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**The Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of**

St. Peter's Church, Ardingly

**Annual Parish Meeting
and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Tuesday 10 May 2022
at 7 pm**

**in
St. Peter's Church Centre
Ardingly**



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Welcome

Welcome to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St. Peter's, Ardingly.

All members of the electoral roll are entitled to attend and participate in this meeting, where we review the workings and the finances of the parish over 2021 and vote for the election of church wardens and PCC members. This is your opportunity to ask questions and participate in the running of your church community.





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Annual Parish Meeting

**Tuesday 10 May
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Agenda

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive and adopt the minutes of the APM held on Sunday 25 April 2021.
3. To elect the Church Wardens of the Parish.
4. To consider any other business.
5. Close.



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Minutes of the meeting of the
Annual Parish Meeting
held on Sunday 25 April 2021
at St. Peter's Church at 12.09pm

This meeting is held under COVID-19 restrictions and is held in accordance with social distancing regulations with electronic conference call attendance available for remote attendance.

Attendance and apologies for absence

Those present: The Reverend John Crutchley, with 23 parishioners present and 5 attending via Zoom conference call

Apologies for absence were received from Deb & George Ruse, Diana & Joe Burrell, Jill O'Mant, Shelley, Hazel & Dick Ramsey and Mike Veasey.

Approval of last minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 October 2020 were approved and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

It was proposed by John Witherington, seconded by Phil Kelly that the minutes be so adopted, and this was carried by a unanimous vote by show of hands.

Election of Church Wardens

There were two nominations for the position of Church warden: Nigel Cheater and John Witherington. It was confirmed that nomination forms for both candidates had been received and had been correctly completed and signed.

It was proposed by Jill Veasey and seconded by Carol Grossman that John be appointed as church warden, and this was carried by a unanimous vote by show of hands.

It was proposed by Margaret Dale and seconded by John Summers that Nigel be appointed as church warden and this was carried by a unanimous vote by show of hands.

Any other Business

There was no other business to consider.

Close

The meeting was formally closed at 12.12 pm.

Jane Taylor Cheater

Secretary to the PCC

St Peter's Church, Ardingly



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Annual Parochial Church Meeting **10 May 2022**

At St. Peter's Church Centre, Ardingly
At 7pm

Agenda

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive and approve the Minutes of the APCM held on Sun day 25 April 2021.
3. To receive and approve the Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.
4. To appoint PCC Secretary.
5. To receive the report of the Church wardens on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments.
6. To receive a report from the Parish Safeguarding Officer.
7. To receive a report on the Church Centre.
8. To receive a report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod.
9. To receive a report on Community and Mission.
10. To elect PCC Members.
11. To appoint the Auditor for the forthcoming year.
12. To receive the report of the Chairman.
13. To consider any other business.
14. Close

Notes:

All Reports and Minutes are included in this booklet.

The circulated reports will be taken as read prior to the meeting. They will be briefly introduced and there will be an opportunity for questions.



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Minutes of Last Meeting

Copies of the minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

The minutes of the APCM held on 18 October 2020 were approved and adopted as a true record of the meeting. There being no amendments it was proposed by Gina Paul, seconded by Margaret Dale that the minutes be so adopted, and this was carried by a unanimous vote by show of hands.

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

Copies of the financial statements and notes to the accounts were circulated prior to the meeting.

It was noted that there had been a change in the requirements for the information given in the Trustees report attached to the Financial Statement. Rev John Crutchley therefore suggested that the financial statements be dealt with under this item and the Trustees report be dealt with under section 13 Report of the Chairman.

Sally Crutchley gave a report on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. Sally started her report by saying a thank you; to God, to ourselves and to each other. Last year had been a terrible year and to be able to maintain financial resilience in such times had been amazing so thank you.

Other points to consider were

- * Regular giving had stayed solid but envelope giving, and church income had been lost due to the church being closed
- * Rental income had been lost due to the Church Centre being closed.
- * Changes to HMRC repayments of Gift Aid had delayed receipts but had been received in 2021 financial year.
- * Payments of Parish Share are pledged at 70%
- * There is a need to be vigilant in controlling expenses.

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On a more positive note, Gift Aid claims had now been received and there had been a moderate increase in regular giving payments as well as the receipt of one-off donations.

John noted that a lot of thanks were due to those who manage the finances of the Church so well. Particular thanks were given to Sally and Nigel for their work with regards the church finances, and to treasurer Jean Jefferies who maintains the books and does this extremely efficiently. A vote of thanks was given and those present showed their appreciation by way of applause.

Appointment of PCC Secretary

The meeting was asked to agree to the appointment of Jane Taylor Cheater who has indicated that she was willing to continue in the role as secretary. It was proposed by John Witherington and seconded by Sue Laker that Jane Taylor Cheater be appointed as secretary and this was unanimously agreed by show of hands.

To Confirm the change of timings of regular Sunday Services to 9am and 10.30am

It had been agreed to approve the change of timings of the services after a trial period. It was agreed that the change of timings has been beneficial especially during dark mornings and evenings although it was acknowledged that there is quite a tight change over period for cleaners and setting up. Overall it was felt that the change had been of benefit and John Crutchley proposed that these timings of 9am and 10.30am be kept. This was agreed by show of hands.

Report of the Churchwardens on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.

John Witherington gave an update on the West Window. Work on the window was ready to go to tender. However, there were other issues to be addressed in the Church Tower and it is financially prudent to deal with these at the same time. Full specifications were awaited from the architect before these repairs would be ready to go out for tender. Some delay is due to the belfry access being unstable and is restricting access. It was noted that full repairs will be expensive.

A question was raised on whether there were any grants available to help with Historic Church buildings. It was noted that such grants are available and once all work details had been received someone would be needed to research and apply for such grants. The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) does have someone whose job it is to seek out such grants and may be able to assist in due course.

Thanks were given to John Witherington and Nigel Cheater for all their hard work in looking after the church building. Those present showed their appreciation by way of applause.

