THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER, BELSIZE PARK

Charity Registration Number: 1140111

Report & Accounts 31 December 2025

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Charity Name The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Belsize Park.

Charity no 1140111. The church was registered with the Charity Commission on 28 January 2011.

Principal Addresses:
Church address: Belsize Square, London, NW3 4HY
Administrative address: David Barton (Church Administrator), 2A Braemar Avenue, London NW10 ODJ

Governing Document Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules (2022).

Objective: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Under its charity registration St Peter's is listed as providing a sacred space for personal prayer and regular public worship open to all; exercising a pastoral ministry and promoting Christianity through its teaching ministry and community events; having close ties with local schools; and hosting a community choir.

The PCC adopted a **Mission Action Plan** in 2013 with a mission statement which it has subsequently reaffirmed: "We are here to live our faith in Jesus Christ through worship, by welcoming all and by sharing the love of God with the wider community".

PCC Members Following the Annual Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 25 May 2025, the members of the PCC were:

Ex officio members		
Clergy	Revd Alaric Dunsmore-Rouse	Curate and Chairman
	Revd Miriam Rinsler	Assistant Priest (Co-opted member from 6 June 2025)
Churchwarden	Kenneth Robbie	
Churchwarden	Mendi Wingfield	also Treasurer
Deanery Synod representative	Mendi Wingfield	
Elected members	Cecile Goorney	also Deputy Warden & Safeguarding Officer
	Mary East	also Health & Safety Officer
	Celestine Keise	also Electoral Roll Officer
	Rosemary Mallard	
	Julia Robson	also Lay Chair & PCC Secretary

Bankers	HSBC Bank PLC, 49a Fishergate Preston PR1 8BH	CCLA One Angel Lane London EC4R 3AB
Architect	Thomas Ford & Partners 177 Kirkdale London SE26 4QH	
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER, BELSIZE PARK

Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. The Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Belsize Park ("PCC") submits its report and the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025. St Peter's Church is a parish church within the Camden Deanery of the London Diocese of the Church of England. It has the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey as its patron.

2. The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing documents are the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and the Church Representation Rules in the currently amended form.

3. Following his arrival as curate in June 2024, the Revd Alaric Dunsmore-Rouse was ordained priest in June 2025 and continued his curacy at St Peter's throughout the year. The Revd Miriam Rinsler joined the church in June 2025 as assistant priest. Although the living is still technically in suspension, Revd Miriam and Revd Alaric now lead the majority of services. We are grateful to both of them for their commitment to St Peter's.

Governance

4. The PCC met on five occasions during the year. The Annual Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting were held on 25 May 2025. Kenneth Robbie and Mendi Wingfield offered to continue as Churchwardens and were duly re-elected. Mendi Wingfield was elected as Deanery Synod representative. Kate Gilbert and Ellinor Palmstrom stood down as members. Rosemary Mallard was elected. All other members of the PCC were re-elected. Miriam Rinsler was also co-opted on to the PCC.

5. The Revd Alaric Dunsmore-Rouse continued as PCC Chair. The positions of Lay Chair and PCC Secretary, Deputy Warden, Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer, Health & Safety Officer and Electoral Roll Officer were re-filled by appointment from among the PCC membership. None of the PCC members received remuneration.

6. The PCC continued to exercise its key functions with due care. We maintained oversight of the church's finances and fabric; kept all policies and procedures under review; and gave full attention to all advice and guidance received from the Diocese. We gave the highest priority to the maintenance of a regular pattern of worship. The Standing Committee of the PCC continued to act as a secretariat and as a committee with (limited) delegated authority to take decisions between PCC meetings when needed; all such decisions were subsequently reported to the PCC.

7. Members of St Peter's PCC and that of St Saviour's Chalk Farm met on three occasions during the year in the Interregnum Joint Committee; and their Churchwardens maintained regular contact throughout the year.

8. We remain grateful to David Barton for his continuing service as our parish administrator. In 2025 we also gratefully received administrative support once a week from Eva Baker.

Worship and Mission

9. St Peter's mission statement remained unchanged:

> We are here to live our faith in Jesus Christ through worship, by welcoming all, and by sharing the love of God with the wider community.

Although not comprehensively reviewed during the year, the Mission Action Plan remained one of the PCC's key documents.

10. From 1 December 2024, St Peter's offered its own morning service on four Sundays each month: either a eucharistic service with a visiting priest or Morning Prayer led by the Curate. This continued until his priesting on 21 June. The Revd Miriam Rinsler was formally appointed to St Peter's on 13 July. From then on, the two priests shared the role of celebrant. We continued with the agreement whereby the morning service on a fifth Sunday in the month would be held at St Peter's or St Saviour's.

11. Evening Prayer was held on most Sundays and we continued the service of Choral Evensong on an occasional basis.

12. In addition to Sunday services, St Peter's held a mid-week Eucharist (when possible) or Morning Prayer each week and usually two services of Evening Prayer during the week. Lectio Divina continued on a weekly basis in conjunction with St Saviour's.

