosemary, Paul, and Jane to adjust hymns to better fit with the congregation's taste. Going forward, it will be a general practice that completely new hymns will first be sung over communion by the choir, so that the congregation can get to know them by listening first.

Children's Choir

It is a great pleasure to see three - four regular attendees on a Sunday morning rehearsal for children. In these rehearsals, Catherine and myself take the children through the hymns and anthem for that morning's service. Regular attendees have included Posi, Juliet, Faith, and Mia.

As their knowledge and experience grows, there are plans to begin offering RSCM award programs, and inclusion in future choral evensongs. However currently, the aim is to ensure that choristers are not overwhelmed by vast amounts of music or commitments, and instead have time to enjoy singing on a Sunday morning and learning in a friendly and welcoming environment.

Choral Evensong

It is a pleasure to confirm a start date of 3rd May 2026 (4:30pm) for choral evensong at St Peter's. Going forward, this will be a regular slot on the first Sunday of each month. The decision to have choral evensong at 4:30 was made in order to avoid clashing with Emmanuel, Wylde Green.

Choral evensong will include a great variety of music, including psalm chants, canticles, anthems, and versicles/responses. The hope is that the wide variety of music will enrich the learning of the choir.

Cian O'Dwyer

Care Team – 2025

The Care Team aims to show the love and care of God in supporting others who, for whatever reason are unable to come to church and/or are going through difficult times.

We offer practical assistance where possible through listening, prayer, visits, phone calls, texts, emails, letters and cards. The team recognises the great care and kindness of so many in the congregation to others which is often unseen but quietly supportive. Please do let us know of anyone who is unwell or in need of assistance so we can be in touch, if this is desired.

The team meets 3 times a year to review changing needs and we keep our own record of contacts made.

Home Communion is taken to those who request it on a regular basis. and we now take this to a growing number of Care Homes in the area.

Members of the Care Team are regularly involved in the Cedar Group meetings. We also helped with the distribution of houseplants to individuals following Harvest Festival.

Alongside Reverend Canon Becky Reeve, Reverend Matt Mason and Father Aubrey Clarke are : Andrew Ball (advisory) Rosemary Coombes, Movita Dening, Elena Grant, Hazel Hallas, Sheila Richmond (advisory) and Christine White.

Rosemary Coombes

Cedar Group Report

The Cedar Group continues to meet in the Hall on the first and third Tuesdays in the month from 2-4pm.

The group welcomes those who live alone, carers with those they care for, couples, friends and anyone who is looking for company and mutual support.

Our numbers vary from 2-10! We enjoy exchanging news and views, sharing refreshments and participating in a light-hearted quiz.

This year we have sadly lost some of the founder members of the Cedar Group but have been delighted to gain some new faces too.

Our £1 donation each meeting covers expenses and we are sometimes able to make a charitable donation.

New members are always welcome. Please see Rosemary, Mo or Phil.

Rosemary Coombes, Mo Dening, Phil Fox

Social Committee during 2025

Committee: Janet Harley, Jane Jenner, Susie Griffiths, Frances Heywood, Nicola Stansbie, Avril McAvan, Pam Cheney and Sonia Clucas.

The committee have worked hard on a range of events as well as supporting church services and occasions.

The annual quiz evening was very successful. It was well attended and as usual Simon entertained us well. It is a great opportunity to have fun together and to invite friends and family. It also raises funds for other events and activities during the year.

Members of the committee provided and served refreshments at Messy Church. They served cakes to welcome our curates Revd Matt and Fr Aubrey and to celebrate Fr Aubrey's ordination. Refreshments were served at the Heritage Open Day in September. Mulled wine and mince pies were served after the Carol Service. We were happy to support Revd Averil as she celebrated her 20-year anniversary of her ordination. Revd Averil provided some delicious cakes. Some of the committee gathered to make the Christingles for the Christingle service.

A Bring and Share Lunch was served as usual to celebrate our Patronal Festival. Always a happy time with lots of delicious food provided by many members of our church family. There was also a Bring and Share Lunch after our Harvest Festival service.

Our annual afternoon tea was very popular. Sandwiches, cakes, scones and drinks were provided and served by the committee. It was a happy time and raised funds for the church.

Sonia attended a meeting of social committee representatives from other churches in the oversight area. There is a hope that we can support each other in some ways or arrange joint events.

So, another busy year! The committee are amazing and seem to cope with anything asked of them. We have some very gifted people. We are also well supported by members of our church family (and sometimes by friends and family). Thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

Sonia Clucas

Eco Maney

The Eco Maney Group continues to run the monthly Fair Trade stalls with a wide number of helpers; and to write and produce a sermon play for Creationtide, with another coming on May 3rd. Our articles are in every newsletter. Our church gardening efforts have diminished.

