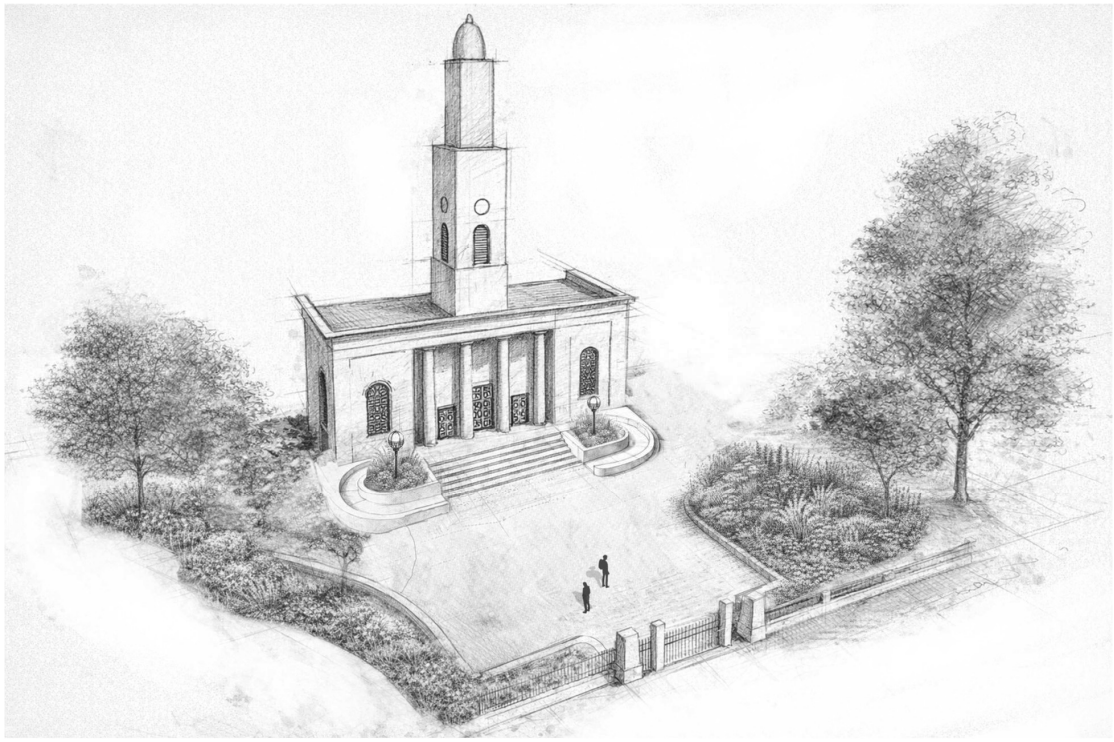


"Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands!" *Psalm 90:17*



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"Building Beyond: Soane Reimagined" St Peter's 200th Anniversary

2025AD Annual Meeting
Sunday, 31st May 2026AD
The Parochial Church Council of St Peters Walworth Charity Number 1194616

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Charity Information:

PCC TRUSTEES:

Father Andrew Mumby, Rector and Chair of the PCC
Canon Alan Wild, Assistant Priest (Non-stipendiary)
Mother Doris Barrera-Torrico, Assistant Curate
Helen Williams, Churchwarden
Aminata Bell, Churchwarden
Siriol Davies, Deanery Synod Representative and Lay Vice-chair of the PCC
Cheryl Bartels, Deanery Synod Representative
Erica Freeman (Treasurer)
Alex Metcalfe
Steven Rogers
Ayokunnu Iyiola
Joanna Johnson
Serena Dyett
Adeola Adetoro Ahmed
Kehinde Tuki
Clara Mosha
Joy Diali (Secretary)
Mimosa Bull

PLEASE NOTE: *Anyone disqualified under section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 because of bankruptcy or conviction for an offence of dishonesty or deception is not eligible to stand for election to the PCC or the Deanery Synod.*

Those standing for the PCC or the Deanery Synod must be 16 years or over, actual communicants here at St. Peter's and on the 2026 Church Electoral Roll of St. Peter's Church, Walworth for at least the past six months unless they are under 18 years old.

Deanery Synod Members automatically serve on the PCC.

Bankers:

Barclays Bank PLC

Independent Examiner:

Azets Audit Services Limited
2nd Floor, Regis House
45 King William Street
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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the St Peter's Walworth (the 'PCC') present their annual report for the year ended 31st December 2025 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Act, the Trust Deed and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

Structure Governance and Management: Organisation
The Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Walworth (PCC) was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in England & Wales in May 2021. The registered charity number is 1194616.

The church is governed by the Parochial Church Council. Members of the council are:
Ex Officio:
All Licensed Clergy of the Parish (3),
Churchwardens (2) elected for the year at the annual Vestry meeting,
Members of the Deanery Synod (2) elected for the triennium by the Annual Church Council Meeting,
Members of the Diocesan Synod (1)
Elected Members:
Eight other members proposed and elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.
The PCC has appointed a Treasurer and Secretary from its number.
The Treasurer for 2025 was Erica Freeman and the Secretary, Ms Joy Diali. The Rector is the Chairman of the PCC and Siriol Davies was appointed as Vice Chair.

The PCC reserves the right to co-opt members who might have a particular contribution to make. The PCC meets every two to three months and delegates some business to Ministry, Finance, Building Management sub-committees. The Standing Committee of the PCC comprises the Rector, Treasurer, Secretary and Churchwardens, and meets as necessary.

Risk Policy
The PCC has examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Objectives and activities
The objects of the PCC are the furtherance of the mission and ministry of the Church of England in the Parish of St Peter's Walworth including the parish school, St Peter's Church of England Primary School. The PCC has paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charities Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance
Please refer to the Rector's report

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom generally accepted Accounting Policies). The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Rector's Report: 2025AD

There is so much to give thanks for here at St Peter's, Walworth, and so much to do! 2025 was a blessed and busy year!

We continue to celebrate with thanksgiving our 200th anniversary of the consecration of St Peter's Church! And we continue to work on our bold vision to restore and open up this beautiful church and its crypt and churchyard for today's community here in Walworth and beyond. This is mainly through our National Lottery Heritage Fund project which is in the Development Phase of our ambitious project 'Building Beyond: Soane Reimagined'. We are blessed and busy!

