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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 16 May 2023
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 2022 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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Agenda

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive and adopt the minutes of the APM held on Tuesday 10 May 2022.
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 Tuesday 10 May 2022
at St. Peter's Church Centre at 7.05pm

Attendance and apologies for absence

Those present: The Reverend John Crutchley, with 18 parishioners present.
Also in attendance Jane Taylor Cheater

Apologies for absence were received from G Ruse, C Grossman, K James. T Jeffery, M Denman, and J& M Veasey.

Approval of last minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25 April 2021 were approved and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

It was proposed by John Witherington, seconded by Sue Laker 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 Margaret Dale and seconded by Gina Paul that John be appointed as church warden, and this was carried by a unanimous vote by show of hands.

It was proposed by Glynis Doerr and seconded by Jean Jeffery that Nigel be appointed as church warden, and this was carried by a unanimous vote by show of hands.

John and Nigel were both thanked for their hard work. Nigel has been instrumental in installing and updating the sound and vision electronics in church with zoom coverage of services now a regular feature thanks to the stable internet service Nigel secured.

John has been working hard on ensuring the maintenance of the graveyard and dealing with the architects regarding the tower and the west window. Both John and Nigel were given a vote of thanks for their continued hard work.

Any other Business

There was no other business to consider.

Close

The meeting was formally closed at 7.10 pm.

Jane Taylor Cheater

Secretary to the PCC, St Peter's Church, Ardingly



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**At St. Peter's Church Centre, Ardingly
At 7.10 pm**

Agenda

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive and approve the Minutes of the APCM held on Tuesday 10 May 2022.
3. To receive and approve the Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.
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 Sides persons and welcomers
12. To appoint the Auditor for the forthcoming year.
13. To receive the report of the Chairman.
14. To consider any other business.
15. 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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2. Approval of last minutes

Copies of the minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

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It was proposed by Margaret Dale, seconded by Jean Jeffery that the minutes be so adopted, and this was carried by a unanimous vote by show of hands.

3. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

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

Sally Crutchley gave a short presentation and explanation of the accounts.

- The income received was higher than the previous year. This was mostly due to claims for Gift Aid relating to the previous year.
- A large legacy had been received from the late David Harris.
- A commitment had been made to pay 65% of the Parish Share due but is hoped to be able to increase this to 80% within 3 years.
- Very generous gifts had been received during the year particularly for repairs to the West Window.
- It is necessary to continue to maintain good control over expenditure especially with rising costs.

To help people have a better understanding of the accounts the following terms were explained.

- *Unrestricted funds* *these funds can be used as required for the general running of the church.*
- *Restricted funds* *this represents funds given for a specific reason and may be used for that reason alone.*
- *Designated funds* *funds that have been set aside for a particular reason but can be used for general funds if no longer needed. In this year it was agreed that an appropriate tribute to the late David Harris was to designate a legacy received from his estate towards the work on the West Window.*

Deb Ruse proposed, and Belinda Mclean seconded that the accounts be duly adopted. This resolution was passed unanimously by show of hands.

Sally was thanked for her work in overseeing the finances and to Jean for all her work on the day to day management of the church's finances as Treasurer .

Continued



4. 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 Margaret Dale and seconded by Sally Crutchley that Jane Taylor Cheater be appointed as secretary and this was unanimously agreed by show of hands.

Jane was thanked for all her hard work especially in producing the information leaflets for visitors available at the back of the church.

5. Report of the Churchwardens on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments **A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.**

For reasons beyond our control, the specifications for work on the West Tower (excluding the window) had not yet been received. Once the specifications have been received, a list of approved contractors will be approached to tender for the work. It is hoped that this will be done over the summer. Unfortunately estimates for work is likely to be higher than expected pre-pandemic. It will also be possible to seek funding and grants once the specifications and estimates have been received.

Although the West Window is the main focus of repairs it is hoped to get other work done at the same time to make use of scaffolding and labour on site.

John W was thanked for his work in dealing with the architect and others involved in this process.

Nigel was thanked for his work in getting the internet installed and in dealing with both BT and the Diocese to get the work done quickly and efficiently.

6. Report from the Parish Safeguarding Officer **A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.**

Jane reported that she had completed her C2 training. It was hoped to offer the foundation level training as a group event to support those who wished to complete it but felt uncomfortable doing it on their own online.

The meeting was reminded that safeguarding was not only aimed at children but also included vulnerable adults. If anyone had concerns, they were encouraged to speak to John C or Jane

7. Report on the Church Centre **A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.**

Due to closure of the Centre due to COVID-19 the activities did not represent a normal year. Activities had now returned to normal.

Thanks were given to Carol for her work with bookings at the Centre and to Jill for her hard work keeping on top of the maintenance.

8. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod **A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.**

Meetings of the Deanery Synod have been interrupted by COVID-19 but meetings have now resumed.