We also contribute at diocese level through the bishop's Net Zero Environment Group and Birmingham Anglicans for Climate Action (BACA), who have been encouraging the diocese leadership to give full value to the fifth mark of mission in their job descriptions for senior staff.

John Heywood.

Church Mission Society

We have continued to receive regular interesting and illustrated emails from our "link" partner, Dr Nicci Maxwell, telling of her life and work in the very difficult and dangerous situation in South Sudan. Large print copies are always displayed on the church hall noticeboard, so do take time to read them.

We were also very fortunate to have Nicci join us to share in worship and tell us more in September last. Please DO keep her in your prayers.

On a personal note, I have been a supporter of CMS since about 1950 ! At 93 I would like someone else to take over as parish representative. It is not an arduous job and I will be happy (very!) to give details to any volunteer. How about it?

Garth White

Christian Aid Report 2025-2026

For Christian Aid Week in 2025, we collected **£335** from donations in church. Additionally, PCC allocated **£1,100** from our annual charity giving for a donation to Christian Aid.

The team organising Lent Lunches in 2026 decided their donations would be given to Christian Aid and this amazingly raised **£729** and so thank you to Sheena, Frances and the team for this.

Christian Aid week in 2026 runs from **10th May to 16th May 2026.** This year the focus looks at the story of mothers in Nairobi, Kenya who face the daily reality of urban poverty and struggle to feed their families.

During Christian Aid week there will be leaflets, collection envelopes and a daily devotional which provides a collection of reflections, prayers and thoughts to accompany you through the week.

If anyone has any ideas on how we can fundraise, please let me know!

Nicola Stansbie

Malawi Mission Report – 2025/26

Over the last two years, we have raised a significant amount of funds for projects and support of Malawi. These funds were to be used to offset costs towards the annual container that is sent with supplies to link partnerships. However, after the issues which surrounded the 2023 and 2024 containers being held in a compound and the content being unfairly taxed the decision was taken not to send a container in 2025.

The generosity of the church membership at previous fundraisers meant that we held a reserve, intended to offset our costs for the 2025 container. When the decision was made not to send one, I sent numerous emails asking the mission task group what the intend was regarding aid and our partnerships in the diocese of Malawi.

After repeated messaging, I finally got an answer which highlighted numerous projects in each of the four dioceses of Malawi, which we, as the diocese of Birmingham would support.

After approval from the PCC, funds totalling £622 were sent to support the projects outlined below. However, getting any update on these projects or future projects and mission commitments in Malawi have resulted in unanswered emails and phone calls.

Whilst I do believe that there is a commitment to the diocese and people of Malawi by Birmingham Diocese, trying to find those answers is extremely frustrating. I have previously raised concerns over the lack of updates and transparency of where funds are being spent and

have once again written to raise complaint about the consistent lack of information or communication being offered. Until such time as this improves, future fundraising will not be planned.

Naomi Johnson

Diocese of Northern Malawi

- Roof put on one priest`s house
- Roof put on Church community centre
- Assistance to complete a girls` hostel at Msomba school

Lake Diocese

- Help for two parishes to build new church buildings - in Salima and Chipoka
- A new roof for a classroom block

Upper Shire Diocese

- Some quite extensive repairs to two classroom blocks (total of 6 classrooms) at Mpondasi School
- Renovation of Bishop`s house
- Clergy training programme

Southern Diocese

- Supporting the Town House Project to raise income for diocese
- Church roof in Limbe

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding sits at the heart of our life together at St Peter's. It is part of how we love and care for one another well, ensuring that our church is a place where all can feel safe, respected, and valued.

We continue to work in line with the House of Bishops' safeguarding guidance. Safeguarding remains a standing item at PCC, DBS checks and training are kept up to date where required, and we continue to engage with the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard to support good practice and accountability.

Change in Safeguarding Leadership

During this past year, Dickon Taylor has stepped down from his role as Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator (PSO). We are very grateful for his faithful and conscientious service, and for all he has given to strengthening safeguarding at St Peter's.

Following this, we have begun the process of forming a small safeguarding team, rather than relying on a single PSO. The intention is to share responsibility more sustainably, support one another in the role, and ensure good oversight across the life of the church.

As part of this, Gayle has kindly agreed to take on the administrative role of Parish Verifier, supporting DBS processes and record keeping.

Change in National Safeguarding Guidance

In response to recent safeguarding developments across the Church of England, including new guidance and greater accountability, we will continue to review and strengthen our practice so that we care well for all.

Looking Ahead

Our focus in the coming months is to:

- Establish and commission the safeguarding team
- Clarify roles and responsibilities within that team
- Continue to nurture a culture where safeguarding is understood, owned, and practiced by all

Safeguarding is not simply a requirement, but an expression of our shared commitment to care well for one another. Thank you to all who support this vital aspect of our life together.

Revd Matt Mason
(on behalf of the Parish Safeguarding Team in development)