Building Beyond: Soane Reimagined:

Since the last APCM we have been blessed to have Nina Swann as our Heritage Manager for Building Beyond, paid for from the Development grant from the NLHF, as are all professionals now working on our Delivery Application due in February 2027 for the main grant to carry out all physical works and new activities at St Peter's. Building Beyond has continued to build real momentum over the past months and we are on track overall, having dealt with some unavoidable 'unknowables' and setbacks. A significant milestone was reached with the submission of design options to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for pre-application advice, and a very positive site meeting followed shortly afterwards which I hosted with Nina, with our Architects (Roger Mears Architects) and me presenting the vision and plans for Building Beyond. Our Interpretation Designer has now been appointed and is well into his initial discovery phase, gathering information and speaking with the project team and key stakeholders. Diocesan organ advisors have also visited to assess the feasibility of repositioning the organ façade to restore access to the galleries, and our Quantity Surveyors are busy costing the opening-up works that will guide the next stage of the plans.

On the community and activity side, our Activity Planners have begun consultations with partner organisations, and there is genuine enthusiasm from a range of groups — including the Building Crafts College, Into University, Mentivity, the Old Kent Road Mosque and the London College of Communications — for involvement in the heritage programme. Pilot activities are being shaped around community events and creative engagement, and our Business Planners are developing the financial modelling that will underpin our Delivery Phase application and plan for the financial sustainability of St Peter's as a parish church going forward. We have also been grateful for capacity-building support provided free of charge to our staff and volunteers through the Directory of Social Change, funded by City Bridge Trust.

As with any project of this scale, there are challenges to navigate. Fundraising remains one of our biggest challenges, with a large pipeline of grant applications in place to major trusts and grant-making bodies, but an increasingly challenging landscape for the charity sector in general. In the coming months, our Fundraising Manager Donna Duffy will be helping us set a target for local fundraising from us as a congregation: watch this space! We are keeping a close eye on the project budget and timeline, and the Building Beyond Steering Group remains active and engaged, meeting monthly and playing both a strategic and hands-on role in financial planning and navigating design decisions in tandem with the PCC. We remain on course to submit our Delivery Phase application by February 2027, and the whole team is grateful for the continued support of the congregation and the wider parish community as this important work progresses.

I am very grateful to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for this amazing opportunity for St Peter's, and to Lottery players everywhere. Thanks be to God!

Safeguarding:

I hope that everyone will be aware that we take Safeguarding very seriously at St Peter's Church. We work hard to make sure both that everyone can feel a sense of belonging, dignity and inclusion at St Peter's and also that we all feel as safe as possible and that we do our best to reduce risks of any of us coming to harm in church or on church activities. Clergy and all office holders (Churchwardens, Church Council members for example) and staff receive training and advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team who respond promptly and helpfully. As always, 'If in doubt, please shout' - talk to someone you trust if you have any questions of safety or wellbeing concerns for yourself or anyone else whether they are a child or an adult, or any questions or concerns about safeguarding here at St Peter's. The Church Council agenda includes safeguarding at every meeting, and continues to have a special safeguarding focus with refresher training each year for the whole PCC.

Safeguarding stems from our fundamental belief in the dignity of each and every human being, and is linked closely to our ethos of **inclusion, justice, equity and belonging** for each one of us, for all people, here at St Peter's.

A Year in the Life:

As I say St Peter's has had another busy year. Our ongoing **pastoral work** in supporting one another involves a huge amount of commitment from clergy: pastoral visits and conversations, conducting funerals, weddings, baptisms, and preparing people for Confirmation and First Holy Communion; and from our Churchwardens and lay members supporting one another through the joys and sorrows of life both practically and spiritually. If you or someone you know is in need of a visit or a phone call, or if you know you'll be away from church for travel or work, please speak to the clergy or churchwardens, or look at the list of phone numbers for the clergy printed in the Mass booklet each week and let us know.

It has been a delight to welcome **Mother Doris BarreraTorrico** to the clergy team as our training curate! Mother Doris has settled brilliantly into church life and played a full part in the pastoral and liturgical life of the parish. She will – God and the people willing – be ordained priest on Saturday 4th July, presiding at the Mass for the first time at the Parish Mass on Sunday 5th July, St Peter's Day. Please keep her and everyone preparing for ordination in your prayers.

Our **worshipping life** is led by a highly dedicated team of clergy and volunteers from the congregation, with our wonderful organists providing a variety of liturgical music and hymns both 'ancient and modern'. We are always looking to strengthen our worship by learning new music and making worship as accessible as possible to people coming to church for the first or the thousandth time. I am grateful to all our 200th Anniversary Guest Preachers who have brought energy and insight to our season of celebration, thanksgiving and looking to the future for St Peter's.

Community events, including St Peter's Party in the Park, Rock the Crypt, our 200th Anniversary Gala Concert, have been led and supported by dedicated members of our church family volunteering time and expertise: and we all owe each and every one huge thanks for making these events possible! They have brought old and new friends into St Peter's Church and given us beautiful times together.

This year our **finances** have been more stretched than at any time in recent memory, and certainly during my time as rector. It has been amazing to see the generosity and sacrifice with which we as a church family have responded, including friends from beyond. Please read our Treasurer Erica's report for details of the financial giving which has sustained our parish finances through this difficult time of fundraising for Building Beyond's initial application, major building costs, and a challenging economic situation all round. We just give thanks to God, and appreciation to one another for the better financial situation we find ourselves in now; while working hard to keep moving towards the financial sustainability which will allow us to fulfil God's mission in this beautiful church and vibrant parish community of Walworth.

Our skilled and dedicated **Parish Office Staff Team,** Catherine and Mary, have continued to go above and beyond in serving St Peter's through incredibly busy and complex times over recent years. And Josephine and our freelance staff have made the continuation of room hire in the Crypt as smooth as possible. Our behind the scenes volunteer **church cleaners** and our army of **volunteers** on Sundays and during the week do an amazing job of giving their time and talents for God and St Peter's! Thank you to them all, on our behalf!

The **Parochial Church Council** has also been extra busy this year, with monthly meetings to keep up with the business of Building Beyond in particular. I am grateful to the PCC for all their hard work on maintaining and growing St Peter's as a flourishing place of worship, service and community, as well as the nuts and bolts business of keeping our building in good shape while we plan for the major refurbishments of Building
Beyond. We have also been working on bringing our Governance up to date, including reviewing and putting in place new policies. One consequence of this is that at this APCM we say goodbye and thank you to a larger than usual number of PCC members who have served their three-year maximum period, and in some cases longer than the maximum term (which we missed partly due to the cancellation of APCMs during lockdown): they have brought wisdom and dedication and we thank them for their service. It is encouraging to have been joined by new members, and to have a wonderful number of new members of the PCC. As always, if you are interested in serving on the PCC please speak to me about any vacancies.
It is impossible for me, or any of us, to say **thank you** to everyone who works to make sure St Peter's flourishes as such a healthy and joyful parish church, reaching so many people across our community: and indeed we all do what we do for the glory of God and in the service of Jesus of Nazareth, our great high priest, praying and working for the coming of God's kingdom here on earth. I must add a personal thank you, on behalf of us all, to our beloved Father Alan – Canon Wild – who even in retirement as he approaches his 80th birthday, serves church, school, our parish community and the wider deanery and diocese, with amazing dedication, passion and love as he has done for decades!