10. To elect PCC members

There were currently 3 vacancies on the PCC. A nomination for election to the PCC had been received by Glynis Doerr, proposed by Sally Crutchley, and seconded by Gina Paul. The meeting unanimously voted to elect Glynis who was warmly welcomed to the PCC.

11. 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. Nigel Cheater proposed and Jean Jeffery seconded the motion that Matthew Hunt be appointed as independent examiner. This was agreed unanimously by show of hands and Matthew was thanked for the time and effort he donates in examining the accounts.

12. Report of the Chairman

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

The report having been circulated prior to the meeting, John welcomed comments and questions from those present.

- a. It was noted that St. Peter's has a very comprehensive and incredible variety of services and that out-reach has been extended recently. For a small church this a testament to how it has been given the strength to reach out and for the community to grow.
- b. John noted the pandemic, restrictions and closures could have been the death knell for a small church but instead we have looked at how best to turn the situation around and with the use of Zoom, have reached out more especially to those further afield, have gone out into the community, have maintained strong links with the school both with going into school and with the school coming to the church.
- c. A vote of thanks was given to John for all his dedication and commitment in the preparation of services and the work in the presentation of slides etc.
- d. John also thanked his team; Nigel for working the cameras, computers and Zoom, John Witherington and to all those who share readings and prayers.
- e. Appreciation was given for the music used during services. It was noted that with a small congregation people are sometimes reluctant to sing out. With the recorded music and a steady background of singing, people tend to feel more confident to sing with confidence.

13. Any Other Business

- a. A question was raised regarding the community graveyard day and whether this will be organised again. John W replied that he will liaise with contractors to see how this can best be done. Work had been done recently to remove the excess earth, flatten the area and reseed the ground. An area had been set aside for the placement of soil in future. There is a careful balance to be maintained between managing the wildlife and keeping the area pristine and it is a difficult job to complete on a limited budget. However a graveyard maintenance day was a good way to connect with the wider community and it would be considered for later in the year.
- b. A vote of thanks was given to Sue Laker for all her hard work in producing the parish magazine.
- c. A question was asked regarding supporting the less well off in the parish. St. Peter's has a Discretionary fund, originally set up with £500, this will provide one-off grants to those who are struggling and are in need of financial aid. £100 was used during the pandemic to help those in the village.
- d. It was agreed that a short summary of PCC meetings could be included in the Parish magazine.

14. Close

John thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, Grace was said, and the meeting was formally closed at 8.05 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 2022

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Website: www.ardinglychurch.org.uk

Incumbent: The Reverend John H Crutchley
The Rectory, Church Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UR

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Walthamstow Branch



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During the year ended 31 December 2022, the following people served as members of the parochial church council ("PCC"):

Incumbent:	The Reverend John Crutchley	Chairman
Ex officio members:	Mr John Witherington	Reader
Church Wardens:	Mr Nigel Cheater Mr John Witherington	Vice-Chairman
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Jill Veasey Mr Mervyn James	
Elected members:	Mrs Carol Grossman Mrs Deb Ruse Mrs Jill Veasey Miss Sue Laker Mrs Gina Paul Mr Mervyn James Mrs Glynis Doerr	
Secretary to the PCC	Mrs Jane Taylor Cheater	(Safeguarding Coordinator and Parish Safeguarding Coordinator)

ST PETER'S ARDINGLY - TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

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.

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.
- Enhancing our worship through the use of sound and visual technology.
- 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 2022. The current electoral roll has 82 members and there were no amendments to the roll throughout 2022.



WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

Attendance at worship

We loved the music, and the videos were really great. It brought the worship alive! How can our church get to do this as well?

A Sunday visitor from Yorkshire, December 2022

After two years during which our activities and worship were curtailed by the pandemic lockdown and its restrictions, the new year of 2022 saw a return to our normal routines and practices, albeit as they have now been influenced by all that has been learnt through the lockdown. Happily, a small and devoted church family were only too pleased to be able to resume the regular weekly services in church and quite clearly the 'Zoom' services that had been offered throughout the pandemic lockdowns had had the desired effect of keeping the church family together. There was no drop in pre-pandemic numbers as worship in church resumed post-pandemic, and indeed, across the year a few new members have been added to the regular weekly group of attendees.

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The continued use of 'Zoom' each week has allowed us to offer access to our main Sunday act of worship to all of those who for whatever reason cannot be physically present in church; in this way those who may be unwell or incapacitated or unable for whatever reason to attend church have nonetheless been able to join in the service and to remain and to feel a part of the church family. The introduction of new cameras and

microphones during the year has greatly improved the quality of the 'Zoom' output each week, an improvement that has been noted and commented upon by those who have now come to rely upon it each

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week. It is heartening and encouraging that there is now a group of regular weekly attendees choosing to attend via the 'Zoom' option.

The greater use of technology has also allowed us to use recorded/video led music in our worship and praise. This has greatly enhanced the same, enabling more people to be drawn more deeply into worship.

As the world began to look away from COVID and the lockdown, Europe was engulfed by the horrors of the war that followed the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The outbreak of war coincided with the

With many thanks indeed for a truly special service.