13. Clergy conducted no weddings in 2025, though there were two blessings of marriages, two baptism ceremonies, and a memorial service.

14. We record our gratitude to all the priests who visited us in the first half of 2025 and helped to maintain our eucharistic tradition. We observed all the seasons of the year and the main festivals. In addition, we celebrated our Patronal Festival (after a hiatus of many years) and introduced an urban Harvest Festival. We also held a Churchwardens' Commissioning service for the Edmonton Area in July.

15. There were 51 on the church electoral roll at the end of the year.

Giving

16. St Peter's continued to benefit from the generosity of its congregation and friends, shown though the Planned Giving scheme and in annual and occasional donations to the church.

17. The PCC also gratefully acknowledges the donation of flowers and provisions to the church, and volunteers' giving of time and talents to the running of the church and the maintenance of the church garden. From April 2025 the Gardening Club has grown in numbers and impact and is an excellent way of engaging with the community.

Concerts and events

18. The church hosted a total of twenty-two concerts during the year, including six performances by our resident orchestra, Belsize Baroque, two by the Belsize Community Choir and three performances of sacred music. The Donald Barnes Memorial Lecture was given by the Right Revd Robert Atwell, former Bishop of Exeter.

19. We held a Bank Holiday Open House with live music, a quiz and refreshments on 25 August, and a wreath-making workshop on 25 November.

Charitable causes

20. The PCC presented two charitable causes to the congregation and concert audiences during the year: funds were raised for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Crisis charity for the homeless.

Building works

21. Following the delivery of Phase 1 of internal improvements in 2023, the PCC remained committed to another phase of improvements which it had hoped to begin planning in 2025. Although discussion continued, the start of detailed planning was deferred to 2026.

22. Works carried out in 2025 included: the strengthening of certain joists under the floors, an electrical check of the hall, rewiring and repair of the external lights, repair to the nave altar, and work to the glass doors.

In partnership

23. The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, having been the long-term tenant of the church hall, latterly with a two-year lease extension from July 2023, decided to terminate the tenancy in July 2025. We suffered the loss of the concomitant rental income. The PCC accordingly reviewed its finances, including its Common Fund contribution, and began exploring the options for re-letting the hall and adjacent rooms.

24. We agreed terms with The Hall School for their use of the church for a carol service and a concert in 2025. We continued the arrangement with Frognal Gardens Ltd involving their cultivation of a nursery garden in a section of St Peter's grounds.

Planning ahead

25. We plan for the future with hope and confidence, thankful for our congregation and volunteers and our clergy supporters and for St Peter's clergy. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the PCC continues its work in furtherance of St Peter's mission.

This report approved by the PCC on 12th May 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Kenneth Robbie — Churchwarden

Mendi Wingfield — Churchwarden

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Peter, Belsize Park

Charity Registration Number: 1140111

Report and Unaudited Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Peter, Belsize Park
Independent Examiner's Report to the Members/Trustees of St Peter's, Belsize Park Parochial Church Council

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the 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.

Signed:



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Date: 13 July 2026

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Peter, Belsize Park
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2025
Statement of Financial Activities

		2025				2024			
		Unrestricted Funds				Unrestricted Funds			
	Notes	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Incoming resources from generated funds									
Donations and legacies	2	31,967	0	0	31,967	57,214	0	0	57,214
Activities for generating funds	3	12,268	0	0	12,268	7,119	0	0	7,119
Investment income	4	16,427	1	0	16,428	21,162	1	0	21,163
Other incoming resources	5	1,460	0	0	1,460	3,415	0	0	3,415
Total incoming resources		62,122	1	0	62,123	88,910	1	0	88,911
Resources expended									
Total charitable activities	6	76,410	0	0	76,410	76,445	0	0	76,445
Total resources expended		76,410	0	0	76,410	76,445	0	0	76,445
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		(14,288)	1	0	(14,287)	12,465	1	0	12,466
Transfers between funds		26	(26)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fund balances at 1st January		94,651	25	0	94,676	82,186	24	0	82,210
Fund balances at 31st December		80,389	0	0	80,389	94,651	25	0	94,676

The notes on pages 4 to 8 form part of these financial statements

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2025
Balance Sheet

		2025				2024			
		Unrestricted Funds				Unrestricted Funds			
	Notes	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets									
Tangible assets	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current assets									
Debtors	8	2,614	0	0	2,614	440	0	0	440
Cash at bank and in hand	9	79,281	0	0	79,281	106,619	25	0	106,644
		81,895	0	0	81,895	107,059	25	0	107,084
Creditors									
Amounts falling due within one year	10	1,506	0	0	1,506	12,408	0	0	12,408
Net current assets		80,389	0	0	80,389	94,651	25	0	94,676
Total assets less current liabilities		80,389	0	0	80,389	94,651	25	0	94,676
Net assets		80,389	0	0	80,389	94,651	25	0	94,676

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8 July 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Kenneth Robbie
Churchwarden

Alaric Dunsmore-Rouse
Chair and Curate

The notes on pages 4 to 8 form part of these financial statements

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Peter, Belsize Park
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting
The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, and with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets.