Friends, as we think of all God's blessings, may God give us thankful hearts! As we look at how busy we are, may God give us the strength and wisdom we need.
As Rector, please know that our church family is on my heart and in my prayers daily. I give thanks to God for the call to serve in the best parish in the world, and pray for God's grace and wisdom as I come to my 16th anniversary as Rector and 20th anniversary of priesthood on the feast of St Peter! To God I say: For everything that has been, Thanks! And for everything that is to come, Yes! Alleluia! Amen!

Father Andrew Mumby, Rector of St Peter's Walworth

Safeguarding Report

First of all, 'If in doubt shout!' is one of the most important things for us all to remember in Safeguarding. If you have a concern that you or someone else isn't safe in church or a church activity, or in wider life: please talk to someone you trust. That could be someone on the Safeguarding poster in church (the Rector, or a Parish Safeguarding Officer), a Churchwarden, a member of the Clergy. If you have concerns about how Safeguarding is done here at St Peter's, the details of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers team are also included on the Safeguarding Poster and on our website, or just search 'Diocese of Southwark Safeguarding'.

Secondly, please let us remember that no-one is above reproach when it comes to keeping children, vulnerable adults, and all of us safe and able to flourish and belong fully at St Peter's in church, in church activities, and in our general lives. If you have a safeguarding concern about the behaviour of a priest, a teacher, a churchwarden, a parent, a carer, a bishop, or any individual (it doesn't matter who they are and how 'important' or 'senior' they are) please say something to someone you trust.

The PCC of St Peter's Walworth recognises its responsibility to promote a safer church for all and to ensure that safeguarding is at the centre of the life and ministry of the parish. During the past year, the parish sought to fulfil its safeguarding responsibilities in accordance with:

- the House of Bishops' safeguarding policies and guidance;
- the Parish Safeguarding Handbook;
- and the requirements of the Diocese of Southwark. The PCC confirms that:
- safeguarding has been a standing item at PCC meetings throughout the year;
- the parish has adopted the House of Bishops' "Promoting a Safer Church" policy;
- safeguarding procedures and contact details have been displayed appropriately within church premises and/or on the parish website;
- safer recruitment procedures have been followed where appropriate;
- DBS checks have been completed and renewed where required;
- safeguarding training requirements have been monitored and encouraged for clergy, PCC members, volunteers, and other church officers.

The PCC confirms that it has had due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance throughout the year.

The Parish Safeguarding Officers during 2025 were:

- Kingsley Ukpedor
- Sylvia Rukundo

The PCC wishes to record its thanks to both PSOs for their faithful service during the year, and especially to Sylvia Rukundo, who retired from her role as Parish Safeguarding Officer early in 2026.

During the year:

- All safeguarding concerns were reported in accordance with diocesan procedures.
- Advice was sought from the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers whenever appropriate and responded to and acted upon.
- No serious safeguarding incidents requiring Charity Commission reporting arose.

The PCC has formally delegated authority to report any
Serious Safeguarding Incidents, where required, to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and the Diocesan Secretary acting on behalf of the Charity Trustees, in accordance with new Church of England and Charity Commission guidance.

Clergy, Churchwardens and PCC members are all aware of their Safeguarding training requirements which are up to date for all clergy, and in progress for PCC members to complete with a deadline of Augst 2026 for current members and within six months of joining the PCC for new members.

Father Andrew has, in addition to mandatory safeguarding training, undertaken diocesan safeguarding training on the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Sacramental Confession) led by Archdeacon Jonathan and the Safeguarding team as part of a diocesan pilot for a register of Confessors so that he can be part of a publicly available register of diocesan priests able to hear Confessions.

The Clergy and PCC remain committed to creating a church environment where children, young people, and vulnerable adults can worship and participate safely and confidently, and where all concerns are taken seriously and responded to appropriately.

Once again: 'If in doubt, shout!' Please always say something or ask questions if you have any question or concern about the safety and wellbeing of someone you know or for yourself.

Father Andrew and Kingsley Ukpedor

Treasurer's Report:

This is my first year serving as Treasurer at St Peter's and I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the financial year. This year has been one of steady progress, careful stewardship, and continued commitment to our mission as a church community.

Financial Overview:

Total income for the year amounted to **£274,541**, with total expenditure of **£275,586**, resulting in a **deficit of £1,045**. This is very close to a break even position and reflects careful stewardship across the parish. Even in a time when many households are under financial pressure, our church family has continued to give faithfully through offerings, special donations, and acts of service.

Our primary sources of income were regular giving, crypt rental, fundraising activities, and gift aid. Expenditure remained consistent with prior years, with the exception of our largest costs relating to building beyond.

We are especially grateful for the response to the **Christmas Appeal,** which helped us strengthen our financial position.

Giving and Stewardship: We are grateful for the faithful giving of our members. Regular giving through standing orders and the Parish Giving Scheme continues to provide stability to our finances. Gift aid remains an important source of additional income, and I encourage all eligible givers to ensure they are registered.

Looking Ahead: As we enter the new year, we remain committed to good stewardship, transparency, and prayerful decision making. We will continue to seek ways to grow our income and look forward to renting out the empty rooms in the Crypt, reduce unnecessary costs, and ensure our resources support the mission God has entrusted to us. I would like to thank the PCC, the finance team, and all volunteers who support the financial administration of the church. Your commitment ensures that we can continue our mission with confidence and integrity.