A local visitor, August 2022

beginning of Lent, and it was decided that rather than talk about 'how to pray' we would be better actually putting our faith into practice by 'doing prayer' together daily; praying both for Ukraine and Russia and for the effect of the conflict across the world.

Built around the daily office of evening prayer a committed core group were joined across the period of Lent by many others, praying daily from the beginning of Lent through to Easter Saturday.



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Easter is a time at which we often see larger numbers attending the services and we were pleased and encouraged by the attendance across the Easter weekend. The annual service of Remembrance saw a large attendance as did all of our services in celebration of Christmas.

Throughout the year, the close links the church enjoys with St. Peter's CEP School have seen services held in the church for pupils, staff and families in celebration of Harvest, Christmas, Easter and a special service for school leavers in the Summer. As we have done in each year since 2007, a gift bible was presented to each school leaver in the Summer.

Evangelism and Outreach.

The pattern of services is now settled around a traditional celebration of Holy Communion using the

**What a beautiful celebration of the Jubilee!
Really well done.**

*A comment from a local resident, written in the
Visitor Book. June 2022*

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. There is one evening service on the first Sunday in each month. 'Open to God' as it is called attracts a committed congregation and offers a variety of services ranging from Compline to Evening Prayer and a celebration of Holy Communion. In whatever format it is intended as a moment of quiet reflection at the end of the day.

Drawing upon the experience gained through lockdown one of our key evangelistic objectives has been to reach out to those outside of the church by offering services in the heart of the village. We recognise that one of the major challenges we face is the geographic location of the church building situated as it is on the edge of the village.

A service to mark Good Friday was held on the village Recreation Ground, attracting a few new faces and also some interest from passing locals.

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In June, a service was also held on the Recreation Ground in celebration and thanksgiving for the Platinum jubilee of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. And then in September the annual celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving was held on the South of England Showground and as a part of their Autumn Fair.



The service for All Souls was held in the church graveyard at the beginning of November and attracted three times the number of people usually expected for a similar service held in the church. The annual service of Remembrance, also in early November, was then held on the Recreation Ground and was accompanied by a parade of local uniform groups. The service attracted a much larger than usual congregation drawn from across the village and this attendance included a large number of younger people.

The annual 'Christingle Service' was held in conjunction with the local Parish Council and as a part of their Christmas Fair and lighting of the village tree. Holding this service outside and in the heart of

The carols, the choir, the beautiful candlelight and those familiar words. All that Christmas should be. Thankyou.

A visitor to Carols by Candlelight, December 2022

familiar readings from scripture, poems and favourite carols. With the music led from the organ and by a festival choir drawn from across the village, the service attracted a very large congregation. As did the Crib and Carol service on Christmas Eve. Indeed, all of the Christmas services were well attended.

the village was very popular attracting a large crowd of young, older, and family groups.

Christmas outreach also included a 'Carols by Candlelight' service with

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 the church building is open daily and the many entries in the Visitors' Book testify to the benefit this brings. It is a joy to welcome so many visitors, from the village and from across the UK, and from overseas.

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.

Thank you so much for the open church – what a lovely, peaceful place – filled with the presence of God.

An entry in the Visitor Book, October 2022

There are also many comments on and appreciation of the architectural beauty of the building and biblical archaeology. Certainly, the church building was the right and proper place to lead a village wide service to commemorate the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Baptised in this church, I love to visit when I can. So peaceful.

An entry in the Visitor Book from a visitor from Northern Ireland, May 2022



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.

The church operated 'At your Service' scheme offers practical help and assistance to any in the village who are in need and 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 2021. Planned giving via the Parish Giving Scheme saw an increase as more members of the congregation change their method of giving and began 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.

Gift aid is now being claimed on a timely basis. Total gift aid claims for the year amounted to £9,373.05 of which £4,151.52 was restricted in the main relating to the restoration of the west window.

Overall income was lower when compared to 2021. It is, however, important to note that in 2021 a legacy was received together with gift aid receipts relating to 2020.

Income received via the envelope scheme was slightly lower than in 2021 however the PCC are grateful to note that gift aided general church collections more than doubled that of 2021 receiving almost £2,300. We are also continuing to see a greater use of the "tap" machine located by the baptism font as you enter the Church.

Income from the Church Centre lettings remained steady compared with 2021. We have yet to see the full impact of the changes to fuel costs. Overall, when looking at the centre in isolation it saw a deficit with its expenses approximately 15% greater than income received.

In 2022 the total receipts on unrestricted funds received was £ 67,933 which was £18,931 less than 2021. It is important to note, however, that the figure for 2021 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 with all the financial challenges that we currently face.



Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £53,877 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. In 2021 we pledged to pay 70% of the amount asked by the Diocese. This was an increase of 5% of that paid in 2021. The Diocese are conscious of the financial pressures facing both individuals and congregations and have once again expressed their extreme gratitude to Parishes who have been able to contribute an amount greater than their original pledge especially in what continue to be remain financially challenging times. Overall unrestricted spend was £72,709 for the year.