Report from the Parish Safeguarding Officer

A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Caroline Steer reminded the meeting that Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone. Any concerns should be reported to Caroline or John Crutchley. In order to ensure the church has best practise with regard to safeguarding, everyone in the church community is urged to undertake the C0 and C1 training.

A vote of thanks was given to Caroline and those present showed their appreciation by way of applause.

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Report on the Church Centre

A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.

There were no additional questions on this matter.

Thanks were given to Jill Veasy and John Witherington for all their work with regard to the Church Centre.

Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.

There were no additional questions on this matter.

Report from the Community and Mission Sub-committee

A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.

St. Peter's pupils had received gift packs from the Church which were very well received, and thanks were given to all those involved in organising them.

To elect PCC members

Given the current numbers on the electoral role, it is permitted to have 9 elected PCC members and there were 3 vacancies to be filled this year and completed nomination forms had been received from Carol Grossman, Steve Doerr and Sue Laker. It was proposed that Carol, Steve and Sue be appointed en-bloc.

It was proposed by Caroline Steer seconded by Jean Jeffries that these members be so elected. This motion was unanimously passed by show of hands.

Appointment of Auditor

Matthew Hunt of MPH and Associates had agreed to be the independent External Examiner of the financial accounts and records of the church Jill Veasey proposed and Kathy James seconded the motion that Matthew Hunt be appointed as Independent examiner. This was agreed unanimously by show of hands.



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Report of the Chairman

As reported earlier there had been a change in the requirements for the information given in the Trustees report attached to the Financial Statement. This report was used as the basis of the Chairman's address to the meeting.

John wished to particularly mention the following: -

The use of Zoom has added to how we worship and will continue to enhance services and to include everyone in the church community.

There is need to get out of the church building and share the message of God.

The Service of Remembrance was held on the Recreation Ground and was well received. The District Council representative remarked that it was a very fitting location especially standing looking back across the Recreation Ground and seeing all the socially distanced people whilst remembering those who died on the battle fields during the war.

There have been lessons learned from the past year and these should be used to look at the positives for new ways to attract new members to the congregations and for new ways of operating.

The *Open to God* service will be resuming in June 2021.

John concluded by saying "It has been a tough year, but we have learned a lot, grown a lot and now we must enhance our worship from what we have learned."

It was proposed by John Witherington, seconded by Carol Grossman, that the accounts, which had been adopted by the PCC, be approved and this was unanimously agreed by show of hands.

John was thanked for all his hard work in keeping the church community active over the past year and in particular for all the time spent improving technology and in preparing services and slideshows. The fact that St. Peter's had been able to have live services during periods of lockdown was greatly appreciated and those present showed their appreciation to John by way of a round of applause.

Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

Close

John thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the meeting was formally closed at 12.59 pm.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

ST PETER'S CHURCH, ARDINGLY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1133803

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

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The Rectory, Church Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UR

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Walthamstow Branch



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During the year ended 31 December 2021, the following people served as members of the parochial church council ("PCC"):

Incumbent:	The Reverend John Crutchley	Chairman
Ex officio members:	The Reverend Christopher Sutton	Associate Priest
	Mr John Witherington	Reader
	Mr Philip Kelly	Reader (resigned October 2021)
Church Wardens:	Mr Nigel Cheater	Vice-Chairman
	Mr John Witherington	
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mr Philip Kelly	(Until October 2021)
	Mrs Caroline Steer	(Until October 2021)
Elected members:	Mrs Caroline Steer	Parish Safeguarding Coordinator (until October 2021)
	Mrs Carol Grossman	
	Mr Stephen Doerr**	(Until December 2021)
	Mrs Sally Crutchley	(Until October 2021)
	Mrs Deb Ruse	
	Mrs Jill Veasey	
	Miss Sue Laker	
	Mrs Gina Paul	
	Mr Mervyn James	
Secretary to the PCC and Parish Safeguarding Coordinator	Mrs Jane Taylor Cheater	(Safeguarding Coordinator from October 2021)

ST PETER'S ARDINGLY - TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd John Crutchley, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical.
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and, to other organisations with similar objectives.



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WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small 'home group' situations
- Engaging with our local primary school on the Governing body and through regular weekly assemblies, services in school and church and in any other way required.
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Aiding the poor and needy of the parish
- Making gifts to missionary organisations
- Reaching out to the unchurched through 'Zoom' based services; through services held outside of the church building and in the heart of the village to mark important events and national celebrations; utilizing the graveyard as a location for services to remember those loved and lost; and in our Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance and Christmas services.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the village.

There were six meetings of the PCC in 2021. Four of the meetings were held in person (with social distancing as appropriate and as required by the Covid pandemic restrictions and regulations of 2020). There were also two meetings held using Zoom. **The church benefits from all of those who give of their time and bring their various gifts and talents to its service through membership of the PCC. However, special mention must be made of Stephen Doerr who died on 9th December 2021. He was an outstanding servant of the church and member of the PCC. He served as a church warden for many years and gave generously of his time, wisdom, and friendship. He will be greatly missed by all.



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WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

Attendance at worship

The Covid pandemic continued to affect church activities in 2021. With a new national lockdown affecting the country in the early part of the year the church building had to lockdown again in January and services in the church building were suspended. However, very many church members were now familiar with the use of 'Zoom' and our weekly services immediately returned to a Zoom format with all the prayers, hymns and songs and liturgy being set out on a PowerPoint presentation that was projected through screen share by the service leader to all of those who joined the service. This enabled each person attending to worship as part of a community, knowing that others were worshipping too and allowing the community to see each other, to chat and to enjoy some (albeit limited) fellowship.

This was a key objective in a time of lockdown. The 'Zoom' format also allowed family members and friends from across the country to join our worship and enabled some who are no longer able to attend church because of age or infirmity to access services once again. We made great use of Zoom at this time. It allowed us to offer a Lent course throughout the season of Lent and for prayer groups and home groups to continue to meet and continue their work of prayer, nurture, support and teaching.