Erica Freeman, PCC Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Parochial Church Council of Walworth, St. Peter

I report to the members of the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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:

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

John Howard , FCA
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2nd Floor, Regis House,
45 King William Street,
London, EC4R 9AN

31 May 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	53,015.19	45,017.75	-	98,032.94	82,822.23
Income from charitable activities	5,028.00	-	-	5,028.00	3,461.00
Other trading activities	101,221.04	68,952.72	-	170,173.76	95,479.06
Investments	306.61	1,000.00	-	1,306.61	1,710.66
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	**159,570.84**	**114,970.47**	**-**	**274,541.31**	**183,472.95**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	202.13	13,810.13	-	14,012.26	22,282.85
Expenditure on charitable activities	94,616.95	5,862.21	-	100,479.16	138,964.84
Other expenditure	79,521.88	81,572.80	-	161,094.68	37,993.42
Total expenditure	**174,340.96**	**101,245.14**	**-**	**275,586.10**	**199,241.11**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(14,770.12)**	**13,725.33**	**-**	**(1,044.79)**	**(15,768.16)**
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**(14,770.12)**	**13,725.33**	**-**	**(1,044.79)**	**(15,768.16)**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**(13,552.14)**	**30,532.19**	**-**	**16,980.05**	**32,748.21**
Total funds carried forward	**(28,322.26)**	**44,257.52**	**-**	**15,935.26**	**16,980.05**

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Balance Sheet detailed

			As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Current assets				
	6501: Bank current account		31,345.10	14,058.97
	6502: Building Beyond Account		8,297.90	-
	6506: Petty Cash		300.35	120.03
	6590: Cash in hand		2,256.69	395.54
	Z05: Accounts Receivable		14,532.74	3,425.70
		Total Current assets	**56,732.78**	**18,000.24**
Liabilities				
	6601: Loans received		21,000.00	-
	6699: Agency collections		1,020.19	1,020.19
	Z04: Accounts Payable		18,777.33	-
		Total Liabilities	**40,797.52**	**1,020.19**
		Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**15,935.26**	**16,980.05**
Reserves				
	Excess/(deficit) to date		(1,044.79)	(15,768.16)
	Z01: Starting balances		16,980.05	32,748.21
		Total Reserves	**15,935.26**	**16,980.05**

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	(31,194.74)	(15,396.06)
Designated	2,872.48	1,843.92
Restricted	44,257.52	30,532.19
Total	**15,935.26**	**16,980.05**

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2025

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Bank current account	(8,254.90)	4,210.19	35,389.81	-	31,345.10	14,058.97
6502: Building Beyond Account	-	-	8,297.90	-	8,297.90	-
6506: Petty Cash	1,638.06	(1,337.71)	-	-	300.35	120.03
6590: Cash in hand	2,031.69	-	225.00	-	2,256.69	395.54
Total	**(4,585.15)**	**2,872.48**	**43,912.71**	**-**	**42,200.04**	**14,574.54**
Current Asset - Debtors						
Z05: Accounts Receivable	11,532.74	-	3,000.00	-	14,532.74	3,425.70
Total	**11,532.74**	**-**	**3,000.00**	**-**	**14,532.74**	**3,425.70**
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	1,020.19	-	1,020.19	1,020.19
Total	**-**	**-**	**1,020.19**	**-**	**1,020.19**	**1,020.19**
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
6601: Loans received	21,000.00	-	-	-	21,000.00	-
Z04: Accounts Payable	17,142.33	-	1,635.00	-	18,777.33	-
Total	**38,142.33**	**-**	**1,635.00**	**-**	**39,777.33**	**-**
Net total assets	**(31,194.74)**	**2,872.48**	**44,257.52**	**-**	**15,935.26**	**16,980.05**
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	(31,194.74)	-	-	-	(31,194.74)	(15,396.06)
Designated - ResInc	-	2,872.48	-	-	2,872.48	1,843.92
Restricted - ResInc	-	-	44,257.52	-	44,257.52	30,532.19
Total	**(31,194.74)**	**2,872.48**	**44,257.52**	**-**	**15,935.26**	**16,980.05**

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Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	3,935.00	-	-	-	3,935.00	3,682.60
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,640.00	-	-	-	1,640.00	1,299.80
0201 - Other planned giving	6,264.10	-	-	-	6,264.10	10,026.04
0301 - Loose plate collections	6,022.11	-	-	-	6,022.11	6,007.40
0401 - Regular gift days	573.44	-	-	-	573.44	-
0410 - Giving through church boxes & votive	338.65	-	-	-	338.65	364.70
0411 - Flower Fund	-	749.00	-	-	749.00	1,148.00
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,475.00	-	-	-	1,475.00	4,246.00
0502 - Online & Card Donations	17,009.80	-	1,411.33	-	18,421.13	16,709.37
0550 - Donations appeals etc	4,050.99	-	19,605.91	-	23,656.90	5,367.82
0551 - Bell Tower Donations	-	405.00	-	-	405.00	385.00
0554 - Youth Church	-	-	625.00	-	625.00	267.54
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	8,196.77	412.25	1,520.82	-	10,129.84	10,363.73
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	1,193.23	-	16,065.00	-	17,258.23	20,569.61
0901 - Other funds generated	749.85	-	5,789.69	-	6,539.54	2,384.62
Donations and legacies Totals	**51,448.94**	**1,566.25**	**45,017.75**	**-**	**98,032.94**	**82,822.23**
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	5,028.00	-	-	-	5,028.00	3,461.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	**5,028.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5,028.00**	**3,461.00**
Other trading activities						
0902 - Building Beyond- Income	-	-	68,952.72	-	68,952.72	-
0910 - Cash Sales- Refreshments, Religious Item	117.61	-	-	-	117.61	42.90
1241 - Gallery Lettings Long Term	8,145.00	-	-	-	8,145.00	5,590.00
1242 - Crypt & Church Lettings	39,491.60	-	-	-	39,491.60	52,035.70
1243 - Just Park	4,707.96	-	-	-	4,707.96	1,176.26
1244 - St Louie Utilities	26,208.69	-	-	-	26,208.69	22,978.59
1245 - St Louie Profit Share & Rent	12,353.60	-	-	-	12,353.60	4,721.15
1246 - Trampoline Rent	5,700.00	-	-	-	5,700.00	4,750.00
1247 - Trampoline Service Charge	4,184.46	-	-	-	4,184.46	4,184.46
1248 - Tenant Payments towards Pat Testing	312.12	-	-	-	312.12	-
Other trading activities Totals	**101,221.04**	**-**	**68,952.72**	**-**	**170,173.76**	**95,479.06**
Investments						
1001 - Dividends- Sick & Poor Fund	306.61	-	-	-	306.61	237.53
1002 - Income from Two Churches Trust	-	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,400.00
1020 - Bank and building society interest	-	-	-	-	-	73.13
Investments Totals	**306.61**	**-**	**1,000.00**	**-**	**1,306.61**	**1,710.66**
Income and endowments Grand totals	**158,004.59**	**1,566.25**	**114,970.47**	**-**	**274,541.31**	**183,472.95**