Funds
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or revaluated amount, less an estimated residual value, of all fixed assets evenly over their expected economic useful lives.

Incoming resources
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Resources expended
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditures is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

2 Donations and legacies

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds				Unrestricted Funds			
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Gifts	15,173	0	0	15,173	15,607	0	0	15,607
Donations	16,794	0	0	16,794	11,492	0	0	11,492
Gift aid	0	0	0	0	6,785	0	0	6,785
Legacies	0	0	0	0	22,500	0	0	22,500
Grants	0	0	0	0	830	0	0	830
	31,967	0	0	31,967	57,214	0	0	57,214

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3 Activities for generating funds

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds				Unrestricted Funds			
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Church hire	8,033	0	0	8,033	4,941	0	0	4,941
Events	4,235	0	0	4,235	2,178	0	0	2,178
	12,268	0	0	12,268	7,119	0	0	7,119

4 Investment income

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds				Unrestricted Funds			
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Church hall lease	13,402	0	0	13,402	20,000	0	0	20,000
Deposit account interest	3,025	1	0	3,026	1,162	1	0	1,163
	16,427	1	0	16,428	21,162	1	0	21,163

5 Other incoming resources

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds				Unrestricted Funds			
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Funerals and weddings	362	0	0	362	2,248	0	0	2,248
Sundry income	1,098	0	0	1,098	1,167	0	0	1,167
	1,460	0	0	1,460	3,415	0	0	3,415

6 Total charitable activities

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds				Unrestricted Funds			
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Admin	12,139	0	0	12,139	625	0	0	625
Parochial fees	384	0	0	384	952	0	0	952
Charities	520	0	0	520	1,200	0	0	1,200
Worship materials	924	0	0	924	767	0	0	767
Common Fund	27,553	0	0	27,553	35,000	0	0	35,000
Gas and electricity	9,247	0	0	9,247	9,945	0	0	9,945
Water	2,049	0	0	2,049	1,495	0	0	1,495
Insurance	7,265	0	0	7,265	6,688	0	0	6,688
Maintenance	10,017	0	0	10,017	11,589	0	0	11,589
Event expenses	3,634	0	0	3,634	3,355	0	0	3,355
Priests expenditure	100	0	0	100	0	0	0	0
Broadband	518	0	0	518	518	0	0	518
Miscellaneous expenditure	320	0	0	320	2,592	0	0	2,592
Accountancy fees	764	0	0	764	742	0	0	742
Stationery	711	0	0	711	0	0	0	0
Bank charges	265	0	0	265	178	0	0	178
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	800	0	0	800
	76,410	0	0	76,410	76,445	0	0	76,445

7 Fixed assets

	2025			2024		
	Fixtures and Fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Total £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Cost						
Brought forward at 1st January	8,000	8,576	16,576	8,000	8,576	16,576
Additions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carried forward at 31st December	8,000	8,576	16,576	8,000	8,576	16,576
Depreciation						
Brought forward at 1st January	8,000	8,576	16,576	7,200	8,576	15,776
Charge for year	0	0	0	800	0	800
Eliminated on disposal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carried forward at 31st December	8,000	8,576	16,576	8,000	8,576	16,576
Net book value at 31st December	0	0	0	0	0	0

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8 **Debtors**

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds				Unrestricted Funds			
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Debtors	2,614	0	0	2,614	440	0	0	440
Prepayments and accrued income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2,614	0	0	2,614	440	0	0	440

9 **Cash at bank and in hand**

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds				Unrestricted Funds			
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Current account	24,134	0	0	24,134	39,524	0	0	39,524
PCC account	55,147	0	0	55,147	67,095	0	0	67,095
Building fund	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25
	79,281	0	0	79,281	106,619	25	0	106,644

10 **Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted Funds				Unrestricted Funds			
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Creditors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accruals and prepaid income	1,506	0	0	1,506	12,408	0	0	12,408
	1,506	0	0	1,506	12,408	0	0	12,408

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11 **Unrestricted funds**

	2025			2024		
	General Funds	Building Fund	Total	General Funds	Building Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 1st January	94,651	25	94,676	82,186	24	82,210
Income	62,122	1	62,123	88,910	1	88,912
Expenditure	(76,410)	0	(76,410)	(76,445)	0	(76,445)
Transfers	26	(26)	0	0	0	0
Fund balances at 31st December	80,389	0	80,389	94,651	25	94,676

The Building Fund is a designated fund set aside by the PCC to support the maintenance of the church buildings.