“Thank you for
the service. It
was absolutely
perfect!”

Easter is a time at which we often see large numbers of families attending the Good Friday Messy church and many more attending the services on Easter Sunday itself. Sadly, lockdown prevented our holding a 'Messy Church' on Good Friday. However, 'Zoom' enabled us to provide services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and very happily we were then able to return to church for our services on Easter Sunday morning which were very well attended.

Another key objective was to maintain the 'Zoom' link to our main Sunday morning service once we had returned to worship in the church building. To this end the necessary permissions were secured via the Diocesan Advisory Committee allowing the installation of a 'hard-wired' internet connection. This has provided an excellent internet facility in a Grade One listed fourteenth century building! We have continued with the format of PowerPoint presentations for our main Sunday services using the previously installed audio/visual equipment to project the service in the church. But the internet connection enables us to simultaneously offer the service to those who join us via Zoom. Some choose to use Zoom each week. Others take advantage when ill-health, perhaps, prevents their attending church, and some use it as an opportunity to visit us. All in all, it is now an important tool in our outreach and mission and in the fulfillment of our objective of enabling as many as possible to attend worship at our church.

We also offer the use of a 'Zoom' link when arranging funerals and weddings and we have seen this used by family and friends across the country and indeed across the world enabling many to 'attend' a funeral or wedding when they would not otherwise have been able to do so.



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Following the lockdown of 2020 we determined to rethink how we could organize some of our services and so learn the lessons that the lockdown had taught us. Most especially we had learned how well it had worked to hold 'outdoor' services in the heart of the village.

In September 2021 we readily accepted an invitation to lead a service on the Recreation Ground in Ardingly and as part of the village's week-long series of events marking 'Great Big Green Week' – very much putting faith into practice as we reflected upon creation and the environment, and the dangers posed to us all by climate change.

We were very pleased once again to be invited by the South of England Showground to hold our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on the Ardingly Showground and as part of their Autumn Fayre and Game Show. And we decided that our main Service of Remembrance and Act of Remembrance should be held once again on the Recreation Ground. This year we were joined once again by the various uniform groups in the village. The numbers who attended the service certainly confirm that the decision to hold the service as we did was welcomed by many in the village.

*"The graveyard
has been
transformed. I can
only imagine how
much hard work
went into clearing
it! I want to thank
whoever was
involved for
putting in so
much effort and
time, making it
look so
welcoming."*

Alongside of this, the season of remembrance also saw us move our annual 'All Souls' service to an outdoor format in the church graveyard. Much time and effort has been expended upon the maintenance of the graveyard and this important space provided a very special location for a service that was well attended. The opportunity to pray, reflect and give thanks whilst surrounded by the graves of those loved, lost, and remembered was commented upon by very many who attended and involved some who would not otherwise attend a church service.

As the season of Advent began and Christmas approached the country was struck by a new variant of the Covid virus which was even more easily transmissible. We had already arranged to hold an open-air Carol and Christingle service around the oak tree in the village which was very well attended and blessed with fine weather on a December evening! Most happily our traditional Carols by Candlelight service was able to go ahead with a

wonderful choir drawn from across the village and our services for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were held in church.

In a series of sermons in the Autumn we considered again the generosity of God. These are times of rising costs and expenses, and our income has been affected by the pandemic. However, through the financial generosity of many we have been able to increase the sum we pledged to the Diocese of Chichester for the parish share and make gifts to the missionary organizations we support. We are currently awaiting the specification from our architect for the repairs to the west window and stonework, but generous gifts have already been received towards this expenditure and the PCC have designated a legacy received towards this work as well. It is hoped that the work will be able to commence in 2022.



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"Thank you so much for enabling us to have that lovely service in church on Saturday. I was surprised to see that you had opened up the chancel and it was lovely to be back up there for communion. A real window of normality in these precarious times!"

Chichester Cursillo

Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers.

Our church continues to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others, as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. With the lifting of restrictions we have again been able to celebrate baptism and weddings. There have been four funeral services conducted in the church, two at the crematorium and three burial of ashes.

Most teaching is offered through our weekly sermons which seek to explore God's word, to apply it, to bridge the context and explain its contemporary significance. This is built upon in home groups. And a large number of the church family have been involved in leading various aspects of worship, lending great encouragement to those involved, as well as the whole congregation.

Evangelism and Outreach.

Outside of the restrictions imposed early in 2021 the pattern of services is now settled around a traditional celebration of Holy Communion using the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer at 9.00am each Sunday. The 10.30am service follows a monthly pattern of a Morning Praise [Service of the Word] service on the first Sunday of each month; a service of Holy Communion using the liturgy of Common Worship Order One on the second Sunday; a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] on a Third Sunday; and a further service of Holy Communion [Common Worship Order One] on the fourth Sunday which includes each month an opportunity for prayer for healing and wholeness. Where the month includes a fifth Sunday, the main service is now usually a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] service. Prior to the lockdown we held some services in the Church Centre so as to utilise its more 'family-friendly' facilities. In 2021 and with the continuing pandemic, services were confined to the church building only.

"Thank you...for everything you did for us throughout planning our wedding and the spectacular ceremony on our special day..."



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"Lovely service last night. Thank you."

There is a regular evening service on the first Sunday of each month entitled 'Open to God' which adopts a variety of styles and formats as well as further occasional evening services throughout the year and especially during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Most of the social activities that we enjoy such as the Harvest Supper and Maundy Thursday meal were curtailed by the Covid restrictions of 2021. At the back of the church, we have a large display board where St. Peter's CEP School display art in keeping with the church season. This connects families with the church and further enhances the strong links with the school. Again, the continuing pandemic affected the services held in church for and with the school. The school service for Easter was a 'Zoom' service and the Summer leavers service was held in the school playground when each leaver was presented with a bible as a gift from the church as has been our practice in each year since 2007. Happily, the school were in church again for Harvest and also for Christmas. Whilst restrictions were in place the weekly whole school assemblies led by the Rector were replaced by an assembly each week with a different class in the school. This worked very well indeed.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy.