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	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds						
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	1,800.00	-	1,800.00	9,240.00
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	76.83	-	-	-	76.83	73.88
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	125.30	-	12,010.13	-	12,135.43	12,968.97
Raising funds Totals	**202.13**	**-**	**13,810.13**	**-**	**14,012.26**	**22,282.85**
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1731 - Social Events including refreshments	1,144.88	-	1,635.00	-	2,779.88	774.97
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	-	-	-	-	-	50.00
1852 - Mercy Money -Sick & Poor Fund	91.98	-	-	-	91.98	35.80
1910 - Parish support Fund	5,583.32	-	-	-	5,583.32	30,708.34
1911 - Fees repaid to Diocese	6,323.00	-	-	-	6,323.00	1,078.00
2001 - Assistant staff costs/Curate Expenses	369.44	-	-	-	369.44	-
2050 - Salary and Wages	26,562.88	-	-	-	26,562.88	24,555.40
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	363.12	-	-	-	363.12	311.46
2170 - Education	-	-	-	-	-	47.26
2173 - Youth Church	-	-	3,215.49	-	3,215.49	3,039.08
2201 - Parish training and mission	-	-	-	-	-	60.00
2301 - Church running - insurance	6,306.69	-	-	-	6,306.69	6,093.94
2302 - IT and Online Services	178.20	-	-	-	178.20	342.82
2310 - Church office - telephone	438.12	-	-	-	438.12	310.01
2311 - Printing Postage Stationery Flyers	4,986.11	-	-	-	4,986.11	4,886.21
2320 - Organ / piano tuning and repairs	1,160.00	-	-	-	1,160.00	1,225.00
2330 - Church maintenance	12,584.00	-	1,011.72	-	13,595.72	17,121.94
2331 - Cleaning	45.50	-	-	-	45.50	266.97
2332 - Bell Tower	-	70.00	-	-	70.00	162.49
2340 - Sacristry,Altar,Worship Supplies	3,752.41	-	-	-	3,752.41	2,307.13
2341 - Flowers	-	467.69	-	-	467.69	809.25
2342 - Organist	5,840.00	-	-	-	5,840.00	5,120.00
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	551.00	-	-	-	551.00	4,422.98
2360 - Administration	429.84	-	-	-	429.84	-
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	115.59	-	-	-	115.59	-
2401 - Church running - electric	8,429.83	-	-	-	8,429.83	25,733.54
2410 - Church running - gas	7,584.10	-	-	-	7,584.10	7,484.65
2420 - Church running - water	1,239.25	-	-	-	1,239.25	2,017.60
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	**94,079.26**	**537.69**	**5,862.21**	**-**	**100,479.16**	**138,964.84**
Other expenditure						
1732 - Misc expenditure	3,175.84	-	11,093.80	-	14,269.64	2,938.32
1733 - Crypt Lettings Costs	29,030.75	-	-	-	29,030.75	35,055.10
1734 - St Louie Utility Costs	25,940.89	-	-	-	25,940.89	-
1735 - Tenant Payments towards Pat Testing	374.40	-	-	-	374.40	-
2703 - Building Beyond Costs	21,000.00	-	457.00	-	21,457.00	-
2704 - Building Beyond Professional Fees	-	-	33,120.00	-	33,120.00	-
2705 - Building Beyond New Staff Costs	-	-	35,385.00	-	35,385.00	-
2706 - Building Beyond Capacity Building	-	-	116.60	-	116.60	-
2707 - Building Beyond Other Development Costs	-	-	1,400.40	-	1,400.40	-
Other expenditure Totals	**79,521.88**	**-**	**81,572.80**	**-**	**161,094.68**	**37,993.42**
Expenditure Grand totals	**173,803.27**	**537.69**	**101,245.14**	**-**	**275,586.10**	**199,241.11**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

1.Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Walworth meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Changes in accounting policy

In the current financial year, the charity has changed it accounting policy from receipts and payments basis to accruals basis. This change has been made as the charity's income exceeds £250,000 to ensure the financial statement complies with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)

Income and endowments

Expenditure

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.
Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.
Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are those funds that can be spent at the discretion of the charity's trustees for any purpose of the charity, The fund balance represents the unexpended resources held within the fund, that is, its assets less liabilities.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are those funds which must be spent as income on the particular purposes specified by the donor or specifically identified in the appeal literature.

2. Account deficit

The charity recorded a during the year which is primarily driven by increased cost and reduce income from renting the available rooms in the building.
The trustees have reviewed the deficit and are satisfied that it does not pose a risk to the charity's ongoing operations. A corrective plan has been agreed, focusing on three area, **s**trengthening income generation**, t**ightening expenditure controls and **i**mproved cash flow management

3.Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:
Staff and contractors £26,562.80
Staff cost relating to the Building Beyond project is £35,385
No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.
Average number of persons employed during the period was 3.

4.Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

5. Related party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year

Income

The significant increase in other trading income is due to the funds received for the Building Beyond projects. This has also resulted in huge difference in expenses.

Building Beyond

The St Peters Building Beyond project is a major, multi-year restoration and community transformation programme for St Peter's Church, Walworth centred on heritage, accessibility, sustainability, and deep community engagement. Total project cost expected to be £4.5 million, with the remaining £1.5 million to be raised through fundraising, philanthropy, and partnerships.
Building Beyond is not just a restoration project it is a strategic, heritage-led, community-centred transformation of one of London's most important historic churches. It aims to preserve the building, expand its impact, and honour 200 years of Walworth's story while preparing for the next 200. Income for the project will push the charity temporarily over the £1,500,000 threshold for an audit next year if fund raising target are met.

Loan

Lending during the year was £21,000 no interest is payable on the loan.

2025 Reporting on Trusts and Charities:

1. The St Peter's Sick and Poor Fund was set up in 1867. It was registered with the Charity Commission in February 1963 (Charity number 213966). The trustees of the Charity are Father Andrew Mumby and Canon Alan Wild. Dividends from the Sick and Poor Fund are paid into the St Peter's Church Parish Account and used to fund Mercy Giving to the poor and needy. In 2025, income was £307 and Expenditure £92.
2. The Two Churches Trust set up in 1820 consists of a small deposit account with CCLA Investment Management and three CCLA trust funds. The funds generate income that is shared equally between St Peter's Walworth and Holy Trinity with Saint Matthew at the Elephant. The St Peter's share of fund income is currently set aside in the Parish account for building needs. The income is paid into a separate Barclays account and administered by the Trustees Father Andrew Mumby and Canon Alan Wild. Mary O'Neill, Clergy Team PA, clerks the meetings and helps in an administrative capacity. Income generated from the Trusts in 2025 amounted to £2498.05.
As a loan of £21000 was granted to St Peters from these funds the proportionate share allocated from the interest was set at 2/3 to St Matthews at the Elephant, £2000, and 1/3 to St Peters, £1000. Payments were made in November 2025 and the end of year balance in the Two Churches Barclays account was £278.95.

Churchwardens' Report 2025/26: Ami Bell and Helen Williams:

We wish to begin this year's report with a huge "thank you" to you all for being part of this worshipping community here at St Peter's Walworth. We feel privileged to serve as your Churchwardens and we give thanks to God for the many blessings received here at St Peter's throughout the past year.