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 £1,500 was spent which was all met from restricted gifts or grants. The PCC was grateful to receive grants restricted to the upkeep of the graveyard from the Parish Council amounting to £500. The remaining costs are met by the church family itself.

A total of £7,700 was received in the year which includes gift aid receipts.

The total value of restricted funds at the end of 2022 was £39,080 (this includes The Burgess Trust Fund of £5,792 but excludes DEC appeals). An increase of approximately £2,500.

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 2022. It is the policy of St Peter's to invest these funds on a short-term basis with CBF Church of England deposit fund.



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S ARDINGLY—1133803

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities

	General & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
<i>Income and Endowments</i>				
Donations and Legacies	58,881.79	8,125.45	67,007.24	93,943.25
Income from charitable activities	2,475.00	-	2,475.00	2,872.00
Other trading activities	6,406.00	-	6,406.00	6,218.50
Investments	170.89	152.21	323.10	140.51
Other income	-	-	-	872.99
<i>Total Income</i>	67,933.68	8,277.66	76,211.34	104,047.25
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	72,676.19	3,440.38	76,116.57	68,491.15
Other expenditure	33.50	1,500.78	1,534.28	3,217.66
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	72,709.69	4,941.16	77,650.85	71,708.81
<i>Net Income/(expenditure) before transfers</i>	-4,776.01	3,336.50	-1,439.51	32,338.44
<i>Transfers</i>				
Transfers between funds	-60.00	60.00	-	-
<i>Other recognised gains/losses</i>				
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	657.15
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charities own use	-	-618.11	-618.11	-
<i>Net movements in funds</i>	-60.00	-558.11	-618.11	657.15
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>				
Total funds brought forward	194,090.37	36,654.17	230,744.54	197,748.95
Total funds carried forward	189,254.36	39,432.56	228,686.92	230,744.54

For further breakdown of income see note 2,
For further breakdown of expenditure see Note 3



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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2022

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	1.00	1.00
Heritage assets	150,913.83	150,913.83
Investments	4,632.70	5,250.81
	<u>155,547.53</u>	<u>156,165.64</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	73,139.39	74,578.90
	<u>73,139.39</u>	<u>74,578.90</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>73,139.39</u>	<u>74,578.90</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>228,686.92</u>	<u>230,744.54</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>228,686.92</u>	<u>230,744.54</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	23339.53	28,175.54
Designated		
Designated - General Reserves	15,000.00	15,000.00
Designated - Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	150,914.83
Restricted		
Restricted - Village Discretionary Fund	393.00	400.00
Restricted - Youth Worker fund	7,411.12	7,411.12
Restricted - Church Centre Upgrade fund	2,181.89	3,346.82
Restricted - Mission fund	344.49	344.49
Restricted - Other Restricted funds	23,309.22	18,893.00
Restricted - Burgess Trust fund	5792.84	6,258.74
Funds of the church	<u>228,686.92</u>	<u>230,744.54</u>

For breakdown of "Other restricted" funds, see Note 1C

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf



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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 2022

Note 2	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
0100 - Planned giving GA	11,970.00	—	—	—	11,970.00	12,010.00
0110 - Planned giving non-GA	35,002.30	—	—	—	35,002.30	34,373.47
0120 - Envelope scheme GA	669.00	—	—	—	669.00	1,001.00
0130 - Envelope scheme non-GA	—	—	—	—	—	—
0140 - Church collections GA	2,272.20	—	—	—	2,272.20	1,080.04
0150 - Church collections non-GA	—	—	—	—	—	—
0160 - Donations GA	1,780.00	—	1,373.93	—	3,153.93	17,876.14
0170 - Donations non-GA	1,182.66	—	545.00	—	1,727.66	559.19
0180 - Gift Aid tax recovered	5,221.53	—	4,151.52	—	9,373.05	12,167.00
0190 - Legacies and endowments	—	—	—	—	—	11,500.09
0200 - Fundraising (non-trading) income	165.00	—	—	—	165.00	—
0210 - Events receipts	—	—	—	—	—	—
0220 - Special collections	449.76	—	1,515.00	—	1,964.76	585.02
0230 - Grants received	—	—	540.00	—	540.00	1,040.00
0390 - Other donations	169.34	—	—	—	169.34	1,751.30
Donations and legacies Totals	58,881.79	—	8,125.45	—	67,007.24	93,943.25
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
0400 - Fees for services	2,475.00	—	—	—	2,475.00	2,872.00
0410 - Sale of goods for mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
0490 - Other charitable activity income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Income from charitable activities Totals	2,475.00	—	—	—	2,475.00	2,872.00
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
0500 - Centre hire	5,679.00	—	—	—	5,679.00	5,520.00
0510 - Magazine income	359.00	—	—	—	359.00	448.00
0520 - Sale of goods for fundraising	368.00	—	—	—	368.00	250.50
0590 - Other trading income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other trading activities Totals	6,406.00	—	—	—	6,406.00	6,218.50
<i>Investments</i>						
0600 - Deposit interest received	170.89	—	—	—	170.89	6.77
0610 - Investment interest received	—	—	152.21	—	152.21	133.74
Investments Totals	170.89	—	152.21	—	323.10	140.51
<i>Other income</i>						
0700 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	830.99
0790 - Other income	—	—	—	—	—	42.00
Other income Totals	—	—	—	—	—	872.99
Income and endowments Grand totals	67,933.68	—	8,277.66	—	76,211.34	104,047.25