It has always been important to us that the church is available for private prayer not just to the church family but to the wider visiting community. To this end and in normal times the church building is usually open and the many entries in the Visitors' Book testify to this. Many remark not only how refreshing it is to find an open church but, also the sense of peacefulness and spirituality the church pervades. Other remarks include the sense of history within; that people of much earlier generations found life and presence there. There are also many comments on and appreciation of the architectural beauty of the building and biblical archaeology. As restrictions have eased the church has been open for at least one day in each week.

"Thank you for leaving this beautiful building open..."

Entry in the Visitor Book

The Church Centre has remained largely closed throughout the year, although it has continued to provide a home for the St. Peter's Pre-School that use it each day and for the dance school that use it each week.



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Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

The Rector is assisted in the pastoral care for people living in the village by two pastoral care assistants, who have completed a diocesan organized training course and who have been approved in their work by the bishop. In addition, we have a team of church members who give their time and energies caring, listening, and helping people in the church family and wider village community. Throughout the pandemic our 'At your Service' scheme that offers practical help and assistance to any in the village who are in need has continued as a part of the wider outreach and care co-ordinated by the Parish Council and other volunteer groups. The church has been pleased to work with and alongside these groups as a further public demonstration of the benefit of our activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Unrestricted incoming and outgoing resources.

The PCC is grateful to be able to record that planned giving via direct debits remained at almost the same level as the previous year 2020. Planned giving via the Parish Giving Scheme saw an increase as more members of the congregation change their method of giving and begin to use the Parish Giving Scheme. This is extremely helpful in managing cash flow and highly efficient in claiming the gift aid income on these gifts.

We have now been able to claim all gift aid owing to date. This amounted to total receipts of £11,945 for the year. It is worth noting that this amount of gift aid received in the year is artificially high as approximately £5,000 of this relates to gifts received in 2020.

The PCC is pleased to be able to report that the legacy of £11,500 from the late David Harris was received this year. After prayerful consideration the PCC unanimously decided to use these funds towards the repair of the west window, seeing this as a fitting tribute to a longstanding and faithful member of St. Peter's congregation. The funds have been designated accordingly.

Income received via the envelope scheme remained at the same level as in 2019. Ad hoc donations increased, after taking into account changes in a member's method of giving. We are also beginning to see a greater use of the "tap" machine located by the baptism font as you enter the Church.

With the easing of Covid restrictions the pre-school was able to stay open throughout the year which saw an increase to Centre Letting income compared to 2020.

The total receipts on unrestricted funds received was £ 86,324 which was £32,274 more than 2020. It is important to note, however, that this figure includes both the increased gift aid receipt and legacy as already mentioned.

The PCC remains most grateful for the continued generosity of those who faithfully give to the Church and their resilience in continuing to do so as we continue to emerge from the pandemic.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £48,009 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. Due to the reduction in income received in 2020 we pledged to 60% of the amount asked by the Diocese. Due to the increased income received during the year we were able to increase this contribution to 65%. The Diocese have expressed their extreme gratitude to Parishes who have been able to contribute an amount greater than their original pledge especially in what remain financially challenging times. Overall unrestricted spend was £67,931 for the year.



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Restricted Income and Expenditure

Note 10 shows a breakdown of income and expenditure by fund.

The largest expenditure over the year was for the maintenance of the graveyard. A total of £3,172 was spent of which £1,501 was met from general unrestricted funds. The PCC was grateful to receive grants restricted to the upkeep of the graveyard from the Parish Council amounting to £1,000. The remaining costs are met by the church family itself.

A total of £14,000 to date has been contributed for the repairs to the west window thus reflecting the huge generosity of the congregation.

The total value of restricted funds at the end of 2021 was £36,654 (this includes The Burgess Trust Fund of £6,258) an increase of £16,600.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of St Peter's to aim to return a surplus in the year and transfer to reserves an amount equal to or less than this surplus. The objective is to provide for future years where a deficit has been returned. Current reserves are £15,000 and the have been maintained for 2021. It is the policy of St Peter's to invest these funds on a short-term basis with CBF Church of England deposit fund.



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Statement of Financial Activities

	General & Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies	76,354.50	17,588.75	—	93,943.25	48,169.05
Income from charitable activities	2,872.00	—	—	2,872.00	1,467.00
Other trading activities	6,218.50	—	—	6,218.50	5,464.00
Investments	6.77	133.74	—	140.51	186.94
Other income	872.99	—	—	872.99	68.98
Total income	86,324.76	17,722.49	—	104,047.25	55,355.97
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	68,391.15	100.00	—	68,491.15	76,213.34
Other expenditure	1,547.20	1,670.46	—	3,217.66	1,030.12
Total expenditure	69,938.35	1,770.46	—	71,708.81	77,243.46
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	16,386.41	15,952.03	—	32,338.44	(21,887.49)
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	200.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	(200.00)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	657.15	—	657.15	295.56
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	16,386.41	16,609.18	—	32,995.59	(21,591.93)
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	177,703.96	20,044.99	—	197,748.95	219,340.88
Total funds carried forward	194,090.37	36,654.17	—	230,744.54	197,748.95

For further breakdown of income, see Note 2 and for expenditure, see Note 3.