We have such an amazing Clergy Team and we offer our grateful thanks to Father Andrew, our Rector, Father Alan, our Assistant Priest and Mother Doris, our Assistant Curate, for all that they do; for their pastoral care, for leading our worship, for always being there in good times and in sad times, and for their continued support and guidance.

There have been many occasions during the past year when we have been asked for financial support for example the 200th Club building appeal, the boiler appeal, the Christmas appeal for the mission and maintenance of St Peter's and more recently the Stewardship Appeal. Thank you to all who have responded in such a positive way; not only financially but also by volunteering in church in various roles, by looking out and caring for each other and by praying for everyone at St Peter's.

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church:

- There were no Faculty Applications for works during the past year.
- Boiler repairs were carried out; thanks to the congregation's wonderful donations.
- The annual statutory safety inspections were carried out including the gas and fire extinguishers inspections.
- The electrical inspection is due and the PCC are in the process of obtaining quotations.
- There were no new purchases of ornaments.

One particular responsibility of Churchwardens, along with the Rector, is for the church building but we all have a duty of care to look after our beautiful Grade I listed building and to keep it in good repair and clean & tidy for the praise and glory of God and for generations to come.

We are fortunate to have a few very committed volunteers who keep our church clean and tidy, including cleaning the silver and the candlesticks and cleaning and ironing the church laundry. We are so thankful for all that they do, most of which goes on behind the scenes week after week and in all weathers!
If you would like to volunteer to help with the cleaning or any small maintenance jobs please come and speak to us. During the year Churchwardens meet with either the Archdeacon or the Area Dean for the Annual Inspection when our Registers (including Services, Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion) are inspected and evidence of the statutory safety and maintenance checks including gas, electrics, fire extinguishers and insurance documents are made available to the Archdeacon or the Area Dean. The 2026 Inspection is now due.

We now look forward with joy to continue our service as Churchwardens of St Peter, Walworth. We are an Easter people and ALLELUIA is our song. AMEN.

2026 Annual Revision of the Church Electoral Roll:

Over the past weeks a revision of the Church Electoral Roll has been prepared.
Thank you, and welcome, to all new electors who have completed a CER Form this year and I am pleased to confirm that the 15 new electors have been added to the CER for 2026, which now stands at 141 electors. A list of the names of those on the Roll is displayed on the table at the back of Church.

The Annual Meeting is asked to please accept 2026's revision of the Church Electoral Roll as presented with 141 electors.

Please note that additions may be made to the CER during the year by contacting Kume Ukpedor, St Peter's Church Electoral Roll Officer, via the Parish Office email: office@stpeterswalworth.org.
Applications will then be reported to the Parochial Church Council.
Kume Ukpedor, St Peter's Church Electoral Roll Officer

St Peter's Parochial Church Council: April 2025 to date Members of the PCC:

We currently have 17 members on the church council
Members Serving on the PCC at St. Peter's Church offers not only an opportunity for personal and spiritual growth but also a chance to make a positive impact on our Church community.

Who are the PCC Members, Meeting Frequency and Format:

The Church Council (PCC) is a dedicated group of volunteers who meet together to discuss, plan and make decisions to ensure that St Peter's remains an open and prayerful church for many years to come. There are currently 14 members on the PCC with 2 vacancies for PCC Lay members and 2 vacancies for Deanery Synod Representatives. The PCC meets a minimum of four times a year, either in person at the church, in the Crypt, or remotely via Zoom. These meetings are typically held on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm. If you meet the eligibility criteria and feel called to serve, reaching out to the Clergy Team or current PCC members for further information would be a valuable next step: and people often attend a first meeting as an observer just to get a feel and ask any questions, so do give it a try. Your willingness to serve could indeed contribute significantly to the spiritual life and vitality of St. Peter's community.

200th Anniversary of St Peter's Church:

This year marks the 200th Anniversary of St. Peter's Church. As you all know we are well into the fundraising project to receive funds from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to receive support to fully restore out church building. The PCC and the Steering group have committed a tremendous amount of time into this project for which we are grateful. We all have a responsibility to ensure this beautiful building is kept in a state of good repair for future generations and, of course, for the Glory of God. The PCC is grateful for all the support received to date from pledges, giving and sponsored events. We have an enormous task ahead and will like everyone to continue to support in anyway possible.

Financial Oversight:

The PCC closely monitors church finances, supported by the expertise of the Erica Freeman, PCC Treasurer. Various giving schemes, including the Parish Giving Scheme, weekly Giving Envelope Scheme and card reader, are available for members to contribute to the church's growth and sustainability. A huge "Thank you" to all who have continued to make their weekly offering even in these difficult financial times. Gift Aid makes a huge difference to St. Peter's income. If you are a UK taxpayer it means the church is able to claim 25p in every £1 that you donate – if you give us your permission to do so. Glory to God, our grant application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for first phase of the project was successful. This allows us undertake work on our actual plans for building and further fundraising.

A huge "Thank you" to Father Andrew, Father Alan, Erica Freeman, Alex Metcalfe, Siriol Davies, Beverly Bartels, Joanna Johnson and Members of the Steering group and staff team, who have all dedicated a tremendous amount of time and effort throughout this process. Further fundraising is needed, if you would like to plan a sponsored activity of any kind, please speak to any of the Clergy Team or PCC member for further details for support and so that fundraising is coordinated with our Building Beyond staff including our new Fundraising Manager for Building Beyond: Soane Reimagined.

PCC Governance:

The PCC is governed by the Church of England's "Church Representation Rules", which set out its membership, meetings, standing committee, and procedures, and also by the "Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956", which defines its functions and powers. The PCC works in co-operation with the incumbent (rector) acting as the parish's main decision-making body for mission,

worship, finance, and other parish matters, while remaining subject to charity law and diocesan and faculty requirements where relevant. Many parishes are updating their governance in response to new guidance, such as safeguarding and data protection requirements, so that their policies remain both compliant and workable in local parish life. In that context, and given the scale of the National Lottery Heritage Fund supported Building Beyond: Soane Reimagined project, St Peter's PCC are reviewing existing PCC policies and putting new ones in place for St Peter's: for example Lone-Working, Communications such as PCC WhatsApp and Email communications, Finance policies, with plans for work on PCC Standing Orders (local rules for membership and conduct of meetings), Data Retention, and others.