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Analysis of Expenditure

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Note 3	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Raising funds Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities						
2200 - Parish contribution	53,877.00	—	—	—	53,877.00	48,009.00
2210 - Charitable giving	10.00	—	—	—	10.00	—
2220 - Church utilities	1,472.41	—	—	—	1,472.41	1,473.09
2230 - Church service expenses	1,807.64	—	268.45	—	2,076.09	1,496.36
2240 - Church maintenance and equipment	3,541.20	—	—	—	3,541.20	4,391.08
2250 - Rectory expenses	4,483.90	—	—	—	4,483.90	4,251.85
2260 - Rector's expenses	1,282.55	—	—	—	1,282.55	1,157.75
2270 - Other clergy expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2280 - Training costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2290 - Administration costs	81.99	—	—	—	81.99	81.99
2300 - Children and young people	407.43	—	292.00	—	699.43	286.16
2310 - Cost of events	—	—	—	—	—	—
2320 - Giving from special collections	479.36	—	1,515.00	—	1,994.36	702.63
2330 - Gifts made	—	—	200.00	—	200.00	100.00
2340 - Interest paid	—	—	—	—	—	—
2350 - Bank charges	—	—	—	—	—	—
2590 - Other costs of charitable activities	—	—	—	—	—	—
2600 - Centre utilities	3,453.56	—	—	—	3,453.56	3,104.11
2610 - Centre running costs	1,080.75	—	—	—	1,080.75	1,039.15
2620 - Centre maintenance and equipment	698.40	—	1,164.93	—	1,863.33	2,397.98
2650 - Magazine costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2660 - Cost of goods sold for mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
2890 - Other costs of trading	—	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	72,676.19	—	3,440.38	—	76,116.57	68,491.15
Other expenditure						
2990 - Other expenditure	33.50	—	1,500.78	—	1,534.28	3,217.66
Other expenditure Totals	33.50	—	1,500.78	—	1,534.28	3,217.66
Expenditure Grand totals	72,709.69	—	4,941.16	—	77,650.85	71,708.81
Grand Total	-4,776.01	—	3,336.50	—	-1,439.51	32,338.44



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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 2022	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Additions/disposals/revaluations	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	-	-	-
Provided in year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2022	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
At 31 December 2021	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 insured for losses up to £2,960,000 inclusive of buildings and contents, although the building is carried on the balance sheet at its cost.

b) Investments

	Total 2022 £
Market value at 1 January 2022	5,250.81
Decrease in market value	618.11
Market value at 31 December 2022	4,632.70

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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7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

Fund	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowmen Funds	Fund balances Carried forward
Fixed assets for church use	150,914.83	—	—	—	150,914.83
Investment fixed assets	—	—	5,792.84	—	5,792.84
Current assets	23,339.53	15,000	33,639.72	—	71,979.25
Current liabilities	—	—	—	—	—
Long term liabilities	—	—	—	—	—
As at 31 December 2022	174,254.36	15,000.00	39,432.56	—	228,686.92

8 Debtors

There were no debtors

9 Creditors

There were no creditors

10 Fund movement summary

Fund	Fund Balances Bought Forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
Village - Village Discretionary Fund	400.00	425.00	492.00	60.00	—	393.00
General - General fund	28,175.54	67,933.68	72,709.69	(60.00)	—	23,339.53
Youth - Youth Worker fund	7,411.12	—	—	—	—	7,411.12
Upgrade - Church Centre Upgrade fund	3,346.82	—	1,164.93	—	—	2,181.89
Mission - Mission fund	344.49	—	—	—	—	344.49
Restricted - Other Restricted funds	18,893.00	7,700.45	3,284.23	—	—	23,309.22
Burgess - Burgess Trust fund	6,258.74	152.21	—	—	(618.11)	5,792.84
Reserves - General Reserves	15,000.00	—	—	—	—	15,000.00
CentreCap - Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	—	—	—	—	150,914.83
As at 31 December 2022	230,744.54	76,211.34	77,650.85	—	(618.11)	228,686.92



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Independent Examiner's Report 2022

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 2022, 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 Regulationshave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date – 17 March 2023

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Report of the Secretary to the PCC

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has met six times this year.

The PCC consists of Rev John Crutchley, two Churchwardens, two members of the Deanery Synod, a Safeguarding Officer plus elected 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.
- 5 PCC members have reached the end of their term of office and offer themselves for re-election this year. There are also further vacancies for new members.
- Nigel Cheater and John Witherington have indicated that they are willing to continue their terms as Church Wardens.