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Balance Sheet

	As at 31/12/2021 £	As at 31/12/2020 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	1.00	1.00
Heritage assets	150,913.83	150,913.83
Investments	5,250.81	4,593.66
	<u>156,165.64</u>	<u>155,508.49</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	74,578.90	42,240.46
	<u>74,578.90</u>	<u>42,240.46</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>74,578.90</u>	<u>42,240.46</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>230,744.54</u>	<u>197,748.95</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>230,744.54</u>	<u>197,748.95</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund & Designated Funds	28,175.54	11,789.13
Designated		
General Reserves	15,000.00	15,000.00
Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	150,914.83
Restricted		
Village Discretionary Fund	400.00	500.00
Youth Worker fund	7,411.12	7,411.12
Church Centre Upgrade fund	3,346.82	3,346.82
Mission fund	344.49	344.49
Other Restricted funds	18,893.00	2,974.71
Burgess Trust fund	6,258.74	5,467.85
Funds of the church	<u>230,744.54</u>	<u>197,748.95</u>

For breakdown of "Other restricted" funds, see Note 10.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf

The Revd. John Crutchley

Chairman

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



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1 Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared, as far as applicable, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Charity Law, Financial Reporting Standards and the current SORP, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRSSE), effective 1st January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. 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 affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

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

Restricted funds - i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest;

ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the tax is recovered. Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investment is sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

d) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation to the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.



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e) Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the accounts. For other property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired since 2000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life (see note (d)).

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off on the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful life. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixture and fittings 25% straight line
Computer equipment 30% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values as high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

f) Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.



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Analysis of Income

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Note 2	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
0100 - Planned giving GA	12,010.00	—	—	—	12,010.00	12,810.00
0110 - Planned giving non-GA	34,373.47	—	—	—	34,373.47	25,391.80
0120 - Envelope scheme GA	1,001.00	—	—	—	1,001.00	950.00
0130 - Envelope scheme non-GA	—	—	—	—	—	50.00
0140 - Church collections GA	1,080.04	—	—	—	1,080.04	2,059.04
0150 - Church collections non-GA	—	—	—	—	—	—
0160 - Donations GA	3,048.44	—	14,827.70	—	17,876.14	6,238.60
0170 - Donations non-GA	559.19	—	—	—	559.19	500.00
0180 - Gift Aid tax recovered	11,945.95	—	221.05	—	12,167.00	—
0190 - Legacies and endowments	—	11,500.09	—	—	11,500.09	—
0200 - Fundraising (non-trading) income	—	—	—	—	—	—
0210 - Events receipts	—	—	—	—	—	—
0220 - Special collections	585.02	—	—	—	585.02	127.61
0230 - Grants received	—	—	1,040.00	—	1,040.00	40.00
0390 - Other donations	251.30	—	1,500.00	—	1,751.30	2.00
Donations and legacies Totals	64,854.41	11,500.09	17,588.75	—	93,943.25	48,169.05
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
0400 - Fees for services	2,872.00	—	—	—	2,872.00	1,467.00
0410 - Sale of goods for mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
0490 - Other charitable activity income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Income from charitable activities Totals	2,872.00	—	—	—	2,872.00	1,467.00
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
0500 - Centre hire	5,520.00	—	—	—	5,520.00	4,795.00
0510 - Magazine income	448.00	—	—	—	448.00	688.00
0520 - Sale of goods for fundraising	250.50	—	—	—	250.50	1.00
0590 - Other trading income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other trading activities Totals	6,218.50	—	—	—	6,218.50	5,484.00
<i>Investments</i>						
0600 - Deposit interest received	6.77	—	—	—	6.77	54.91
0610 - Investment interest received	—	—	133.74	—	133.74	132.03
Investments Totals	6.77	—	133.74	—	140.51	186.94
<i>Other income</i>						
0700 - Insurance claims	830.99	—	—	—	830.99	—
0790 - Other income	42.00	—	—	—	42.00	68.98
Other income Totals	872.99	—	—	—	872.99	68.98
Income and endowments Grand totals	74,824.67	—	11,500.09	—	104,047.25	55,355.97



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Analysis of Expenditure

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Note 3	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Expenditure						
Raising funds						
2100 - Fundraising (non-trading) costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Raising funds Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities						
2200 - Parish contribution	48,009.00	—	—	—	48,009.00	51,825.00
2210 - Charitable giving	—	—	—	—	—	—
2220 - Church utilities	1,473.09	—	—	—	1,473.09	1,897.90
2230 - Church service expenses	1,496.36	—	—	—	1,496.36	816.48
2240 - Church maintenance and equipment	4,391.08	—	—	—	4,391.08	8,215.12
2250 - Rectory expenses	4,251.85	—	—	—	4,251.85	4,167.17
2260 - Rector's expenses	1,157.75	—	—	—	1,157.75	1,252.71
2270 - Other clergy expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2280 - Training costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2290 - Administration costs	81.99	—	—	—	81.99	80.99
2300 - Children and young people	286.16	—	—	—	286.16	337.55
2310 - Cost of events	—	—	—	—	—	—
2320 - Giving from special collections	702.63	—	—	—	702.63	—
2330 - Gifts made	—	—	100.00	—	100.00	—
2340 - Interest paid	—	—	—	—	—	—
2350 - Bank charges	—	—	—	—	—	—
2590 - Other costs of charitable activities	—	—	—	—	—	—
2600 - Centre utilities	3,104.11	—	—	—	3,104.11	3,121.12
2610 - Centre running costs	1,039.15	—	—	—	1,039.15	2,134.49
2620 - Centre maintenance and equipment	2,397.98	—	—	—	2,397.98	2,364.81
2650 - Magazine costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2660 - Cost of goods sold for mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
2890 - Other costs of trading	—	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	68,391.15	—	100.00	—	68,491.15	76,213.34
Other expenditure						
2990 - Other expenditure	1,547.20	—	1,670.46	—	3,217.66	1,030.12
Other expenditure Totals	1,547.20	—	1,670.46	—	3,217.66	1,030.12
Expenditure Grand totals	69,938.35	—	1,770.46	—	71,708.81	77,243.46
Grand Total	4,886.32	11,500.09	15,952.03	—	32,338.44	(21,887.49)

Breakdown of 2021 Charitable Giving

Ardingly Old Jeshwang Association ENII

Church Pastoral Aid Society ENII

Church Mission Society ENII

Family Support Work ENII

Imara-Uganda ENII

Total ENII



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4 Staff Costs

No-one was employed by the PCC during the year and there were no transactions in respect of PCC members, or persons closely connected to them or other related persons.