PCC Membership:

The Church Representation Rules set a maximum of three years for elected Lay members of the PCC. This means that normally one third of members retire each year at the APCM to take a break, and a third of the PCC being new members bringing fresh leadership. In common with many parish churches, and partly due to the suspension of normal practice during lockdown, St Peter's has not enforced this Rule over recent years meaning that a large number of PCC members are now due or overdue to retire from the PCC. We want to record our gratitude for many years of service from them all, and wish them a happy break from serving on the PCC. It is wonderful that we have some elected Lay members who will continue to serve, as well as a very healthy number of people willing to stand for election to serve on the PCC.

Services:

Our services have continued to flourished, with a full schedule of weekday morning prayer and evening services. The dedication of the Clergy Team, Father Andrew and Father Alan and Mother Doris, we express our heartfelt gratitude to them for their leadership and hard work. We are grateful to God for our wonderful and dedicated Clergy Team.

Organist:

Gratitude is extended to the organists, Kev and Winston, for their contributions to the worship experience through music, highlighting the importance of music in St. Peter's worship.

Safeguarding:

The PCC prioritises safeguarding, providing training and resources to ensure the safety of all church members. Completion of the Church of England online safeguarding training is required for PCC members, emphasising the church's commitment to maintaining a safe environment.

In conclusion, the PCC remain dedicated to fulfilling its duties and ensuring the well-being of the church community.

Music Report 2026

It is often said that worship without music does not easily soar; accordingly, at St Peter's, music continues to play an integral role in expressing the truth and beauty of our worship. At times this is offered through simple a cappella singing; at others, through more elaborate and richly textured musical settings.

St Peter's remains fortunate to possess two fine instruments, both maintained to a high standard and continuing to attract a discerning calibre of musician. The acoustic of Soane's building provides an exceptional setting for both rehearsal and performance. Regular maintenance has ensured the reliable service of the organ, although an increasing incidence of missing notes and occasional ciphers indicates that more substantial intervention may soon be required. We remain deeply grateful to an anonymous antipodean benefactor for the continued upkeep of the Bechstein piano.

The musical life of the church this year was crowned by the Gala Concert held in February, on the very day of the 200th anniversary of the consecration of St Peter's. This remarkable occasion brought together a wide range of musicians, instruments, and repertoire in a programme of exceptional breadth and ambition. Among the highlights was Handel's *Le Rejouissance*, newly reimagined with live bells, which were simultaneously relayed by video link into the church, adding splendour and immediacy to the performance. The finale took the form of an abridged *1812*

Overture, reaching its thrilling conclusion with the simultaneous ringing of the bells from the St Peter's tower, led with assurance by Tower Captain Kev Mitchell. The exuberance of the occasion was further enhanced by members of the London Model Railway Society, whose lighting, smoke, and cannon effects brought vivid theatrical force to the performance. We were also indebted to the augmented band, including former curates who returned to St Peter's to lend their talents to the extensive percussion section. A recording of this extraordinary performance is available online.

The concert drew deeply on the talents of the local community and congregation, whose involvement as performers, volunteers, and audience contributed greatly to its success. The result was a joyful and memorable celebration, worthy of both the anniversary it marked and the living musical life of the parish.

Winston continues to be in considerable demand across London, and the organist rota has therefore been strengthened by the inclusion of regular and capable deputies, Tim, Simon and Charles. The cantors maintain their established pattern, with Zoe and Gloria serving in weeks one and two, and Christian and Rita in weeks three and four. The singing of the responsorial psalm, together with the accomplished playing of the organists, complements the architectural clarity and beauty of Soane's design and its stained glass.

Through music, the congregation is enabled to enter more deeply into worship, reflecting on the interplay of word and melody within a setting of great beauty. In this way, our worship continues to be uplifted—by the power of the Holy Spirit—into a fuller awareness of the presence of God.
Kevin Smart, Director of Music

St Peter's Walworth Tower Report 2025-2026

It has been a very successful year for St Peter's bell tower. I continue to be hugely grateful for our wonderful volunteer ringers who give their time so generously on the first, second and fifth Sundays, supporting the liturgy of St Peter's Sunday morning joyful mass by calling the community to prayer, and ringing for our congregation afterwards before we settle down to practise. I'm very proud of everyone for their achievements this year.
The social side of the bell tower is a very important aspect of our ringing. We have fun during our practices after mass and enjoy each other's company over a drink in the Queen Elizabeth afterwards. Visitors to our practices often join us for a drink too.

I am delighted that everyone in the surrounding area appreciates our bells. We continue to publicise quarter peal and peal attempts to the parish through social media, and once again there have been no complaints this year; instead, we have received many warm sentiments of enjoyment from our neighbours.

Our bells remain much in demand, both for our home band of ringers and for visiting bands, and some of those visiting bands are now returning because our bells are such a delight to ring. Our bells are well maintained, and a healthy number of peals and quarter peals have been attempted over the last year. However, our ropes are worn and in desperate need of replacing. Eight new ropes will be delivered in the next few months to enable us to continue to call the community to prayer and welcome visiting bands of ringers.

Further developments this year have included extending the camera system to include an inside view of the church, which will help us to synchronise the bells more easily with liturgical functions. This has brought the work of the bell tower into an even closer relationship with the worshipping life of the church. A particular highlight for us was the role our bells played in the bicentenary gala concert, celebrating 200 years to the day since the church's consecration. A live stream from the tower brought vision and sound to the packed church as the bells took part in an arrangement of Handel's La Rejouissance from the Music for the Royal Fireworks, in which we showcased immaculate handling by firing on the beat in the last reprise of the piece.

The finale was Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, where, on cue, we played celebratory rounds to the sound of brass, crashing timpani and cymbals and the infamous "canon", lifting the concert and giving a thrilling and fitting end to the celebrations.

I look forward to building on this momentum in the coming year, continuing to develop both the ringing and the community life of our bell tower

Kev Mitchell, Tower Captain

Report from St Peter's Heritage Manager: Nina Swann
Building Beyond: Soane Re-imagined

We are now over halfway through the Development Stage of our Heritage Lottery-funded Building Beyond project, aiming to open up the heritage - architectural, historical and community - of St Peter's to everyone

The main strands of the project are:

1. **Restoration**: tackling comprehensively the repair/ conservation and infrastructure improvements needed so that Soane's masterpiece can truly shine, becoming a beacon for worship, heritage, cultural, civic, and musical opportunities for many more people. St Peter's will reduce its carbon footprint and strive for sustainability, addressing worsening localised crime and anti-social behaviour.
2. **Opening up**: making our building and its assets as accessible as possible from every angle from the outside and within
3. **Heritage**: Preserving and sharing the heritage of the building and communities of today and the last 200 years, across cultures, faiths and identities.
4. **Cultural Hub**: Providing opportunities for human flourishing in the local neighbourhood - flexibility to use the space for a wide variety of events on people's doorstep in Walworth: whether it's a small spoken word event, a chamber music recital, a small informal gig or a big one.
5. **Educational opportunities**: a new Soane Room and accessible galleries, and throughout the building, for both casual visitors and through our planned Heritage Activities with community groups, schools, and local people. Leveraging technology alongside more traditional participation activities.
6. **Volunteers**: A new Volunteer Room, with training and celebration opportunities will help to empower volunteers from within and outside the church family and bring a sense of belonging and achievement.