In order to operate more efficiently the PCC has 5 sub-committees. These are

- Ministry and Mission
- Finance
- Fabric
- Community Action
- Safeguarding

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 representatives on the meetings and actions of the 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

Safeguarding and Safety Policies

As part of St. Peter's commitment to safeguarding, the PCC has reviewed, updated and confirmed several safeguarding and safety policies during 2022. Users of the Church Centre have also been required to confirm their adoption of such policies.

Training

We encourage everyone to consider completing a Safeguarding Training course. National Safeguarding Training Courses include the Basic Awareness Course - for everyone within Church communities who need to have a basic awareness of safeguarding issues, and the Foundation Course - for those who hold positions of responsibility for the safeguarding of others within church settings. The online courses can be accessed at <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

A group session of the Church Of England Foundation safeguarding training was held during the year. Although the training is available online, in person group sessions allow for participants to share thoughts and reflections and ask questions. As this session proved to be successful it is hoped to offer a session in 2023.

Defibrillator

Thanks to sponsorship by NatWest, there is now a defibrillator machine situated on the outside of the Church Centre. Whilst it is hoped that the machine will not be needed it provides an important asset to the village. Training on the use of the defibrillator is being arranged for those interested.

Jane Taylor Cheater

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Report of the Churchwardens on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments.

Introduction

The Churchwardens would like to begin by thanking all those who have contributed to the refurbishment, beautifying, maintenance, upkeep and cleaning of the buildings, land, goods and chattels of the church. We praise God for all those who are willing to give their time, labour and resources to keep two listed buildings and associated land in such good condition. Many of the repairs and improvements we mention below have been funded wholly or partially by individual donors. Without these contributors, including the Rector for work on the Rectory, our finances would be in a poorer state.

But there are many also who contribute in a myriad of other ways: providing and arranging flowers, washing and ironing linen, emptying bins, collecting re-cycling, gardening, hoovering, cleaning and polishing. A good example of this is the provision of colourful and informative leaflets for visitors which enhances the welcome we give to visitors. This was the initiative and achievement of Jane Taylor Cheater, to whom we are very grateful. If there are names of contributors in any form whom we have not mentioned below, we beg forgiveness, but there are so many of you! There is always -and will continue be- work that needs doing, but we are pleased to report that much progress on the routine work has been made.

The Church

Work on the tower, and especially the West Window, was delayed in 2022, but is back on track at the time of writing. Our appointed architect left his firm and set up his own practice. We have the specifications for the West Window ready to go to tender, but some of the preparatory detailing of other work to be done on the tower was lost during the architect's transition and is now being done again. Further delay was incurred while, thanks to Nigel Cheater's vigilance, we sought clarification on issues of insurance and while we sought to satisfy ourselves that we would not be charged for that initial work. Furthermore, we plan to go ahead with a laser survey of the belfry so that specifications can be accurately drawn up for safe access to the tower parapet.

Inside the church, the old water heater was replaced with a new one. A remote 10x optical zoom camera, room microphone and monitor for use at the altar were installed. To provide greater resilience and to allow the service to be viewed online without impacting on those attending, two laptops and associated equipment were also purchased. In 2023, there is an ongoing issue with the water pressure which is in hand, but a new pump has been installed in the boiler and a new thermostat has replaced the faulty one.



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The Churchyard

Outside the church, the paths were weeded on the day of Ride and Stride and, thanks to Jim Sloane and Sara Chapman and the generous loan of their garden contractor, the very overgrown yew branches on the west side were cut back and the yew hedge around the east and north sides smartly trimmed. We are very grateful. Research into providing a replacement noticeboard continues; a suitable provider with the right style of board has been found. Following consolation with the church's immediate neighbour on the west side, on Balcombe Lane, the water running down the lane has been rectified by the Highways Department and the homeowner has generously offered to fix the drainage outlet from the crypt so that it drains into his pond and to replace the sump pump in the old boiler room.

St Peter's Centre

The Centre has continued to be a useful resource, both for the church and for the community. While we use the Centre less for services than we used to, the Maundy Thursday Communion and the Harvest Supper remain very special occasions. PCC meetings are held in the small hall, which is also used for the weekly Angels and Urchins gatherings on Thursday mornings during term-time and church members are able to use the facilities for AOJA and IUEF events. The regular outside users have continued to be the St Peter's Pre-School and the Tanzen Dance Company who between them provide the bulk of the income. The building has also been hired out for various kinds of social events on 8 occasions between January and October, raising a further income of £324.

We are very grateful both to Carol Grossman for handling all the bookings so efficiently and to the Centre Manager, Jill Veasey for her vigilance and drive to keep the kitchen and other rooms clean and the building well-maintained. Our thanks to Tracy for her role in this.