5 Analysis of transfer between funds

See Note 10.

6 Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or Valuation	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total 2019 £
At 1 January 2021	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Additions/disposals/revaluations	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	-	-	-
Provided in year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2021	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
At 31 December 2020	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83

As a freehold building, according to the PCC accounting policies, the value of the church centre is not subject to depreciation.

The church centre was valued for insurance purposes at £834,482 at 31st December 2021 although the building is carried on the balance sheet at its cost. The contents are insured for £48,143. Note that the estimated rebuilding costs exclude VAT because the building qualifies under VAT Notice 708 as a listed building used for a "relevant charitable purpose."

b) Investments

	Total 2021 £
Market value at 1 January 2021	4,593.66
Increase in market value	657.15
Market value at 31 December 2021	5,250.81

An investment is held by the Diocesan Board of Finance (G L Burgess Trust) as CBF Investment Fund (Income) Shares the income from which is restricted to be used for the maintenance of church notice boards or similar communication-related items.



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For the period 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£		£		£
Fixed assets for church use	150,914.83	-	-	-	150,914.83
Investment fixed assets	-	-	6,258.74	-	6,258.74
Current assets	30,182.26	15,000.00	28,388.71	-	73,570.97
Current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	181,097.09	15,000.00	34,647.45	-	230,744.54

8 Debtors

There were no debtors

9 Creditors

There were no creditors

10 Fund movement summary

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Village discretionary fund	500.00	-	100.00	-	-	400.00
General fund	11,789.13	86,324.76	69,938.35	-	-	28,175.54
Youth Worker fund	7,411.12	-	-	-	-	7,411.12
Church centre upgrade fund	3,346.82	-	-	-	-	3,346.82
Mission Fund	344.49	-	-	-	-	344.49
Other restricted funds	2,974.71	17,588.75	1,770.46	-	-	18,893.00
Burgess Trust fund	5,467.85	133.74	-	-	657.15	6,258.74
General reserves	15,000.00	-	-	-	-	15,000.00
Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	-	-	-	-	150,914.83
At 31 December 2021	197,748.95	104,047.25	71,708.81	-	657.15	230,744.54

Breakdown of other restricted funds

Graveyard maintenance	181.71	1,488.75	1,670.46	-	-	0.00
Flowers	383.00	-	-	-	-	383.00
Church building/maintenance	2,410.00	16,100.00	-	-	-	18,510.00
Total Other Restricted	2,974.71	17,588.75	1,670.46	-	-	18,893.00

Breakdown of Burgess Trust Fund

Investment – To remain in place	4,593.66	-	-	-	657.15	5,250.81
Interest available for restricted use	874.19	133.74	-	-	-	1,007.93
Total Burgess Trust Fund	5,467.85	133.74	-	-	657.15	6,258.74



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Examiner's report 2021

The Independent Examiner's Report

The Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Peters' Ardingly

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (*the 2011 Act*) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance, 2013 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations
- 2 have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 

Date – 22 March 2022

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Report of the Secretary to the PCC

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has met six times this year, four meetings were held in person (under social distancing conditions where appropriate) and two meeting via electronic conference facility.

The PCC consists of Rev John Crutchley, two Churchwardens, two members of the Deanery Synod, a Safeguarding Officer and 9 ordinary members. The role of secretary is currently an appointed post.

- Our gratitude goes out to all the PCC members for their hard work and dedicated service to the church community.
- All current PCC members are still within in their term of office and are not due for re-election this year. There are 3 vacancies for new members.
- Nigel Cheater and John Witherington have indicated that they are willing to continue their terms as Church Wardens.

The PCC has 6 sub-committees. At each PCC meeting the reports of their deliberations were received from each of the committees and discussed where necessary. Reports are also received from the Deanery Synod.

The reports contained in this Annual Report will give further insight into the full work of the PCC.

Jane Taylor Cheater
Secretary to the PCC



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Report from the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator

During the pandemic and consequent restrictions to activities, safeguarding has remained of paramount importance:

The priorities during the year have been

- Regular communication regarding safeguarding has been maintained by the Rector and the Safeguarding co-ordinator. During the year Caroline Steer resigned from the post of Safeguarding Officer for the Parish. We would like to thank Caroline for her years of service in this post and wish her well in her new home. Jane Taylor Cheater has been appointed as Caroline's successor.
- To reassess safeguarding training needs of volunteers. All volunteers are encouraged to undergo the Church of England's basic safeguarding awareness training.

It is important that we all remain vigilant and report any concerns regarding the safety of children/vulnerable adults and to *remember* that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Jane Taylor Cheater

Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator

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Report of the Churchwardens on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments.

Introduction

We would like to offer our thanks and appreciation for the amount of support we have received in maintaining the fabric of our two buildings and graveyard. This help has come in two ways. Firstly, through donations, which have helped the growth of a building fund and have supported work in the Centre, the churchyard and the graveyard, and secondly, through practical help weeding, planting, cleaning, drain-clearing, painting, polishing and laundering. We are indebted to Jill Veasey for her vigilance in looking after the Centre, to Adele Collins for taking on the church and brass cleaning teams, to Jean Jeffery who tends the churchyard garden, to Belinda Maclean and her flower arrangers for keeping the church looking welcoming and to Tracy who now regularly cleans those parts of the Centre not otherwise covered by Pre-School. We know there are many who contribute to these teams in practical ways both ongoing behind the scenes and when the call comes for church and Centre spring/summer cleans. We are very grateful.

The Church

The roof to the **lych gate** was repaired in January after a long period of dilapidation, only to be further damaged again by passing traffic over Easter. This strengthened the case to the WSCC for the re-painting of the road hatchings and the provision of a suitably 'traditional' bollard to deter further accident. These were in place by the end of September and so far seem to have worked and we can now set about repairing again the existing damage to the roof.