What's happening now?

- our architects are drawing up plans for a new forecourt incorporating a ramp to the main church doors, whilst retaining the iconic Soane aesthetic. They are also developing plans for a new lift giving access to the partially-levelled galleries, for a glazed area under the gallery at the rear of the nave that will provide space for refreshment facilities as well as act as a heat and sound barrier from the main body of the church - Business planners are developing models that will enable the church to thrive financially, securing the future of the building and underpinning work in our communities

- Activity planners are consulting with local organisations and church users in the surrounding Walworth community, investigating what the community wants and needs from our spaces, and looking at how we can tell share our collective heritage stories, using St Peter's as a 'witness to change' over the last 200 years

- Donna, our fundraiser, is tasked with raising over £1.2million in matched funding from trusts, foundations, corporates, individual donors and our local community.



Diocesan Advisory Committee pre-planning site visit May 26

What's the timeline for the project?

- we hope to have building plans finalised and ready to submit to the diocese by late autumn. We plan to have drawings and models of the proposals to share with the congregation then as well.

- we need to apply to the Lottery for the next stage of our funding (£4million) once all the plans are in place (Architects RIBA3 plans, Business Plan, Activity Plan, matched funding raised or pledged) which we hope will be by end February 2027.

- If the bid is successful, we would expect building work to start in mid 2028 and last 12-18 months.



How can I find out more or get involved? Please email me if you have any questions or comments, or want to find out more about the plans, or to find out how you can support the fundraising efforts. I usually work Tues–Thurs, and am in church on a Tuesday. My email is heritagemanager@stpeterswalworth.org

Deanery Synod Report :

Since my appointment to the Deanery Synod in May 2025 as a lay representative, I have attended two Deanery Synod meetings: the first on the 11th of June 2025 and the second on the 10th of February 2026. From these meetings, I can assure the parish that Deanery Synod is deeply committed to the health, flourishing, and growth of clergy and congregations within the Deanery, and is working alongside initiatives such as Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG) to aid that development.

The Deanery is also committed to the support and development of young people in the parish, and has made active, significant efforts to raise funding for their spiritual development through opportunities such as Carroty Wood and the Iona Pilgrimage. Seeing these efforts has made me glad to take up this role and to represent our parish.

The June 2025 meeting, led by Fiona Foreman, covered the importance of chaplaincy as a growing and effective ministry. Chaplaincy is increasingly considered to be a first point of contact for many people outside the Church, as chaplains meet people where they are,

rather than waiting for people to come into church. This was presented as a deeply Christlike form of ministry, rooted in presence, service, and relationship.
The February 2026 meeting was led by The Revd Charlie Lamont, Dean of Revitalisation for Southwark Diocese. This meeting focused on church growth, including difficult questions around change and transition. We discussed how churches can remain organic and responsive, adapting to changes in our local communities while becoming recommitted to growth. Attention was given to the ongoing effects of the pandemic, gentrification, redevelopment, and changing patterns of attendance and belonging.
Both meetings raised important themes with actions for our parish to undertake, outlined below:
Chaplaincy

- The parish should consider mapping local schools, colleges, universities, and other institutions nearby, and think about where relationships could be built.
- The parish could explore how it might support existing chaplains through prayer, resources, or partnership.
- The PCC could reflect on which model of chaplaincy best fits our parish: pastoral, missional, parish extension, prophetic, or sacramental.
- The parish should think about outreach beyond church walls, especially where people may see the Church as present in their community, even if they do not attend Sunday worship.
- The parish should continue to support deanery youth initiatives, including Carroty Wood and the Iona Pilgrimage, where possible.

Growth

- The parish should reflect on what growth means beyond numbers, including discipleship, welcome, spiritual maturity, and sustaining those already present.
- The PCC and wider church should identify and nurture the committed core of people who can help carry prayer, welcome, service, and mission.
- The parish could consider forming or strengthening a "heart team" focused on prayer, vision, relationships, and the deeper spiritual purpose behind growth.
- The PCC should distinguish between "heart work" and "head work": vision, prayer, and purpose on one side; strategy, decisions, and practical action on the other.
- The parish should review how welcoming and accessible it is to newcomers, families, older people, shift workers, and others in the local community.
- The parish should consider how the pandemic, housing pressures, gentrification, work patterns, and local redevelopment have changed the people we are called to serve.
- The parish should continue exploring or partnering with initiatives such as LYCiG or similar mission and growth processes, where they can help us discern who we are and what God may be calling us to become.

May God, our everlasting Father, continue to give every single one of us strength and encouragement, and may it be His divine will to grant increase in our Church, our finances and our community here in Walworth.
Deanery Synod Representatives: Cheryl Bartels & Siriol Davies

Servers' Report

We have had a slight improvement since last year's report. Although we still struggle at times to find people to come on to the Serving Team, it has showed some signs of growth. As mentioned in previous reports, I no longer produce a Rota for the team, instead we see who turns up each Sunday and pick a team from them. Not ideal, but it saves an enormous amount of time as far as rota preparation is concerned, and the frustration of not being informed at all when someone cannot serve. Where I used to have difficulty fitting everyone on to the Rota so that each person was getting the same number of opportunities to serve, this most certainly doesn't happen anymore.

New members are always encouraged, but it is important to remember that this is a commitment, and continuity and timekeeping have to be observed. Again, a special mention goes out to Steve Rogers, as current Head Server, whose commitment and reliability is an important element in the successful running of the team.

Finally, I would like to thank, on behalf of St. Peter's, all those who do give their time to serve at the Altar here. As I've said many times before, Serving is a very valuable ministry, should always be taken seriously, and is an important part of our worship here, and we are extremely fortunate that we have a few who are committed to that. I pray that numbers will improve.

Father Alan

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Report

St Peter's School is an essential part of parish life for our church and community. We are very blessed to have a really dedicated team of staff across the school who give so, so much to our children and families to give them the best education possible.

The school gathers in church for Mass or Worship together at key times in the Christian year at least one a term, with clergy leading Key Stage 2 Mass in school each fortnight.

Is God calling you to volunteer in St Peter's School by coming into school or church to listen to children read? Please speak to me if so!

Please keep our school community of children, staff and families in your prayers as they grow and learn together!

Father Andrew



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