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During the course of 2022, new LED lights were fitted in the kitchen; a new shed was placed at the back of the site to enable the toilet block passage and storeroom to be cleared. Tiles outside the door to the carpeted area have been replaced or re-hung and vegetation around the building has been removed. The old wall-mounted boiler in the kitchen has been removed and the walls made good and re-painted. The fire alarm and emergency lighting have been serviced and repaired where necessary. The boiler has been attended to on several occasions and now works efficiently. A defibrillator, courtesy of NatWest, has been fitted to the outer wall on the east side of the building.

Future work will focus on the chimney to the small hall which has caused damp problems there and estimates have been received both for its repair and its demolition; the MSDC will be consulted, given that this is a Grade II listed building. There is also a scheme under consideration by the Parish Council to create a pedestrian crossing at the Centre; the exact location and layout has yet to be decided; consultation continues.

Graveyard

We are pleased to report that the graveyard is in good shape (see below). We had an on-site meeting with the Chairman of the Parish Council on 1st August so he and the PC are more fully briefed. He kindly arranged with the Showground for clearance of the compost heap and we are grateful for their continued help with this and cutting the tops of the hedges on the north and west sides.

In consultation with the gravedigger, we have begun a new row of graves, the southern side of which will be filled in when the area has been properly levelled and re-seeded.

John Witherington attended a conference on March on the use of graveyards for mission. The potential of the graveyard (and churchyard) for exploration by the Primary School has been passed on to the Head Teacher via the Rector.



Report of the Churchwardens on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

The table below outlines the monthly and total expenditure on the routine maintenance of the graveyard:

Month	Hours	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020
January	6	134.40		
February				
March	5.5	124.36		
April	6	134.40		
May	9	212.40		
June	6	141.60		
July	8.5	214.40		
August	7.5	174.46		
September	6.5	152.56		
October	6	141.60		
November	3	70.80		
December	1.5	40.50		
Annual cost	66.5	£1,541.48	£1,333.08	£1,286.40

Notes:

- (i) The table above shows that the cost of the routine maintenance of the graveyard exceeded the £1,500 budgeted by 2.8%. However, the Graveyard Fund received the following contributions during 2022:

Private donations and Gift Aid	£1,380.98
Ardingly Parish Council	£ 500.00
War Graves Commission	£ 40.00
Total	£1,920.98

- (ii) The surplus of £379.50 will be put towards the clearing and re-seeding of the area to the south of the most recent graves and the re-construction of the compost area.



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Report of the Churchwardens on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

Although this relates to 2023, it should be noted here that we are very grateful to Roy Tester for taking the lead on the repair of the gateways. The Simmons gate has had a replacement post and the gates themselves have been refurbished and re-hung. Similar treatment will apply to the upper gates as time allows. We are very grateful to Roy and those who have funded this project.

We would also like to thank Joe and Diana Burrell, who have given up so much time and energy to give the graveyard a much-needed face-lift. This has included strimming the central area for the first time in many years, removing brambles from the trees, pruning, strimming, hedge-cutting, planting, re-seeding and tidying. The two bushes at either side of the entrance to the Memorial Garden have been removed and bulbs have been planted and the areas seeded. We are very grateful to Joe and Diana for declining to be reimbursed for their expenses in this project.

It should also be noted here that the hourly rates charged for the routine maintenance will be increasing from April 2023 from £22.50 to £25 (strimming & hedge-cutting) and from £18.25 to £19.50 (mowing and general garden work), rises of approx. 11% and 7% respectively. PCC will look into ways of balancing the number of the contractor's hours with other income into the graveyard fund to keep the costs at or below the level budgeted out of the general fund.

Future work will include the levelling and re-seeding mentioned above, continued investigation into the provision of a noticeboard and the re-shaping of the compost area.

Other areas

Hedge cutting was carried out in the Rectory garden and along the Rectory boundary to cut back interference along Church Lane.

The St Peter's noticeboard on the wall of Hapstead Hall finally met its end after a long illness and thanks to the efforts of Sue Laker, Mike and Jill Veasey, a replacement has now been fixed.

*Nigel Cheater
John Witherington
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Report on proceedings of the Cuckfield Deanery Synod.

The Deanery Synod representatives, Mervyn James and Jill Veasey attend meetings of the Cuckfield Deanery Synod and report back to the PCC on the main themes of the meetings. There were 4 meetings of the Cuckfield Deanery Synod held during 2022

15 February 2022 All Saints Church, Cuckfield

This meeting was a service of Holy Communion and farewell to the retiring Rural Dean, the Rev. Michael Maine.

28 June 2022 St. Mary's Church, Slaugham

The new Rural Dean, Rev Christopher Powell was introduced and welcomed. Alison Green, the new FSW Practitioner to the Cuckfield Deanery was introduced and she gave a talk on the work of FSW in the Deanery.

12 October 2022 Church Hall, Wivelsfield

The guest speaker for this meeting was Laura Steven, DoC Head of Well being for Clergy and Families. The theme of the presentation was 'Avoiding Burnout'.