Detailed specifications for the repairs to the **West Window** were received but PCC decided to add to this other work on the inside (e.g. the belfry access) and outside (e.g. the stone-work and drainage) of the whole **tower**. These specifications are in hand and should be with us presently.

Inside the church itself, a new line was installed to give us greater **IT capability**. The mains **electrical** circuits were given their 5-year inspection and the remedial work was carried out in December, including the provision of a new earth box by the West door.

Thanks to a private donation, a new **gate** from the churchyard to the rectory replaced the existing one. Weeding the **paths and drainage channels** around the churchyard took place on Ride and Stride day, which we have delineated for 2022 as a churchyard maintenance day where we will encourage other church members to participate.



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In the churchyard, the yew **hedge** around the east and north sides have been maintained with the kind help of Jim Sloane and Sarah Chapman of Jordans. They have also offered to help us in cutting back the now very overgrown yew hedge on the west side where the branches are beginning to obscure the graves beneath them; this will be done in the late summer. Sarah has also been a vigilant monitor of proposed works by MSDC to make safe our oldest **yew tree** by the kissing gate. Our thanks to her for making the Council aware of the particular sensitivities of ancient yews.

St Peter's Centre

Although this Victorian building has been modernised, the life spans of some of the new installations reached their natural ends. The **fire alarm call points** have been updated; a **water heater** has been replaced; **tiles** near the carpeted area exit door have been replaced or re-hung. The **electrical** mains circuits have had their 5-year inspection and the remedial work was carried out in December. The **lintel** over a window in the carpeted area has been repaired and re-painted. During the summer clean, holes and cracks were filled and various parts of walls and skirting boards re-painted.

The **roof of the kitchenette**, where it joins the repaired valley, has been further repaired and later more tiles were replaced; this will need ongoing monitoring.

The clearance of all the accumulated rubbish behind the old toilet block has improved the appearance of that area. An donated second-hand **garden shed** has been erected there and this enabled us to clear out what was becoming an encumbered **storage area** at the end of the toilet block.

Outside, all the **gutters, downpipes and valleys** were cleaned out and various areas weeded.



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The Graveyard

This year we have spent £1333.08 on regular maintenance. This has included the cutting of the inside of the west hedge, which had been scheduled to be part of the cutting of all the hedges to be paid for by private donation. Offset against this was the £1000 grant from the Parish Council (representing two years' contribution) and contributions to the Graveyard Fund of £267.85. In addition, we have had returns of gift aid on last year's graveyard donations totalling £221.05 which were included in the graveyard fund.

Two additional projects were also undertaken: the removal of the spoil heap and the cutting back of the bramble growth, totalling £1518. Of this, £253 was covered by private donation. Thus, taking contributions into account, the expenditure on regular maintenance has cost us £134.77 (more than covered by the gift aid) and the additional projects £1265, making £1399.77 the total amount spent within the £1500 budget.

There is still some work to do in the south-west corner, clearance and reorganisation of the compost area to take the soil from future graves where this cannot be used to fill in existing slumps.

We are very grateful to the Parish Council for their contribution and to Kathy James for arranging the payment of their grant to be made on 30th June each year.

*Nigel Cheater,
John Witherington,
Churchwardens*



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Report on the Church Centre.

This report covers the calendar year 2021. During the early part of the year, the coronavirus restricted use of the building either by regulation or by inhibiting potential hirers. The Tanzen Dance Co., for example, did not begin hiring again until the summer term. Any direct comparison, therefore, with previous years would have little value.

Hirers

St Peter's Pre-school were once again able to operate on weekdays in all three terms and the Tanzen Dance Co. weekly in the summer and autumn. Other outside hirers were: FSW (2 meetings), Imara-Uganda Education Fund AGM and card & gift sale (no charge for either), Scouts/Explorers, Cursillo (no charge), a private hirer and two children's parties. The Centre was also used by one church member for a family event for which a donation was made.

Income

Pre-school 3 terms @ £1500	£4,500
Tanzen Dance 2 terms @ £250/275	£525
Private Hire s	£110
FSW	£75
Parties	£90

Total £5,300

Expenditure

See accounts.



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Church use

The first two PCC meetings (January and March) were held via zoom, but the remainder (May, July, September, December) were held socially distanced in the main hall (May) and more then in the small hall. The APCM (25 April) was held after a service in the main hall. Angels & Urchins have held regular weekly sessions in term time and an extra two sessions in August. The small hall has also been used for the preparation of flowers for Mothering Sunday and the sorting of Christmas cards before their distribution. Monday Prayers are now held via zoom and no Sunday services, other than 25th April, were held. The Lent Course was held via zoom and there was no Light Party, Messy Easter or Who Let the Dads Out?

Fabric

See the Churchwardens' Fabric report.

Conclusion

We owe a great deal for the careful stewardship of the Centre to its manager, Jill Veasey. I would like to thank her for all her hard work, her oversight of the fabric, the cleaning and maintenance of the building. Her expertise and contacts have proved invaluable. A big thank-you also to Carl Grossman for dealing with the bookings and all that entails in discussions with the hirers and preparing the information for this report.

John Witherington,
22nd March 2022



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Report on proceedings of the Cuckfield Deanery Synod.

With the continuing restrictions in place due to COVID-19 the number of Synod meetings held in 2021 was greatly reduced.

In February 2021 the Synod met via Zoom when Bishop Ruth addressed the meeting on the challenges facing both the country and the Church.

In September 2021, the main speaker was Rob Dillingham, Deputy Director of Apostolic Life. The Department for Apostolic Life brings together several areas of responsibility at Church House whose primary aim is to support parishes and individuals in their 'apostolic' life and 'mission' activities. Chichester is focusing on mission not money – if more people are brought to faith that will in time bring in more money. The Diocese is looking for an emphasis on community and sharing and particularly Community engagement.