22 November 2022 St. Richard's Church, Haywards Heath

The speaker at this meeting was Andrew Smith, Generous Giving Advisor. It was felt that while the speaker was good, when looking at the practices at St. Peter's Church, most of the suggestions had been investigated and adopted where appropriate. The main points to note were as follows.

- **Parish Giving Scheme.** This is a very valuable scheme, but a reminder was given regarding the cost-of-living increases. Many people set their donation amount and do not increase this.
- **Context Matters.** It is important to let people know details of specific projects in the parish and how funds would be spent if appropriate.
- **Designated Community.** Members of the local community may value the church even if they are not part of the church community and may be willing to support projects such as repairs to conserve a valued community asset.

Another suggestion was to consider involving people beyond the church with schemes such as easyfundraising.co.uk where donations can be raised through online shopping at no additional cost to the shopper.

Please note that Deanery Meetings are open to all members of the congregation and you are welcome to attend.





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Report on Community and Mission.

St. Peter's Church is more than just a beautiful church. There are many events and services that include the wider community of Ardingly and beyond.

Weekly newsletters

The weekly newsletter keeps the community well informed of events as well as providing the link to the Zoom service.

Zoom

The 10.30 morning service on Sundays continues to broadcast live via Zoom allowing those unable to attend in person to continue to be part of the Church Community.

Angels and Urchins

Our youngest members in the community continue to enjoy the weekly Adult and Toddler Group. They especially enjoyed the Teddy Bear's Picnic in the summer and Story Time with Father Christmas in December. Adults and children also marked the Platinum Jubilee with their own tea party.

Flower festival

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was marked with a Flower Festival. Local organisations and individuals decorated the Church with the most beautiful floral displays which were greatly enjoyed by visitors. The Bell ringers also rang an impressive quarter peel for the occasion.

Open Air Services

During the year services have been taken out to the community including the Harvest Festival service on the Showground and a Christingle and Carol service following the lighting of the oak tree at Hapstead Hall. Services held on the Recreation Ground included a Good Friday Service (followed by hot cross buns and tea/coffee) and a Remembrance Day service and parade of local uniformed organisations. A service of Remembrance was also held in the Graveyard.

Advent in Ardingly

Advent was marked by the Advent Tree. Daily in December a special tree was lit in church and a decoration added to it as the Christmas story was unveiled day by day.

At Your Service

Serving and helping to providing the community in a variety of ways.



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Sides persons and Welcomers

During the year, the following served in this role:

9.00 a.m.

Carol Grossman
Caroline Rich
Deb and George Ruse
Mike and Jill Veasey
Lyn Wood

10.30 a.m.

Glynis Doerr
Mick Lucas
Mervyn James
Belinda Maclean
John Read

5/6 p.m.

Adele Collins

They greet churchgoers at the door, distribute orders of service, attend to special needs, guide the administration of Holy Communion, tidy the church at the end and process any donations made. We are immensely grateful for their dedication to this important role; the warmth of the welcome at the door especially creates a lasting impression.

The following have kindly offered to join the 10.30 team:

Margaret Dale
Jean Jeffery
Sue Laker
Gina Paul

We would like to propose and second all the above names for election/re-election for 2023.

Although not an official sidesman, the Churchwardens would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Jeffery for his unstinting service to the 10.30 congregation, working quietly behind the scenes, recording attendance and ensuring everything is put away at the end of the service and the gifts accurately counted and recorded. He also acts as verger for weddings, funerals and major occasions. We are very grateful to him for faithfully carrying out these mundane but essential tasks with great good humour.

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Supporting St. Peter's Church

The maintenance of our beautiful Grade 1 listed Church, its graveyard and grounds is an ongoing task which takes considerable time and expense. If you wish to support the work of the church and the maintenance of its fabric, donations can be made

- ♦ via our website
www.ardinglychurch.org.uk/getinvolved/supporting-st-peters
- ♦ by using the contactless machine in church
- ♦ or by scanning this QR code



Parish Giving Scheme

If you are ready to give regularly, we encourage you to use the Parish Giving Scheme. This method means that we receive 100% of your regular giving (as all costs are met by the Diocese) and allows us to recover any gift aid quickly and simply each month. You can easily set up a regular gift by visiting

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/ardingly-brighton/>

Gift Aid

As a registered charity, St. Peter's Church can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. That's as long as you've paid the basic rate of tax and make the donation from your own funds. That means Gift Aid can increase the value of your donations by 25%,

If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please ask for a Gift Aid declaration form.



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Raising funds for St. Peter's Church

Many of us now use online shopping for both our day-to-day essentials and for those important items with the convenience of items delivered to our doors. As online shopping is likely to remain important to us all why not take the opportunity to raise valuable funds for St. Peter's Church at the same time.



St. Peter's Church are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us raise funds, at no cost to you, just for shopping! Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! Big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Sainsburys, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more are included in this scheme. This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up. To get started just sign up to support us at www.easyfundraising.org.uk, and select St. Peter's Church, Ardingly.



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