It is hoped that a regular programme of meetings will resume in 2022.





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Report on Community and Mission.

The effects of the COVID_19 restrictions continued to be felt during 2021 with the amount of events and social opportunities greatly reduced.

Angels and Urchins, our adult and toddler group, was able to restart meetings after Easter and has remained popular. Initially places were restricted and tickets eagerly snapped up each week and the easing of regulations limiting attendance was welcomed. Two extra sessions were held during the summer holidays and the end of the year was marked by a visit from Father Christmas who read the children a special nativity story and presented each child with a present of a book.

A service to mark the end of Great Big Green Week, a village environmental awareness event, was held on the Recreation Ground and was well attended.

The annual period of Remembrance saw the church decorated with a splendid cascade of poppies beautifully knitted and crocheted by the WI. A service to remember loved ones was held in the Graveyard and the annual Remembrance Day service and parade of youth organisations was held on the Recreation Ground supported by a large number of villagers.

The beginning of the Christmas period was marked by the lighting of the oak tree at Hapstead Hall along with a Christingle Service. And the Advent in Ardingly Trail returned with participants decorating their windows with part of the Nativity. This year a set of Kings also journeyed round the village visiting different houses and buildings until Epiphany.

Our ties with St. Peter's CEP School remain strong with Easter 'goodie' bags distributed to all pupils and bibles presented to the Year 6 pupils as they left for the next stage in their education. Services in the church were able to resume towards the end of the year and it was good to welcome the children and staff back in to the building. Pupils continue to provide a welcoming display of work at the back of the church and contributed a bright display of poppies to compliment the cascade by the WI in November.

The team of volunteers have been delayed in starting the Open the Book project but it is hoped that regular sessions can now be established. Open the Book offers our primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a team from St. Peter's church, who will present the stories during collective worship.

Together with Ardingly Connected, St. Peter's Church and At Your Service have continued to support those in need through the challenging times of the past year.



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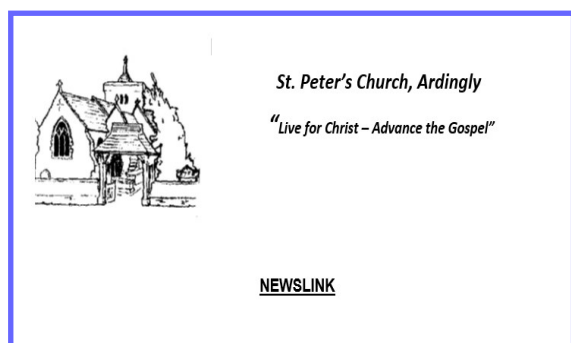
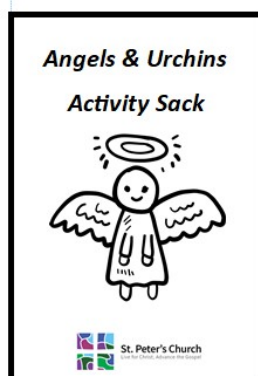
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Community and Mission

Providing help when needed with our
'At your Service' project



The introduction of activity bags for families to borrow has been popular with our Angels and Urchins families



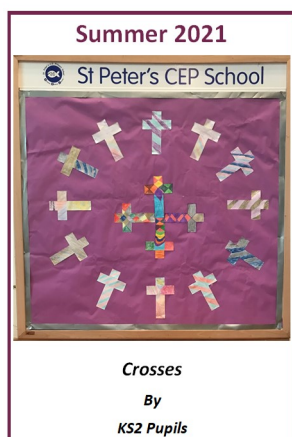
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St. Peter's School
display board in
the church



The Advent in Ardingly Trail returned together with the journey of The Kings who visited houses around the village.





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Connecting with our Community

With COVID restrictions being lifted it was a chance to get out and share worship with the village.



Open Air service to celebrate Great Big Green Week



Harvest Festival Service on the Showground



All Souls Service to remember loved ones, held in the graveyard



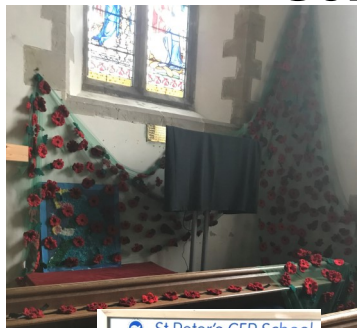
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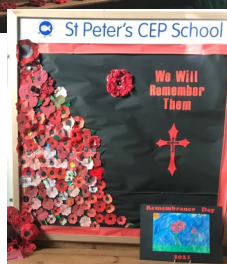
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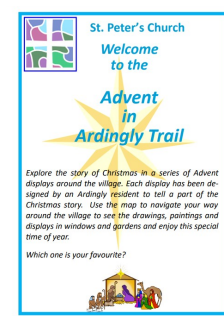
2021 Connecting with our Community



*A Cascade of Poppies
decorate the church
along with a Parade and
open air service to mark
Remembrance Day*



*Carols and
Christingles
around the
lit Oak tree
at Hapstead
Hall*

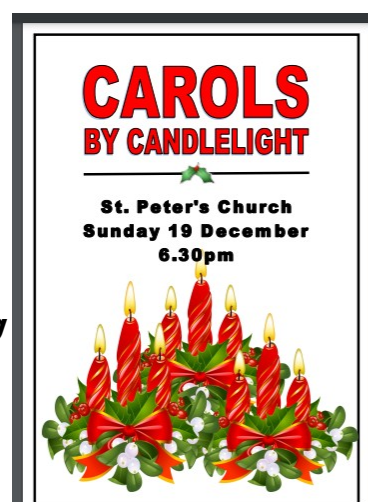


*Advent in Ardingly Trail
and the journey of the
Kings around the
village*



*Story time with
Father Christmas
for our Angels &
Urchins*

*A return to the
church building
to celebrate
Christmas*





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